

MacKillop Parish



St Mary Immaculate Church
CHARLESTOWN

St Paul's Church
GATESHEAD

St John Vianney Church
REDHEAD

12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 21 JUNE 2026

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Safeguarding

Our Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and MacKillop Parish have an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Information brochures are available in the foyer to the churches. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult, contact the Office of Safeguarding via P: 02 4979 1390 or

E: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

For further information visit:

Website: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au



Liturgical Times Year A/2 - within Ordinary Time 11

Monday, Sts John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs, Memorial

Monday 22 June 9:00am Mass Charlestown

Tuesday, Ordinary Time 12

Tuesday 23 June 9:00am Mass Charlestown

Wednesday, The Nativity of St John The Baptist, Solemnity

Wednesday 24 June 9:30am Mass Charlestown

Thursday, Ordinary Time 12

Thursday 25 June 9:00am Mass Gateshead

Friday, Ordinary Time 12

Friday 26 June 9:00am Mass Gateshead

Saturday, Ordinary Time 12

Saturday 27 June 9:00am Mass Charlestown

9:30am Adoration and Charlestown

Benediction

10:00am Reconciliation Charlestown

Sunday, 13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27 June 5:00pm Mass Charlestown

Sunday 28 June 9:00am Mass Gateshead

NB: Eucharistic Adoration will occur for one hour prior to every Mass, except on Saturday mornings.

Liturgy of the Hours will be celebrated 30 minutes before every Mass.

Please Pray For:

Sick: Jenny Phillips, Derek Orrin, Anne Standing, David Ellis, Lucy Bridge, Sarah Williams, Helen Davies, Timothy Brown, Peter John Evans, Jane Mcvicar, Pauline Williams, Emelia D'Aquisto, Margaret Wright, Emma Walsh, Otilie Marie Sheens, Glory Ivanfy, Archie Huxley, Jodie Bell, Mark Evans, Peter Corcoran, Gary Williams, Kathrina Douglas, Gwen Mangan, Nancy Toonan, Douglas Wallace, Heather Bosevski, Leanne Haywood, Eileen March, Roger Pearce.
(Once the person is well again, would you kindly inform the Parish Office)

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: John Shuttlewood.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me .

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



News and Events

Liturgy of the Hours

The Liturgy of the Hours (an arrangement of various Scripture passages) has been prayed by consecrated persons and priests for centuries, in community and individually. Now it is being offered in MacKillop Parish. Having experienced praying it for several weeks as a community, I would like to invite interested people to get together to share their experience of it. You are also welcome if you have not prayed it yet. While in the bulletin previously, we will discuss in more detail why it is prayed. The question of how to pray it will include who prays what, and when to sit and stand. Other questions and comments are welcome. The gathering will be on Wednesday, 24 June, at 5pm, in the Parish Function Room Charlestown. Please come so that you can learn to pray it together before Mass and individually at home. Join millions around the world in this prayer!

Sincerely, Fr Tony.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Envelopes for the new Financial Year are available for collection at the back of the church. Thank you.

NAIDOC Week 2026 – Civic Flag Raising Ceremony & Community Festival

Monday 6 July 2026, 8:45am, Civic Park, Newcastle

Join us for the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony as we celebrate this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly"—marking five decades of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence, strength, culture, and leadership. Following the ceremony, a community procession will make its way to Foreshore Park for the Awabakal Newcastle NAIDOC Community Festival. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is proud to support this important event and invites all to come together to celebrate, listen, learn, and walk alongside First Nations peoples in the spirit of reconciliation. Show your support! Register here: [NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony, MONDAY 6 July 2025, 8:45 am at Civic Park, Newcastle – Fill out form.](#) Enquiries can be sent to E: mission@mn.catholic.org.au

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

We are currently updating Parish records to ensure that we are compliant with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. **ALL** volunteers in the Parish, regardless of their role within the Diocese, are required to register as a volunteer. The application is online, and is a very quick and easy process.

Depending on your volunteer role/s, you may be required to have a Working With Children Check or a National Police Check. If this is the case, you will be notified, and will receive an email requesting additional information. The Volunteer Registration form can be located on the Parish website at mackillopcharlestown.org.au. I am more than happy to email the link to you directly, please feel free to reach out to me. I am also happy to assist you in completing the form.

I have been reaching out to some of you over the past two weeks, thank you to those who have assisted me. I understand that many of you may have previously completed forms, however the online form is now a mandatory requirement.

Please contact me at the Parish office on 4943 4153 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you kindly, Lisa.

Celebrate Our Patronal Feast

Saturday 27 June, 10am Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral

All are invited as we celebrate the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Under her loving care, we give thanks for the many blessings we have received and seek her intercession for our diocese, our families, and our community. The title Perpetual Help reminds us that God's love never fails and that Mary is always near, pointing us to Christ and encouraging us on our journey of faith. Come and celebrate with us as one community, united in hope and gratitude, rejoicing in the gift of our patroness and the faith we share. No registration required, morning tea following Mass. [Celebrate the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

Got Questions?

Alpha

Explore life, faith, and meaning.

Try Alpha.



Event details:

Running every Wednesday for 10 weeks starting 22nd

July 6:30pm

Address:

7 Milson St, Charlestown

Contact:

finn.todhunter@gmail.com

Register via QR code or via
sheet at entrance of church or
call 0475 292 028

July Events in the Diocesan Resource Centre

Join us this July for two special events at the Diocesan Resource Centre.

Saturday 4 July at 11am, gather for a screening and discussion of *Mary Magdalene* (2018), reflecting on the life and witness of one of the Church's most faithful disciples ahead of her feast day and the 2026 Magdalene Awards. Morning tea and lunch provided.

From Wednesday 8 to Friday 24 July (10am–2pm), browse our Pre-Loved Book Sale, featuring religious and general-interest books, with most titles just \$5. All proceeds support the outreach work of CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning.

SRE GATHERING with Bishop Michael

Friday 17 July 2026, 9:30am – 1pm at St. Stephens Parish Myall Coast

You are invited to a special gathering for all SRE teachers—and those considering joining this ministry. Come spend a day with Bishop Michael Kennedy and fellow volunteers as we celebrate, reflect, and grow in our shared mission. Come listen, learn, and be inspired by the experience and dedication of others who serve with faith and love.

Register: [SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.](#)

FORMATION FILMS



Diocesan Resource Centre

Saturday 4 July 2026

11.00 am

Morning Tea & Lunch Supplied

Book Here

or call 0409033449

You are invited to a:
Fishing Weekend
God for Blokes



10-12 July 2026

Beach fishing Forster



for more information
and registration: trybooking.com/DLPKG



FAITH STORIES

of our newest Saints, Blessed Mother and more...

WITH PAUL & JULIANA ELARDE

10 & 11 JULY 2026

KURRI PARISH HALL,
102 BARTON STREET,
KURRI KURRI

FRI: 6:15PM - 9PM
SAT: 10AM - 4PM



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JULY

TALK 1: Our Newest Saints! Part 1 - St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

It may seem unusual to think of a saint as practical joker, who loved skiing, mountain climbing, the theatre, music and the arts. But this is the story of the young Italian, Pier Giorgio, whose body was found to be incorrupt after 56 years in the grave!

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JULY

TALK 2: Our Newest Saints! Part 2 - St. Carlo Acutis

We usually don't connect saints with computer programmers – but Carlo Acutis is known as "God's Influencer". This English-born Italian achieved a lot in his short life. His love for the Holy Eucharist inspired him to create a website dedicated to Eucharistic miracles, making him the first millennial saint.

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JULY

TALK 3: Why Mary Matters

Some mistaking think Catholics worship Mary, but Mary is our spiritual Mother, given to us by Jesus at the Cross. This talk explains why the Catholic Church holds such a special love for Mary, by examining Scripture, Sacred Tradition and Marian apparitions.

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JULY

TESTIMONY by Juliana: "I walked out of my wheelchair in Lourdes."

Juliana had been confined to a wheelchair for eight and a half years. She lived in constant pain. After seeing over fifty specialist doctors, they told her that she needed to prepare herself that her leg would be amputated. Her amazing story is one of spiritual conversion and physical healing.

FREE EVENT

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER



MORE INFO PROVIDED
ON REGISTRATION FORM.
CONTACT YVONNE -
0450323206

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

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PARISH
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SUMMIT
2026

1-3 OCTOBER 2026
ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE
CAMPELLTOWN NSW





LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish.

HEY DRIVERS!

Parking spaces are at a premium during Mass times - Drivers are reminded to remain vigilant when parking in and near church car parks. Please drive slowly, watch for pedestrians, children, and other vehicles, and be mindful of blind spots when reversing. Park only in designated spaces and follow any signage or directions provided. A few extra moments of care can help ensure everyone's safety and prevent accidents or damage.

PARKING

Parents and carers of children (and vulnerable adults) should remain vigilant when walking through and near church car parks. Always hold children's hands, use designated walkways where available, and stay alert to moving vehicles. Avoid distractions such as mobile phones and always supervise children closely. Car parks can be busy and unpredictable, so taking extra care helps keep everyone safe and reduces the risk of accidents.

WHEN THEY NEED TO 'GO'

Parents and carers should accompany young children to and from the toilets while attending church. This helps ensure their safety, provides appropriate supervision, and allows assistance if needed. Children should not be sent to toilet facilities alone. By remaining attentive and accompanying children, parents and carers contribute to a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for all members of our church community.

Caritas Australia End of Financial Year Appeal

As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax-deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need.

Make a donation today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history>



The Mission to Seafarers/ Stella Maris News

Mass: Next celebrated on Thursday 25 June at 5:30pm. 96 Hannell Street, Wickham. All are welcome.

June 25 - The Day of the Seafarer: This year, the Day of the Seafarer campaign will focus on revealing the realities of life at sea, highlighting the hardship, pressure and risks that seafarers can face.

Donations needed for our Seafarers Care Packs or if you have the means, monetary donations can be made to the following:

BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 1000 12583

Account Name: The Apostleship of the Sea.

Young Adult Retreat 2026: To Be Human

Friday 17 July to Sunday 19 July, Camp Elim - Forster

The Young Adult Retreat returns this year, inviting young adults aged 18–35 to explore what it means To Be Human and fully alive in this life and for eternity. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and connect with other young adults from across the Diocese. Featuring expert speakers from around NSW and Australia, a dynamic and engaging program, praise and worship, and the sacraments, this promises to be a transformative weekend. Register: <https://ALIVEYA26.eventbrite.com.au>

Called to KNOW MORE

MISSION TO SEAFARERS, STELLA MARIS

STORIES FROM OUR PORT CHAPLAIN

SPECIAL GUEST: MR MARK SPENCER

THURSDAY 9 JULY
11:15AM – 1:20PM

Meet at the Diocesan Resource Centre, Visiting Port Waratah, Port of Newcastle, and the Mission to Seafarers-Stella Maris.

Lunch provided, bookings essential, limited seats.

Join us as we turn our attention to the often-unseen lives of seafarers, the people who keep our world moving.

Hear from our Port Chaplain, Mark Spencer, who will share stories from this vital ministry and help us deepen our understanding of the lives of seafarers and the Church's mission among them.

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FORMATION



Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, First Rite Reconciliation and Rosary

Celebrated on Saturdays (EXCEPT the first Saturday of the month) at St Mary Immaculate Church, Charlestown. Holy Mass 9:00am-9:30am, Adoration and Benediction 9:30am-10:00am, and First Rite Reconciliation 10:00am-10:30am. Rosary prayed on the third Saturday of the month 10:00am-10:30am. Eucharistic Adoration will occur one hour before each Mass.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal Peoples are Australia's first people and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land in which we live the joy of the Gospel and share it with the world. We are in the country of the Awabakal Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors.

Welcome to New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, and you desire to know more about it, please complete the 'Welcome Form' located at the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office in the envelope provided or contact the parish secretary at the Parish Office. **Please note, if needed, that there are 'Order of Mass' cards available at the entrance of the church to use during Holy Mass. These cards help you to understand the order of Holy Mass, as well as the responses for you to say. If you require any assistance, please see Fr Tony.**

Function Room Hire

The MacKillop Parish Pastoral Centre Function Room Charlestown is available for hire. It comes equipped with a kitchen, multi media equipment and plenty of room for activities. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Mass Collections - Thank you

The First Collection is for the support of the priests around the diocese:

BSB: 066739
Account Number: 100018265
Account Name: CCF
Reference: Your Name

The Second Collection is for the support of the parish:

BSB: 066739
Account Number: 100012059
Account Name: CCF
Reference: Your Name

MacKillop Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Fr Anthony Potts
Kathryn Hill
Kaylene Maretich
Brett Donohoe
De-Anna Addicoat
Paul McAllister
Finnegan Todhunter
Paul Schwander
Lynette Blayney
Joel Edwards
Nathan O'Dea

Parish Pastoral Team

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Joel Edwards
Finnegan Todhunter

Coordinator of Readers

Tony Bonaventura

Coordinator of Counters

Stephanie Wilson

Coordinator of Greeters

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Norma Johnston

Coordinator of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass

Majella Bonaventura

Coordinator of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound

Max Bridges

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St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Gateshead

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1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732	HEADSPACE 1800 650 890
MINDSPOT 1800 61 44 34	KIDS HELPLINE 1800 55 1800
NATIONAL DEBT HELPLINE 1800 007 007	NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE 1800 020 080

