



The Catholic Community of

MacKillop Parish

St Mary Immaculate Church
CHARLESTOWN

St Paul's Church
GATESHEAD

St John Vianney Church
REDHEAD



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 27 JULY 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

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For further information visit:

Website: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

Liturgical Times - 17th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 28 July	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Memorial			
Tuesday 29 July	5:30pm	Mass	Charlestown
Wednesday 30 July			
9:30am	Mass	Charlestown	
St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial			
Thursday 31 July	10:30am	Funeral Mass for Shirley Curran	Gateshead
St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor, Memorial			
St James, Apostle, Feast			
Friday 01 July	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead

Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary			
Saturday 02 August	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown

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VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Saturday 02 August	6:00pm	Mass	Charlestown
Sunday 03 August	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, Mark Evans, Peter Corcoran, Gary Williams, and Nancy Toonan. *(Once the person is well again, would you kindly inform the Parish Office.)*

Recently Deceased: Don Richards, Shirley Curran

Anniversaries: Peter Corcoran, Kathrina Douglas, Johny Mayes

*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

Genesis 18: 20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R.v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 2: 12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8: 15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

News and Events

Alpha Week 10: Why and how should I tell others?

This episode explores why and how Christians can share with others about their faith.

Date and time: Wednesday, 30 July 2025 at 6:30pm

Location: Function Room at St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown



Parish Gathering: 9 August 2025

The MacKillop Parish will come together on **Saturday, 9 August** to farewell, thank and commemorate 98 years of service of the Sisters of St Joseph, especially Sr Brigid, as they leave the parish and the convent is closed.

Event Details

10:30am: Closure of the convent

11:00am: Mass

12:15pm: Lunch

1:45pm: Formal farewell to the Sisters.

If you wish to attend, please register your details on the expression of interest sheets at the entrance of both churches by **Sunday, 27 July**. Donations towards a gift for Sr Brigid are to be placed in the yellow parish payment envelopes and put in the first collection.

Acknowledgement of Funds Raised - MacKillop Parish Community

Thanks to MacKillop Parish Community for the continuing support and generosity. Following amounts were received as part of various fund raising activities.

Holy Land Good Friday Contribution - \$1799.30

Project Compassion - \$2261.30

Vinnies Winter Appeal - \$4040

Theology of the Body - 2 Day Retreat

We are thrilled to invite the parish community to an exciting and transformative opportunity: a **2-day Theology of the Body Retreat** led by **Simon Carrington** from Fire Up Ministries – one of Australia's leading teachers on St John Paul II's life-changing teaching on human love and sexuality.

When

Friday, 29 August – 6:30pm to 9:30pm (Rosary at 6:00pm, optional)

Saturday, 30 August – 10:15am to 4:30pm (Mass & Rosary at 9:00am, optional)

Where

St Mary of the Cross Function Room, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown.

This is a **completely free event**, with **lunch and refreshments provided**. Spots are limited – **registration is essential** to secure your place.

To register for the retreat, please scan the QR code on the below flyer.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 2 DAY RETREAT

JOIN US FOR A **FREE TWO(2) DAY RETREAT** ON THE TEACHINGS
OF ST POPE JOHN PAUL II'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST 6.30PM – 9.30PM
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 10.15AM – 4.30PM
FREE REFRESHMENTS & LUNCH PROVIDED

**PARISH FUNCTION CENTRE,
7 MILSON ST, CHARLESTOWN
CONTACT CURTIS – 0477 106 108**

**PRESENTER
SIMON CARRINGTON**

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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.



BAPTISMS

This weekend we celebrate the Baptisms of
Isla Rose Pearson, Lena Hart Pearson and
Eadie Sage Hinds.



May the Holy Spirit guide them as they grow to
become disciples of Christ throughout their lives.

Get Ready for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Join 10,000 young Catholics for an unforgettable Jubilee Year Celebration!

ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic youth, from Grade 9 through to 25 year olds to provide an opportunity to come together and connect whilst deepening their faith and relationship with Jesus. Attendees have opportunities to engage with other like-minded youth groups, school groups, musicians, speakers, and Bishops and clerics. This year it will be hosted in Melbourne.

Alongside Bishop Michael Kennedy we plan to lead 100 young people from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on this very special Jubilee Year pilgrimage.

Dates: Saturday 29 November – Wednesday 3 December (return flights from Newcastle)

Cost: \$900 pp (includes flights, registration, ground transport, diocesan shirt)

Accommodation: Mercure Welcome Hotel (twin-share) with breakfast. Lodging is fully sponsored by the Diocese.

School students – liaise with your Ministry Coordinator now.

Parishioners – contact our *Mission & Evangelisation Partner* – Youth Ministry Dominic Drumore on dominic.drumore@mn.catholic.org.au

After first contact we will issue all potential pilgrims with a unique website link to formally register with our Travel Company – Harvest Journeys and pay your deposit.

Registrations close August 29.



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

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BSB: 066739

Account Number: 100012059

Account Name: CCF

Reference: Your Name

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