



The Catholic Community of

MacKillop Parish

St Mary Immaculate Church
CHARLESTOWN

St Paul's Church
GATESHEAD

St John Vianney Church
REDHEAD



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C 25 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
For further information visit:
Website: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au
Complaints: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/making-a-complaint/>

Liturgical Times - 6th Week of Easter

St Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial			
Monday 26 May	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
Tuesday 27 May	5:30pm	Mass	Charlestown
Wednesday 28 May	8:00am	Mass	Charlestown
Thursday 29 May	8:00am	Mass	Gateshead
Friday 30 May	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast			
Saturday 31 May	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
	9:30am	Benediction	Charlestown
	10:00am	Reconciliation	Charlestown

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C, SOLEMNITY

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY			
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY			
Saturday 31 May	6:00pm	Mass	Charlestown
Sunday 01 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: Pauline White

Anniversaries: Mark Jensen

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 15: 1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6.8.R.v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Revelation 21: 1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and

glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

And my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14: 23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'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 I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

News and Events

Alpha Episode 2: Who is Jesus?

He is one of the most well-known historical figures in the world. This episode discusses "Who is Jesus?" and any evidence for his existence. Was Jesus fully human or divine? Was he more than a man, a great human and a religious teacher?

Wednesday, 28 May 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!



Diocesan Cursillo Retreat

The annual Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle 2025 Cursillo Retreat weekend will be held from **12th-15th 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 or

Rick McCosker – 0411 442 861 rick.meryl@gmail.com



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.



FAITH TALKS

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.


GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Robert Haddad

Friday, 13th June
Saturday, 14th June

See times on back

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

REGISTER HERE



FREE EVENT
Tea/Coffee available
Books for sale

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.



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

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YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Join us for a weekend of community, praise, formation and adoration at our 2025 Young Adult Retreat.

Engage • Encounter • Worship

\$170 per person

27 – 29 June 2025

Catalina Lakefront Retreat
171 Dorrington Road,
Rathmines



Register now!



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BAPTISMS

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptisms of
Oscar Sierota, Holli Eve McAllister and
Austin Gabriel Morris.

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

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