



The Catholic Community of

MacKillop Parish

St Mary Immaculate Church
CHARLESTOWN

St Paul's Church
GATESHEAD

St John Vianney Church
REDHEAD



PENTECOST SUNDAY, SOLEMNITY YEAR C 08 JUNE 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

E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

For further information visit:

Website: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

Liturgical Times - 8th Week of Easter

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial			
Monday 09 June	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
Tuesday 10 June			
	5:30pm	Mass	Charlestown
St Barnabas, Apostle, Memorial			
Wednesday 11 June	9:30am	Funeral Mass for Veronica Rich	Charlestown
Thursday 12 June			
	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead
St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor, Memorial			
Friday 13 June	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead
Saturday 14 June			
	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, SOLEMNITY			
Saturday 14 June	6:00pm	Mass	Charlestown
Sunday 15 June	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, Gary Williams (*Once the person is well again, would you kindly inform the Parish Office*).

Recently Deceased: Veronica Rich

Anniversaries: John Walker, Julie O'Brien, Keiran O'Brien, Johny Mayes, Des Nielson, Alister Nielson, Helda Nielson, Barry Rice, Jack Doran Joy Doran, Nicholas Doran, Vincent & Ethel May Doran, Kerry Hawes, Garry Cassidy, Jack Gill, Frank Narbo, Kathleen Bushnell

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 2: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful

And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103: 1. 24. 29-31. 34. R.v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit

And renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the

Gospel

John 14: 15-16. 23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

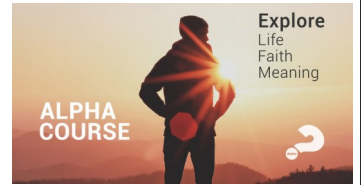
News and Events

Alpha Episode 4: How can I have faith?

This episode explores what it means to have faith and to be a Christian: someone who follows and puts their faith in Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, 11 June 2025 at 6:30pm in the **Function Room at St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown.**

Please REGISTER if you will be joining us via the QR code. Contact Joel at mackillopalpha@gmail.com or at 0481 849 989 to learn how you can get involved!



Columbarium Volunteer

We welcome any kind parishioner who would like to assist Brad Fitzsimmons (only for a definite period) in performing his duties as Columbarium Manager whilst he recovers from his current medical conditions. Please contact Brad Fitzsimmons for more information.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The Vinnies group will be launching this year's Winter Appeal on the weekend of **14-15 June**. There will be bucket collection at the entrance of the churches after each Mass. Thanks.

Planned Giving Receipts


Please contact the parish office by phone or email if you require a tax receipt for your planned giving donations. Please only request a receipt if you need it for tax purposes. The due date to request a tax receipt is by **Monday, 30 June**. After that date you will not be able to receive a tax receipt. Thanks, Parish Administration Team.

Attention: Proclaimers of the Word


It is recommended that Ministry Groups meet annually. With this in mind, all Proclaimers are invited to attend a meeting at **St Mary Immaculate Church, Charlestown** on **Tuesday, 24 June, 6:00pm to 7:00pm**.

The aim is to improve the quality of our important role of proclaiming God's Word. It is an opportunity to review practices and discuss with others any concerns or questions we may have.

Please mark the date on your calendar. Fr Tony.



FAITH TALKS



GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Robert Haddad

Dr. Robert Haddad is a passionate teacher, apologist and evangelist who holds firmly to all the truths of the Catholic Faith and wishes all to come to know, love and live this Faith. Robert promotes Catholicism through his public speaking tours, videos and books.


Friday, 13th June
Saturday, 14th June

See times on back

Function Room at
St. Mary of the Cross
Parish Hub
7 Milson Street,
CHARLESTOWN

FREE EVENT
Tea/Coffee available
Books for sale

REGISTER HERE



Presented by MacKillop Parish

SCHEDULE

FAITH TALKS

13 JUNE 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
*Doors OPEN from 6:30pm

TALK 1
"The Jubilee of Hope 2025 - How can we benefit?"

14 JUNE 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
*Doors OPEN from 10:30am

TALK 2
"How the early Church was Catholic."

**Bring your own lunch*

14 JUNE 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

TALK 3
"We have seen His Glory - How God is always among us."

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Rego - 0450 323 206



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.



Join us for an afternoon of Music,
Adoration & Community at our
Praise & Worship experience!

SCAN HERE



FOR TICKETS

Sun 22 June | 3-5pm

Trinity College Adamstown, Factory Theatre

All are welcome! (Children under 16 years old must be supervised)

COST: Donations are welcome at the event



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BAPTISM

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of
Maya Rose O'Brien.

May the Holy Spirit guide her as she grows to
become disciple of Christ throughout her life.

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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

Account Number: 100012059

Account Name: CCF

Reference: Your Name

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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