



The Catholic Community of

# MacKillop Parish

St Mary Immaculate Church  
CHARLESTOWN

St Paul's Church  
GATESHEAD

St John Vianney Church  
REDHEAD



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C 11 MAY 2025

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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 [Echildprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Echildprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)  
 For further information visit:  
**Website:** [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)  
**Complaints:** <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/making-a-complaint/>

### Liturgical Times - 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Monday 12 May	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
Tuesday 13 May	5:30pm	Mass	Charlestown
<b>St Matthias, Apostle, Feast</b>			
Wednesday 14 May	9:30am	Mass	Charlestown
Thursday 15 May	8:30am	Mass	Gateshead
	10:00am	Funeral Liturgy for Barry Pritchard	Charlestown
Friday 16 May	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead
Saturday 17 May	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
	9:30am	Benediction	Charlestown
	10:00am	Reconciliation	Charlestown
	10:00am	Rosary	Charlestown

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Saturday 17 May	6:00pm	Mass	Charlestown
Sunday 18 May	8:00am	Mass	Charlestown
	9:30am	Mass	Gateshead

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

### Please Pray For:

**Sick:** Jenny Phillips, Derek Orrin, Anne Standing, David Ellis, Lucy Bridge, Sarah Williams, Helen Davies, Timothy Brown, Tim Gearing, Peter John Evans, Jane Mcvicar, Pauline Williams, Emelia D'Aquisto, Margaret Wright, Emma Walsh, Cynthia McMahon, Otilie Marie Sheens, Glory Ivanfy, Brad Fitzsimmons, Archie Huxley, Jodie Bell, Celene Denholm, Mark Evans, Peter Corcoran (*Once the person is well again, would you kindly inform the Parish Office*).

#### Recently Deceased: Barry Pritchard

**Anniversaries:** Antonio Sgammotta, Pasquina Sgammotta, Greg Powell, Ann Fitzsimmons

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



**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:** We strive to be a united community celebrating our faith in Jesus; inclusive and hospitable; compassionate and forgiving; committed to the life and mission of the parish.

# This Sunday's Scripture Readings

## First Reading

### Acts of the Apostles 13: 14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

***We are now turning to gentiles.***

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

### Ps 99: 1-3. 5. R. v.3

**(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

### Revelation 7: 9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

***The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.***

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### John 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

### John 10: 27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

***I give my sheep eternal life.***

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

# News and Events

## Alpha

Join us in spreading faith and fellowship by volunteering for the Alpha program at our parish! Alpha is a welcoming, engaging course where people explore life, faith, and meaning. Whether you can assist with catering, set-up children's ministry, or providing support, your time and talents will make a difference. Alpha will commence on **Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at 6:30pm** in the **Function Room at St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown**.

Together, we can create an inviting space for others to grow closer to God. Contact Joel at [mackillopalph@gmail.com](mailto:mackillopalph@gmail.com) or at 0481 849 989 to learn how you can get involved!



## For Sale

Formal dining room chairs (sold together or separately) and table (sold for repair or for wood) for sale at cheap prices. Make an offer! To enquire, please contact Parish Hub.

## Diocesan Cursillo Retreat

The annual Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle 2025 Cursillo Retreat weekend will be held from **12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June** at **Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines 2283** with the theme "Called to Be". The Retreat is a short course in Christianity which will enrich your faith for the rest of your life. It is Christ-centred, based on gospel values and is Sacramental.

**"How can I BE Christian in my many everyday environments?"**

The Cursillo movement has been alive and active across the Maitland Newcastle Diocese since 1970. Cursillo represents a renewal within the life of the Church and is predominately led by lay people, both men and women with the support of clergy.

If you are interested in joining the Cursillo Movement, enrolling for the Retreat weekend, or just wishing to learn more about Cursillo, please feel free to contact either of the following persons:

Meryl McCosker – 0498 250 000 [meryl.rick@gmail.com](mailto:meryl.rick@gmail.com) or

Rick McCosker – 0411 442 861 [rick.meryl@gmail.com](mailto:rick.meryl@gmail.com)



## New Parish Website [mackillopcharlestown.org.au](http://mackillopcharlestown.org.au)

Check out our new parish website for MacKillop Catholic Parish at the above address and share it with others! Thanks to Vimal in the Parish Office Hub for all his work. Fr Tony.

## Ignite Conference 2025: The Light

Inviting people of all ages to this conference and experience incredible people, uplifting worship, powerful speakers, beautiful sacraments and insightful workshops. The conference will be held at the **Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct, Waitara, from 10-13 July**. For more information, please see [igniteconference.com.au](http://igniteconference.com.au)

## Young Adult Retreat 2025

Calling all young adults in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to the Young Adults Retreat 2025! A dynamic annual event designed for young people by young people, join us for a weekend to meet young people from all around the diocese, and experience Catholic community, worship, inputs by expert speakers, the Sacraments, and an opportunity to encounter Christ's personal love!

The retreat will take place from **27 to 29 June 2025**, kicking off at **6:00pm on Friday** and finishing at **12:30pm on Sunday**. People between 18 and 35 are welcome to join us at the **Catalina Lakefront Retreat in Rathmines, Lake Macquarie**.

The weekend costs \$170 per person with all food and accommodation included; sponsorship opportunities are available for those needing support.

## Join us for the Called & Gifted Discernment Process

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited during the Jubilee Year to launch the Called & Gifted Discernment Process within the Diocese. The process is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. Mission & Evangelisation is working directly with the Catherine of Siena Institute to offer the Called & Gifted Discernment Process this year. The process will be facilitated online by professionally trained practitioners based in the USA. In the future, a home-grown team will be trained to lead the process face-to-face at a local level.

Part One of the Called & Gifted process will take place across four Tuesday evenings from **10 June to 1 July, 7:30pm - 9:00pm** and you will learn:

- The role of every Catholic and of the local parish in the mission of the Church to the world.
- The critical role of charisms in the life and service of other lay Catholics and in the life of the parish or Christian community.
- The signs and characteristics of 24 common charisms.
- How discerning and using your charisms can change your life and the life of others, your parish, and the world.

The dates and times of the remaining parts of the process will be provided in due course.

## Parish Prayer

Father,  
pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish;  
and grant us a new vision of your glory;  
a new experience of your power,  
a new faithfulness of your word,  
and a new consecration of your service,  
that your love may grow among us,  
and your kingdom come.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.



## Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

Offering prayers and congratulations to the following children from MacKillop Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mary Immaculate Church Charlestown on **Friday, 9 May** from Bishop Michael Kennedy.

<b>Arthur Percy Adams</b>	<b>Rory Patrick O'Brien</b>
<b>Kyle Edric Barlow</b>	<b>Lochie Nicholas Pola - Kuras</b>
<b>Molly Beth Beasley</b>	<b>Abigail Mai Rice</b>
<b>Sebastian Oliver Campbell</b>	<b>Kai Hendrix Rice</b>
<b>Alfie Condon</b>	<b>Hannah Charlotte Ryan</b>
<b>Halen Richie Hackney</b>	<b>Lani Grace Ryman</b>
<b>Sebastian Peter Hassett</b>	<b>Isabelle Therese Sawang</b>
<b>John William Hoffman</b>	<b>Edward Anthony Scibberas</b>
<b>Reeve William Hunt</b>	<b>Myra Sefo</b>
<b>Jordan Tyler Innes</b>	<b>Ruben Tupou Sefo</b>
<b>Sadie Frances Isaacs</b>	<b>Cameron Analie Seymour</b>
<b>Faith Jude Jones</b>	<b>Louis Dean Seymour</b>
<b>Owen George Keegan</b>	<b>Harry Owen Austin Skippen</b>
<b>Charlotte Kate Mansley</b>	<b>Samuel Matthew Treloar</b>
<b>Ashlyn Astrid Mayzen</b>	<b>Sienna Jane Williams</b>
<b>Ellie London O'Brien</b>	<b>Samuel William Yager</b>

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1: 8

## 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 for one hour prior to every Mass, except on Saturday mornings.

## 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  
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## Local School Contacts

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Charlestown

Acting

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### St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Gateshead

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### St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead

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# Got Questions?



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**Event Start Date & Time:**

Wednesday, 21st May, 6:30pm

**Event Address:**

7 Milson St, Charlestown

**Contact:**

mackillopalph@gmail.com

**Free event. Dinner Included.**

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