



The Catholic Community of

MacKillop Parish

St Mary Immaculate Church
CHARLESTOWN

St Paul's Church
GATESHEAD

St John Vianney Church
REDHEAD



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C 04 MAY 2025

Church Contacts

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Liturgical Times - 3rd Week of Easter

Monday 05 May	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
Tuesday 06 May	5:30pm	Mass	Charlestown
Wednesday 07 May	8:30am	Mass	Charlestown
Thursday 08 May	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead
Friday 09 May	9:00am	Mass	Gateshead
Saturday 10 May	9:00am	Mass	Charlestown
	9:30am	Benediction	Charlestown
	10:00am	Reconciliation	Charlestown

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday 10 May	6:00pm	Mass	Charlestown
Sunday 11 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.

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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:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)
 For further information visit:
Website: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au
Complaints: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/making-a-complaint/>

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, Ottillie 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: Tony Marchant

Anniversaries: Paul O'Sullivan, Matylda Olaczek, Henryk Olaczek, Margaret O'Sullivan, Jolanta O'Sullivan

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 5: 27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29: 2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Revelation 5: 11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given
power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;

He has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 21: 1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and
did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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 or at 0481 849 989 to learn how you can get involved!



Men's and Women's Groups

The Men's and Women's Groups will be meeting on **Monday, 5 May 2025, at 12:30pm, at Central Leagues Club Charlestown**. All are invited. For further information, please contact Judy or Ray Sleep.

Federal Election Statement 2025 by Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Please collect the Statement at the main entrance of our churches this Sunday. It invites us to reflect on key issues before voting. Thanks, Fr Tony.

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



Flowers for Mother's Day

You're invited to bring a flower for Mother's Day and to place it during **Sunday Masses (10-11 May)** on Our Lady's Altar for mothers living and dead. May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, intercede for mothers in a special way on this day. Thanks, 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

Diocesan Local Churches Pilgrimage Friday 16 May - Sunday 18 May

Our Jubilee Year is now well underway, and our eight Local sites of Pilgrimage are open and ready for you.

Pick a passport one up at any church along the way. Visit one or visit them all. Collect your stamp, and on each page, re-affirm the spiritual journey you have committed to this Jubilee Year. An indulgence is on offer with prayer, Eucharist and acts of mercy.

We have a very special long weekend planned for you. If the idea of visiting all eight Local sites of Pilgrimage in the Diocese is a little daunting. Mission & Evangelisation has done all the hard work for you. In just a few weeks on **Friday 16, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 May**, we will journey with you over three days as each Church hosts us for mass, prayer, confession and good old-fashioned hospitality. This will be a chance to get your entire passport complete and meet countless new people along the way.

Friday 16 May	Our Lady of the Rosary Church-Taree	9:00am-Sacrament of Penance 10:00am-Mass, Morning tea hosted by parish to follow.
Saturday 17 May	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West	8:30am-Sacrament of Penance 9:15am-Mass, Morning tea hosted by the parish to follow
	St Mary's Star of Sea, Newcastle	11:00am-Formation/Prayer
	St Brigid's and St Patrick's, Cooranbong	1:00pm-Formation/Prayer-BYO lunch Picnic lunch on the grounds, Tea and Coffee hosted by the parish
	St John's the Baptist Shrine, Maitland	3:15pm-Formation/Prayer
	St Joseph's, East Maitland	5:00pm-Mass, Sausage sizzle with tea and coffee hosted by parish to follow
Sunday 18 May	Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace Church, Scone	8:30am-Sacrament of Penance 9:00am-Mass, Morning tea hosted by the parish to follow
	St Joseph's, Murrurundi	12:00pm-Mass, BYO Lunch



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.

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The First Collection is for the support of the priests around the diocese:

BSB: 066739
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Got Questions?



Explore life, faith,
and meaning.

Try Alpha.

Register here



Event Start Date & Time:

Wednesday, 21st May, 6:30pm

Event Address:

7 Milson St, Charlestown

Contact:

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Free event. Dinner Included.

Local School Contacts

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