



The Catholic Community of

MacKillop Parish

St Mary Immaculate Church
CHARLESTOWN

St Paul's Church
GATESHEAD

St John Vianney Church
REDHEAD



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY YEAR C 01 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](mailto:E_childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)
For further information visit:
Website: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au
Complaints: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/making-a-complaint/>

Liturgical Times - 7th Week of Easter

Monday 02 June	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs, Memorial			
Tuesday 03 June	10:00am	Funeral Liturgy for Pauline White	Gateshead
	5:30pm	Mass	Charlestown
Wednesday 04 June	9:30am	Mass	Charlestown
St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial			
Thursday 05 June	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead
Friday 06 June	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead
Saturday 07 June	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C, SOLEMNITY			
Saturday 07 June	6:00pm	Mass	Charlestown
Sunday 08 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, Ottilie 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, Ray Kiely, Veronica Rich, Patricia Flannery, Alice Paroni, Jean Sajonia

Anniversaries:

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 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R.v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mathew 28: 19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24: 46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

News and Events

Alpha Episode 3: Why did Jesus die?

Have you ever wondered why the cross is the symbol of Christianity? This episode explores why Jesus was crucified on a cross about 2000 years ago and what relevance that has today.

Wednesday, 04 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 mackillopalph@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.

Men's and Women's Groups

The Men's and Women's Groups will be meeting on **Monday, 2 June 2025, at 12:30pm, at Central Leagues Club Charlestown.** All are invited. For further information, please contact Judy or Ray Sleep.



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**

TALK 1

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**Doors OPEN from 6:30pm*

**14
JUNE**

TALK 2

"How the early Church was Catholic."

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Doors OPEN from 10:30am*

**14
JUNE**

TALK 3

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

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Bring your own lunch*

**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
Account Number: 100012059
Account Name: CCF
Reference: Your Name

Local School Contacts

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Charlestown

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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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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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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.

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