

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A 7 June 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Reconciliation:
Saturday
4.00pm - 4.45 pm
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 8.30 am
Exposition and
Adoration
One Hour before Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday No Mass
Friday No Mass

NURSING HOME MASSES

Every First Thursday
10.00am Regis Aged Care
Corlette.

Every Second Wednesday
10.30 am Uniting.
Muller Street
Salamander Bay

Every Third Thursday
10.00am Harbourside
Shoal Bau.

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Anthony Nguyen
Phone: 0420 401 025

PARISH DEACON:

Dcn Gerard McCarthy

PARISH SECRETARY:

Mrs Dianne Maricic
Parish Office Hours
9.30 am to 3.00 pm
Wednesday to Friday
Phone: 0401 233 650

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Ms Helen Bourne
Office: 4981 1111

COMMUNITY SAFETY AT OUR MASSES

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure our gatherings are as safe as possible:

- Please do not enter the church or other parish buildings if you are unwell. This includes meetings/gatherings.
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship but please allow space between people where possible.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Communion host can be received in the hand, and on the tongue with care. Since the latter is deemed high risk, please proceed to the Priest or Deacon only and at the end of the line.

There is NO MASS Tuesday 09.06.26; Wednesday 10.06.26 Thursday 11.06.26 and Friday 12.06.26

VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL 2026

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal is being conducted this weekend of 6 and 7 June and into June. Envelopes will be on the seats in the hope that you will be generous to those who are doing it tough as temperatures drop. The needs in our region are great, and growing. The theme of this year's Appeal is 'One crisis away from homelessness'. Members of the local Conference ask that you take the envelope home, complete it and return the following weekend, or leave it at the parish office. And of course you can donate online, and learn more at: <https://donation.vinnies.org.au/>.

MEDITATION GROUP

The light and glory of God are to be found in our hearts, if only we would learn to be still and silent. Our weekly Meditation Group assembles each Friday at 10.00 am in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

'Be still long enough, and you will hear God's voice.'

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against
the wickedness and
snares of the devil;
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do thou,
O Prince of the
Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all evil spirits
who roam the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

**ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NELSON BAY
PROMOTES SAFEGUARDING, WHICH INVOLVES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PROACTIVE, COMMON SENSE AND PRACTICAL IDEAS THAT ENSURE THE SAFETY OF
CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.
SAFEGUARDING PROMOTION: FOR ALL SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS WITHIN THE
PARISH, PLEASE CONTACT: FR. ANTHONY, DEACON GERARD AND
DIANNE MARICIC.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations on this special milestone in your faith journey!

As you receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time, may your hearts be filled with God's love, grace, and presence. May this sacred moment be the beginning of a deeper relationship with Christ, guiding you with wisdom, peace, and joy throughout your life. May you always walk in His light and find strength in His word. **Blessings to you and your families on this joyous occasion!**

PLANNED-GIVING WEEKLY ENVELOPES PROGRAM

If you participate in our Planned Giving Weekly Envelope Program, we are ordering envelopes for the new financial year (2026/2027) soon. If you would like to join this program and to help us reduce the cost of printing PLEASE write your name on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church, or email Dianne at stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au. Thank you for your continued support.

SRE GATHERING WITH BISHOP MICHAEL

A special gathering for all SRE Teachers – and those considering joining this ministry – will take place at St Stephen's Church, Tea Gardens on Friday 17 July from 9.30am to 1pm. This is an opportunity to spend a day with Bishop Michael and fellow volunteers to celebrate, reflect, and grow in the shared mission of SRE. Come listen, learn, and be inspired by the experience and dedication of others who serve with faith and love. To register: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/sre-childrens-ministry-reflection-day-with-bishop-michael/>

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH MEANS

St Michael's Catholic Church – Nelson Bay holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded. In line with the Safeguarding Policy of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, our parish has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding all who interact with the parish through our activities, ministries and services, especially children and adults at risk. Please contact the confidential service on 49230636 or email: zimmermanservice@healingandsupport.org.au. Their hours are 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

MISSION AND EVANGELISATION UPCOMING EVENTS

ALIVE Young Adults Retreat to be held in Forster from Friday 17th July to Sunday 19th July.

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Heather Sertori, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Joseph Azzopardi, Matthew Currey, James Mulvihill, Joseph Culligan, Theresa Wilson, Nita and Trish Cave, Des, Alistaire and Hilda Nielson, Barry and Berryl Ross, Jack Gill, Ross Beamer, Jack, Joy, Nicholas, Joe, Vincent and Ethel May Doran, John Michael Watkin, Peter Demeulenaere, Dolores Morgan and for the sick in our parish: Ksenia Lordanic, Peter Collins, Ron Finch, Damien Brinley, Robyn Harris, Lorraine McCourt, Justin Fox, Joe Garreffa, Brenda and Brian Tucker, Sarlic Trumbli, Clemente Quinajon, David Berkeley, Anna Tan, Johny and Alexander Vella and David Campbell.

Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

Names on the Recently Deceased and Anniversaries Lists are displayed for two weeks only. Sick List will be removed after 4 weeks unless otherwise advised.

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NEXT SUNDAY

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading

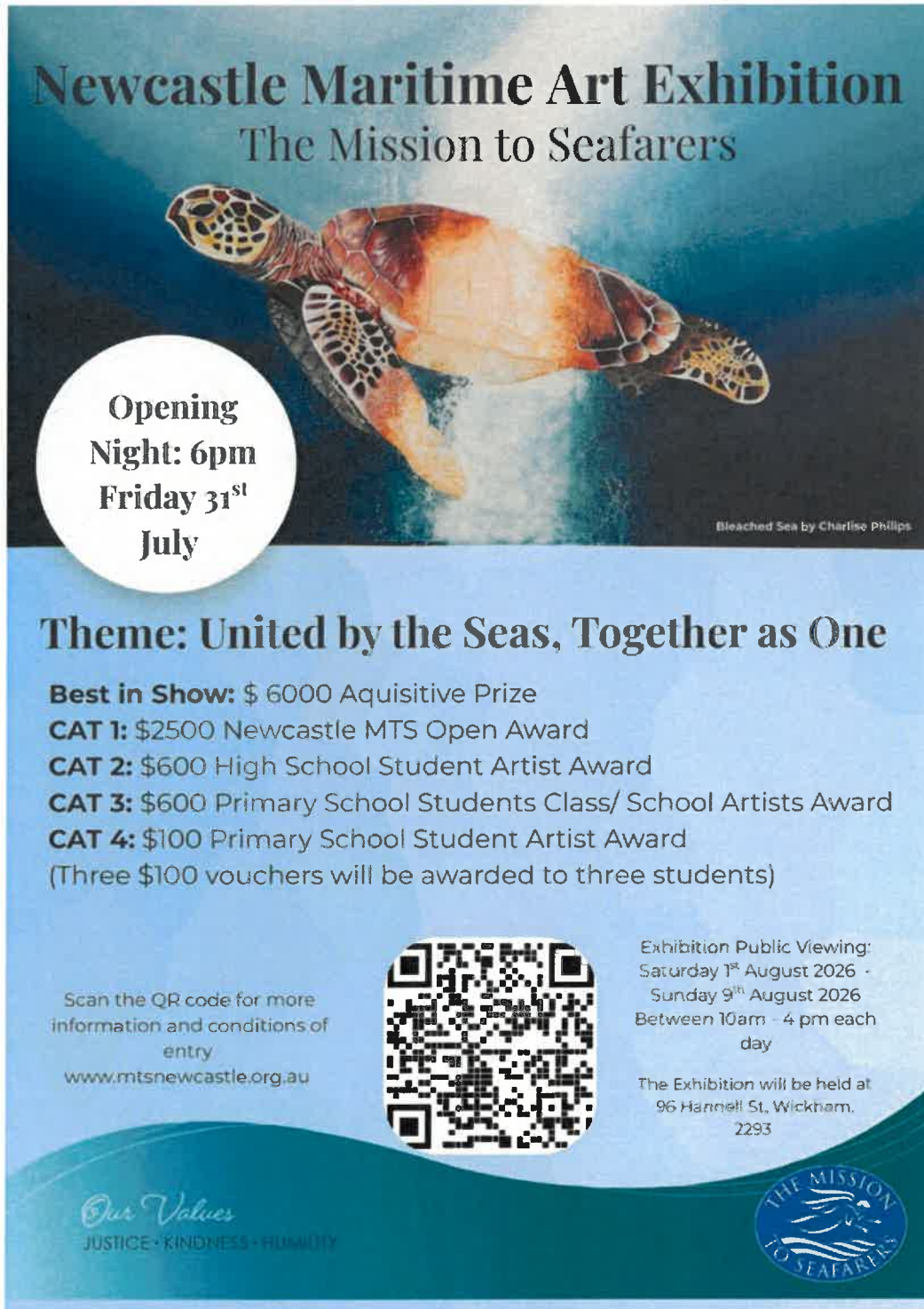
1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel

John 6:51-58

Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris would love to invite you to showcase your extraordinary artistic ability at our art show on the 1st of August 2026. Please see all of the information below along with the categories for you to enter in.

For further information, visit www.mtsnewcastle.org.au to see terms and conditions and parental consent for independent children submissions .



Newcastle Maritime Art Exhibition


The Mission to Seafarers

**Opening Night: 6pm
Friday 31st
July**

Theme: United by the Seas, Together as One

Best in Show: \$ 6000 Aquisitive Prize
CAT 1: \$2500 Newcastle MTS Open Award
CAT 2: \$600 High School Student Artist Award
CAT 3: \$600 Primary School Students Class/ School Artists Award
CAT 4: \$100 Primary School Student Artist Award
(Three \$100 vouchers will be awarded to three students)


Scan the QR code for more information and conditions of entry
www.mtsnewcastle.org.au



Exhibition Public Viewing:
Saturday 1st August 2026 -
Sunday 9th August 2026
Between 10am - 4 pm each day

The Exhibition will be held at
96 Hannell St, Wickham,
2293

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APOLOGETICS WITH DR. ROBERT HADDAD at KURRI KURRI

Do you want to grow deeper in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith? Want to grow more in knowledge of the Eucharist? Come and see renowned Catholic apologist, author, teacher and international guest speaker, Dr. Robert Haddad who is thrilled to be presenting in the Hunter Valley. Dr. Robert has especially chosen three talks to spark our interest and deepen our understanding of the source and summit of the Catholic faith.



Location: Kurri Kurri Parish Hall, 102 Barton Street, KURRI KURRI

Date: Friday June 12, 6:15pm - 9pm; Saturday June 13, 10am - 3:30pm.

Scan the QR code to register for this FREE event. Contact Yvonne for more info on 0450 323 206.

SEPTEMBER 2026

19
DAYS

Soul of Ireland Pilgrimage

Prepare for a unique journey into Ireland's heart and soul. Traverse the ancient paths of our Catholic heritage from Sts Patrick, Brendan, Kevin, Columba and Declan in the footsteps of pilgrims past and present. Come to the grace-filled shrine of Our Lady of Knock and witness along the way the unsurpassed beauty of Ireland's monasteries, rugged coastline, historic cities and their legendary hospitality. This journey is the perfect mix of fun, faith and friendship!



Accompanied by

Fr Andrew Doohan

COMMENCES MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026 • 19 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

Dublin (3) • Kildare • Wicklow • Glendalough (2) • Waterford • Ardmore •
Rock of Cashel • Cork (2) • Blarney • Killarney • Tralee (3) • Ring of Kerry •
Dingle Peninsula • Adare • Limerick • Cliffs of Moher • The Burren • Galway •
Knock (2) • Fermanagh • Devenish Island • Downpatrick • Armagh • Belfast (3)



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Rock of Cashel



Cliffs of Moher

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Meal Code B: Breakfast D: Dinner

Itinerary

DAY 1: MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026 - DEPART FOR IRELAND

Today we depart Australia on our pilgrimage to the sacred and storied land of Ireland, following in the footsteps of saints and visionaries who shaped the faith of a nation.

DAY 2: TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER - WELCOME TO IRELAND

Arrive Dublin

Céad Míle Fáilte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

On arrival at Dublin Airport, we will be met by our Irish tour guide and transferred into the city. We begin with a reflective visit to the Famine Memorial by the River Liffey, honouring those forced to leave their homeland during the Great Hunger.

Later, we explore the historic Dublin Castle, a symbol of resilience and transition in Irish history. We then transfer to our hotel for check-in and a welcome dinner.

Dublin overnight (D)

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER - SAINTS AND SCHOLARS OF DUBLIN

This morning we enjoy a panoramic city tour, taking in O'Connell Street, Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, and the River Liffey.

Highlights of our day include:

- Trinity College Library, home to the famed Book of Kells
- St Patrick's Cathedral, associated with Jonathan Swift
- A visit to the historic General Post Office (GPO)
- Time for reflection at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Dublin overnight (BD)

DAY 4: THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - CATHERINE MCAULEY AND THE WORKS OF MERCY

This morning we visit the Mercy International Centre on Baggot Street, the original house founded by Mother Catherine McAuley, which continues her mission today.

The afternoon is free for personal exploration, shopping, or quiet reflection.

Dublin overnight (BD)

DAY 5: FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST BRIGID

Dublin – Kildare – Wicklow – Glendalough

This morning we journey to Kildare, home of Ireland's beloved St Brigid, co-patroness of the nation. Visit St Brigid's Cathedral (subject to availability) and nearby St Brigid's Healing Well, a place of peace and prayer.

We continue through Wicklow, birthplace of Bishop Murray, and arrive in Glendalough, set in a breathtaking valley of two lakes. Dinner at our local accommodation.

Glendalough overnight (BD)

DAY 6: SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER - PILGRIMAGE TO GLENDALOUGH

Today we explore the sacred monastic valley of Glendalough, founded by St Kevin in the 6th century. Sites include:

- The Round Tower
- St Kevin's Kitchen & Tomb
- The upper and lower lakes, with time for quiet reflection

We will gather to celebrate Mass at the local parish church (subject to confirmation).

Glendalough overnight (BD)

DAY 7: SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER - WATERFORD TO ARDMORE – JOURNEY TO CORK

Today we travel to Waterford, Ireland's oldest city. Enjoy free time to wander its charming medieval streets and perhaps visit one of the excellent local museums.

Optional: Visit the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre (at own expense).

We then continue to the picturesque coastal village of Ardmore, associated with St Declan, where we visit his monastic ruins and St Declan's Well.

We arrive in Cork in time for dinner.

Cork overnight (BD)

DAY 8: MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER - ROCK OF CASHEL & CORK'S SACRED HEART

This morning we visit the magnificent Rock of Cashel, a spectacular site associated with St Patrick and Brian Boru, including the early Romanesque Cormac's Chapel.

Return to Cork and visit St Mary & St Anne's Cathedral.

Suggested Optional Visit: Explore Elizabeth Fort or The Butter Museum, reflecting Cork's unique history.

Cork overnight (B)

DAY 9: TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER - BLARNEY, KILLARNEY & TRALEE

Departing Cork, we visit Blarney Castle, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. (Kissing the Blarney Stone is optional!)

We travel through the Derrynasaggart Mountains to the scenic town of Killarney and continue to the welcoming town of Tralee for check-in and dinner.

Tralee overnight (BD)

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER - THE RING OF KERRY

Today we journey through the magical Ring of Kerry, offering breathtaking views of



Shrine of Knock



Belfast

mountains, lakes, and the sea.

Highlights include:

- Ladies View scenic lookout
- Visit to Muckross House & Gardens

Return to Tralee in time for dinner.

Tralee overnight (BD)

DAY 11: THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER - THE SPIRITUAL HEART OF DINGLE

We travel along the Dingle Peninsula, a centre of early Christian spirituality. Visit:

- St Brendan's Well, honouring the great navigator
- Sleah Head, the westernmost point in Europe
- Kilmalkedar Church and the Gallarus Oratory
- Ancient Beehive Huts

Enjoy time in the colourful fishing village of Dingle before returning to Tralee. We will celebrate Mass locally this evening.

Tralee overnight (BD)

DAY 12: FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER - THROUGH CLARE TO KNOCK

Today we journey north, stopping at:

- Adare, known for its thatched cottages
- Limerick, where we visit St Mary's Cathedral
- Cliffs of Moher, soaring over the Atlantic
- The Burren, a region of striking limestone beauty
- Galway, the City of Tribes, including a visit to Galway Cathedral

Arrive in Knock, Ireland's National Shrine.

Knock overnight (BD)

DAY 13: SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER - PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

We celebrate Mass at the Church of the Apparition, where Our Lady appeared in 1879. A guided tour introduces us to the Basilica, Museum, and peaceful grounds.

Optional afternoon suggestions (if parish activities are unavailable):

- Personal prayer time
- Visit Knock Folk Museum

- Quiet walk to the Apparition Chapel

Knock overnight (BD)

DAY 14: SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER - SACRED ISLAND JOURNEY - KNOCK TO BELFAST

Today we cross into Northern Ireland and travel to Fermanagh, where we board a boat to Devenish Island. Explore this 6th-century monastic site, home to the best-preserved Round Tower in Ireland.

Continue to Belfast for dinner and check-in.

Belfast overnight (BD)

DAY 15: MONDAY 5 OCTOBER - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PATRICK

We travel to Downpatrick, where St Patrick began his Irish mission. Visit:

- St Patrick's Grave & Cathedral
- The Altar Stone
- Mass Rock (outdoor pilgrimage site)

Return to Belfast and enjoy free time for optional sightseeing.

Belfast overnight (BD)

DAY 16: TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER - BELFAST & TITANIC STORY

This morning, enjoy a guided city tour of Belfast, including:

- City Hall
- Albert Clock
- Queen's University

Afternoon Options:

- Visit Titanic Belfast (optional)
- OR explore at leisure: St Anne's Cathedral, Botanical Gardens, or Ulster Museum

Tonight, we gather for our farewell celebration dinner.

Belfast overnight (BD)

DAY 17: WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER - FAREWELL IRELAND

We begin our journey home, travelling to Dublin Airport.

Time permitting, we will visit St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh, the seat of Ireland's

Catholic primate.

Board our return flights to Australia. (B)

DAY 18: THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER - IN TRANSIT

DAY 19: FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER - ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

We return home, carrying the stories, saints, and soul of Ireland in our hearts.

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS (INDICATIVE)	
TOUR CODE	PV2608
STARTS	Monday, 21 September 2026
FINISHES	Friday, 09 October 2026
AIR & LAND	AUD \$10,490 (twin share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$2,250 Supplement
PREPAID TIPS	AUD \$255 Per Person
* Costs are indicative and have been based on prices as at August 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size (30) factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.	

INCLUDED
AIRFARES: Return Economy Class from Sydney.
ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on 3 and 4-star hotel and hotel accommodation standard
• Meals as per itinerary.
TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees.
OTHER: Fully Escorted by Priest Chaplain
• Porterage at hotels (where available)
• Harvest Backpack, Pilgrim Journal & Travel Wallet.

NOT INCLUDED
Other meals not listed • Passport and Visa Costs (if applicable) • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance • Prepaid Tipping

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