MacKillop *Parish*

OUR VISION

United, we live as Christ in the *world.*

St Mary Immaculate, Charlestown · St Paul's, Gateshead · St John Vianney, Redhead



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, *Year A*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 9 November *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Feast*

8:00am	Mass	*Charlestown*

Tuesday 10 November *St Leo the Great, pope, doctor. Memorial*

8:00am	Mass	*Charlestown*

Wednesday 11 November *St Martin of Tours, bishop. Memorial*

8:00am	Mass	*Charlestown*

Thursday 12 November *St Josaphat, bishop, martyr. Memorial*

6:00pm	Mass	*Charlestown*

Friday 13 November *Ordinary Time 32. Anniversary of the death of Most Rev. William Wright, 2021*

8:00am	Mass	*Gateshead*

Saturday 14 November *Blessed Virgin Mary. Optional Memorial*

9:00am	Word and Communion	*Charlestown*

Sunday 15 November *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. World Day of the Poor*

Sat 5:00pm	Vigil Mass	*Charlestown*
9:00am	Mass	*Gateshead*

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We're glad you're here.

Whether you have been part of this parish for fifty years or this is your first Sunday, we're glad you're here. We gather across three churches in Charlestown, Gateshead and Redhead. To find out more, fill in a Welcome Form at the back of the church, say hello to Fr Tony after Mass, or call the Parish Office on 02 4943 4153. The Order of Mass cards at the church entrance will guide you through the Mass.

BEFORE MASS

Come early and pray with us.

For the hour before every Mass (except Saturday mornings) the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the monstrance on the altar for Eucharistic Adoration: quiet time in the presence of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, to sit, pray and simply be with him. 30 minutes before Mass, we pray the Liturgy of the Hours together, while the Blessed Sacrament remains exposed. Come for the whole hour or any part of it.

The *Word* this Sunday

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

"Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

FIRST READING · WISDOM 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM · PSALM 62(63):2-8. R. V.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

SECOND READING · 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION · MATTHEW 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL · MATTHEW 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

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Life in *our parish*

News, invitations and thanks from around Charlestown, Gateshead and Redhead.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE 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, Ottilie 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, Peter Keen, John (Giovani) Prosdocimo, Alma Edwards, Gerald Minett.

Once the person is well again, please let the Parish Office know.

PARISH MISSION · UNTIL THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

The Little Nuns and Little Friars of Jesus and Mary are here!

Please join us in journeying with the Little Nuns and Little Friars of Jesus and Mary in faith, fellowship and friendship by attending the Parish Mission events on the schedule overleaf. Make sure to register using the QR code.

RAFFLE · DRAWN SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Judy's gift for local families



Judy, one of our generous parishioners, has poured her heart and soul into creating this beautiful raffle prize. All funds raised will go towards providing meals and practical support for families in our local parish school communities who may be experiencing hardship. A heartfelt thank you to Judy for her generosity.

TICKETS	3 for $5, after Sunday morning Mass

MACKILLOP PARISH ADVENT COLLECTION · 28 NOVEMBER TO 20 DECEMBER

Supporting families in our parish school communities

This Advent, MacKillop Parish invites our community to join us in supporting families in need across our parish schools: St Mary's Catholic College, St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Gateshead, and St Joseph's Primary School, Charlestown. Each week during Advent, a collection will be taken to assist families experiencing financial hardship. Funds raised will be distributed to families in need and used to support the cost of school uniforms, learning resources, and educational activities and excursions. Your generosity will help ensure that every child has the opportunity to fully participate in school life. Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity this Advent season. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for families in our parish community.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

The Parish *Mission*

The final days of the Mission with the Little Nuns and Little Friars, to Thursday 12 November.

Parish Mission Schedule

Events will take place across two precincts.

Charlestown Precinct:
7 Milson Street, Charlestown NSW 2290

Gateshead Precinct:
66 Felton Street, Gateshead NSW 2290

WHEN		ACTIVITY	WHERE
Monday 2 November	6:00 pm	All Souls Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	7:00 pm	Parish Mission Launch	Charlestown Precinct
Tuesday 3 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter: *Young Adults*	Charlestown Precinct
Wednesday 4 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter: *Why be Catholic?*	Charlestown Precinct
Thursday 5 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter: *Vocations! Who are you called to be?*	Charlestown Precinct
Friday 6 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
Saturday 7 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	9:00 am	Women's Retreat Day	Charlestown Precinct
	5:00 pm	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
Sunday 8 November	9:00 am	Mass	Gateshead Precinct
	10:00 am	Men's Retreat Day	Gateshead Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter	Charlestown Precinct
Monday 9 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
Tuesday 10 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter: *Towards Eucharist 28*	Charlestown Precinct
Wednesday 11 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
Thursday 12 November	6:00 pm	Mass, Close of Parish Mission	Charlestown Precinct
	7:00 pm	Farewell Supper	Charlestown Precinct



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Around *the parish*

Keeping everyone safe, news from the Hub and our Parish Vision Statement.

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Parish Safeguarding

The Diocese of Maitland Newcastle represents the Catholic Church in a region extending from Lake Macquarie to Taree and as far inland as Merriwa and Murrurundi. The 36 parishes share a responsibility to provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for nearly 150,000 members, particularly for children and vulnerable adults.

Creating safe environments. Ensuring churches, parish facilities, activities and programs are safe and accessible for children and vulnerable people.

Recruitment and screening. Ensuring clergy, employees and volunteers undertake appropriate Working With Children Checks, screening and required safeguarding training.

Education and awareness. Promoting understanding of safeguarding policies, professional boundaries, appropriate conduct and individual responsibilities.

Recognising and reporting concerns. Prompt response and reporting of disclosures, allegations or suspicions of abuse, neglect or inappropriate behaviour.

Supporting vulnerable people. Respecting the dignity, rights, diversity and voices of children and vulnerable adults, ensuring they feel heard, respected and protected.

Leadership and accountability. Parish priests and leaders must model safe practices, ensure compliance with diocesan policies and encourage a culture of transparency and accountability.

Continuous improvement. Regularly reviewing safeguarding practices, identifying risks and implementing improvements.

A culture of zero tolerance of abuse, where safety, respect, compassion and accountability underpin all aspects of parish life.

FROM THE PARISH HUB

Changes in the Hub Office

Over the past few weeks there have been several staffing changes within the Hub Office at Charlestown. With Lisa Christoff moving on, and the Toronto and Morisset communities relocating back to the Morisset Office in the coming months, the Lakeside Pastoral Region has decided to withdraw from the Hub at the end of November. During this period of transition, and until a new staff member is appointed at MacKillop, Maryanne will work from the Sugarloaf Parish Office at Holy Cross, Glendale. If you need keys or access to the Hub, please contact Maryanne on 4943 4153 to arrange collection. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT · FEEDBACK CLOSES TODAY

United, we live as Christ in the world.

The parish is working together on a Parish Vision Statement to guide us from maintenance to mission. Drawing on suggestions from the Dare to Dream session, the Parish Pastoral Council prayerfully produced the statement above. Thank you to everyone who has shared their thoughts. Feedback closes today, Sunday 8 November: scan the QR code or email mackillop.parish@mn.catholic.org.au.

Beyond *our parish*

Invitations and opportunities from across the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle.

MN KIDS FORMATION DAY

Prepare for Advent, for children 6 to 12

Give your child the opportunity to prepare for Advent in a meaningful and memorable way. Led by experienced Religious Education facilitators from the Catholic Diocese of Maitland Newcastle, this special day combines faith filled learning with interactive activities, friendship and fun, helping children grow in their understanding of the Gospel.

TAREE	Saturday 28 November, 9:30am to 3:00pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
NEWCASTLE	Sunday 6 December, 9:30am to 3:00pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral
BOOK	mn.shor.tn/MNKidsFormationDayCity

MISSION AND EVANGELISATION · STELLA MARIS

Port Chaplain, on the front line

Make a difference where it is needed most. We are seeking a part time Stella Maris Port Chaplain to provide pastoral care, support and hospitality to seafarers visiting the Port of Newcastle. If you are passionate about supporting others, this might be the role for you. Interviews will be held later that week.

CLOSES	Monday 16 November
DETAILS	cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/6859
EMAIL	James.camden@mn.catholic.org.au

REAL WOMEN CAFÉ NIGHT

Placing value on womanhood

Bookings have opened for the final Real Women event for 2026. The guest speaker is Joel Howlett, an international award winning performer and entertainer, bringing impact and fun to the evening.

WHEN	Monday 16 November, 7:30pm to 9:15pm
WHERE	St Mary's Church Hall, Bayview Street, Warners Bay
COST	$15 donation
BOOKINGS	Sue 0417 091 255 or Marie 0429 191 245

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge Aboriginal Peoples as Australia's first people and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on 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 honour the living memory of their ancestors.

Who to *contact*

PARISH TEAM

PARISH PRIEST	Rev Fr Anthony (Tony) Potts *Parish Priest and Director of Vocations*
SECRETARIES	Mrs Maryanne Barry, Mrs Rosanna Suckling
LITURGY	Mr Joel Edwards *Liturgy and Faith Formation Co-ordinator*
MUSIC	Mr Robert Copas *Lead Musician*
SAFEGUARDING	Fr Anthony Potts, Mrs Simone McAllister, Ms Natalie Pearce, Mr Finnegan Todhunter, Ms Jo Franks, Ms Lynette Blayney *Promoters of Safeguarding*

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 church foyers. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult, contact the Office of Safeguarding on 02 4979 1390 or childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au. More at officeofsafeguarding.org.au, including how to make a complaint.

PLACES TO CALL IF YOU NEED HELP

Lifeline	13 11 14
Beyond Blue	1300 22 4636
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

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WEBSITE	mackillopcharlestown.org.au
OFFICE HOURS	Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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GIVING

Mass collections, thank you

Thank you for your generosity. You can give in the plate or directly to these accounts.

FIRST COLLECTION

Support of the priests of the Diocese

BSB	066 739
ACCOUNT	100018265
NAME	CCF
REFERENCE	Your name

SECOND COLLECTION

Support of the parish

BSB	066 739
ACCOUNT	100012059
NAME	CCF
REFERENCE	Your name

FUNCTION ROOM HIRE

The MacKillop Parish Pastoral Centre Function Room, Charlestown, is available for hire. It comes with a kitchen, multimedia equipment and plenty of room for activities. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Our *community*

The schools we walk with, and what is on around the Diocese.

OUR SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Charlestown

Mrs Kathryn Hill, Principal
32 Shelton Street, Charlestown NSW 2290
02 4943 5414
admin@charlestown.catholic.edu.au

St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Gateshead

Ms Kaylene Maretich, Principal
66 Felton Street, Gateshead NSW 2290
02 4943 6369
admin@gatesheadsp.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead

Mr Brett Donohoe, Principal
47 to 49 Pacific Highway, Gateshead NSW 2290
02 4944 4800
admin@gatesheadsm.catholic.edu.au

MACKILLOP LEADERSHIP TEAMS

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Fr Anthony Potts, Kathryn Hill, Kaylene Maretich, Brett Donohoe, De-Anna Addicoat, Paul McAllister, Simone McAllister, Finnegan Todhunter, Paul Schwander, Joel Edwards

FINANCE COUNCIL
Fr Anthony Potts, John Wilson, Paul McAllister, Paul Schwander, Lynette Blayney, John Fitzgerald, Jackson Franks

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
Fr Anthony Potts, Kathryn Hill, Paul McAllister, Simone McAllister, Joel Edwards, Finnegan Todhunter

WORSHIP AND PRAYER COUNCIL
Fr Anthony Potts, Tui Smith, Majella Bonaventura, Anne Brogan, Maria Rego, Robert Copas, Joel Edwards, Finnegan Todhunter

READERS
Tony Bonaventura (co-ordinator)

COUNTERS
Stephanie Wilson (co-ordinator)

GREETERS
Anne Mullins (co-ordinator)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Jo Franks, Jacqui Wilson (co-ordinators)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS
Norma Johnston (co-ordinator)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS
Majella Bonaventura (co-ordinator)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
Max Bridges (co-ordinator)



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING · SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Christ is worth following

Join us at St Paul's Church, Gateshead, for Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist at 8:00am, Holy Mass at 9:00am and a Eucharistic procession at 10:15am. Food and fun to follow!

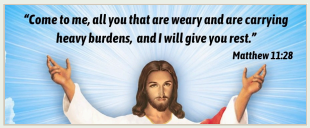
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Working in the Church, 25 and 2



Nourishment Day, 14 November



Divine Retreat Centre, Novembe



Men's and Ladies' Luncheon, firs

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