

# MacKillop Parish



St Mary Immaculate Church  
CHARLESTOWN

St Paul's Church  
GATESHEAD

St John Vianney Church  
REDHEAD



## 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 18 AUGUST 2024

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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](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)

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### Liturgical Times

#### MONDAY of the 20th Week of Ordinary Time

**Monday 19 August 9.00am Mass Charlestown**

#### St Bernard, abbot, doctor, Memorial

**Tuesday 20 August 5.30pm Mass Charlestown**

#### St Pius X, pope, Memorial

**Wednesday 21 August 9:30am Mass Charlestown**

**11:00am Funeral Liturgy Charlestown**

**Valma Connors Charlestown**

#### The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

**Thursday 22 August 9:00am Mass Charlestown**

#### FRIDAY of the 20th Week of Ordinary Time

**Friday 23 August 9.00am Mass Charlestown**

#### St Bartholomew, apostle, Feast

**Saturday 24 August 9.00am Mass Charlestown**

**9:30am Benediction Charlestown**

**10:00am Reconciliation Charlestown**

#### 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

**Saturday 24 August 6.00pm Mass Charlestown**

**Sunday 25 August 8.00am Mass Charlestown**

**9.30am Mass Charlestown**

### Please Pray For:

**Sick:** Jenny Phillips, Derek Orrin, Anne Standing, David Ellis, Marie Bowe, Lucy Bridge, Sarah Williams, Helen Davies, Timothy Brown, Tim Gearing, Peter John Evans, Rosemary Davis, Jane Mcvicar, Pauline Williams, Emelia D'Aquisto, Margaret Wright, Emma Walsh, Cynthia McMahon, Otilie Marie Sheens, Glory Ivanfy, Brad Fitzsimmons, Archie Huxley, Jodie Bell (*Once the person is well again, would you kindly inform the Parish Office*)

**Recently Deceased:** Valma Connors, Sr Paula Redgrove RSM

**Anniversaries:** Mary Brodbeck, Denis Clarke, Marion Clarke, George Clarke

***Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.***



# This Sunday's Scripture Readings

## First Reading

### Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the first book of Proverbs

*Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.*

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,  
she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants  
and proclaimed from the city's heights:  
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says,  
'Come and eat my bread,  
drink the wine I have prepared!  
Leave your folly and you will live,  
walk in the ways of perception.'

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

### Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

## Second Reading

### Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Be watchful that you may know the will of God.*

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit.

Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

### John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

### John 6: 51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

# News and Events

## Name Badge Sunday

I'd like to celebrate Name Badge Sunday on the first Sunday of every month. On this day, it would be appreciated if people could wear their name badges. Name badges are an important means of breaking down barriers so that people have confidence in approaching others whom they do not know. For those who do not have a name badge, please put your name on the list at the main entrance of the church and your name badge will be ordered for you. A name badge costs \$10.50. Completed name badges will be left at the main entrance of the church for you to collect. Payment can be made by placing your money in an envelope and identifying it with the term Name Badge and your name. Please place the envelope on either collection at Mass. Hopefully, wearing name badges will become a habit for everyone, every Sunday, so that in time there will not be a need for a special Sunday. Thank you. Fr Tony.

## Year of Prayer 2024

This year has been designated by Pope Francis as a YEAR OF PRAYER. It is valuable in its own right, and is also in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year PILGRIMS OF HOPE. The preparatory document is called *TEACH US TO PRAY* and can be accessed by putting the title in your search engine.

In launching the year in late January 2024, Pope Francis said it would be 'dedicated to rediscovering the great value of and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the church and in the world.' It includes selections from Pope Francis' general audience talks about prayer and looks specifically at ways to strengthen people's prayer experience at home—for example, by praying before and after meals and at the start and end of the day and in their parishes. The booklet also has suggestions for encouraging teens and young adults to pray and for improving parish-based catechesis on prayer for both children and adults.

## Advance Notice: Rite of Christian Initiation of adults (RCIA)

Following Alpha, RCIA, a process of formation and education which helps non-Catholics discern possible entry into the Catholic Church, will commence on Thursday, 5 September, 7pm-8.15pm, in St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub Charlestown. Now is the time to start thinking prayerfully of people to invite. Unless YOU have the courage to invite them, RCIA won't happen! For more information, please contact Sr Brigid.

## Season of Creation—Creation Sings

Saturday 21 September 2024, 2-4pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral. All in the Newcastle, Hunter and Manning community are invited to gather to sing in praise and wonder of creation as a celebration of the Season of Creation. In the spirit of community choirs, we will learn a song, pray, and enjoy afternoon tea. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/xKCr907ew6> Please bring a cutting of a favourite plant. We will exchange our cuttings during the prayer. Those who love taking photos of nature can join the Season of Creation Photography initiative and send your image/s to [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au) by 16/09/24. The images will be displayed at Creation Sings.

## Mackillop Parish History

During the recent formation of the St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub we found a small number of documents, which amounts to the whole collection of our MacKillop history. With this in mind, and the fact that most parishioners who know our story are at an age where they are leaving us to enter the next life, we would like to get the Parish story collected and recorded. If your family or anyone you know has any information that tells part of our story, and are prepared to donate or lend it so that it can be scanned, we would be very grateful. Also, if we have any history 'buffs' in the parish who are prepared to work on our archives, please contact the MacKillop Parish Office.

## National Child protection Week

Sunday, 1 September - Saturday, 7 September

### Diocesan Perpetual Day of Remembrance - Sunday, 15 September

Our Perpetual Day of Remembrance for those who suffered child sexual abuse by diocesan personnel will be held on Sunday, 15 September. A focal point displaying aspects associated with the commemoration will be located near the Marian Altar. Please come, have a look and offer a prayer before or after Mass for all those who are victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.

## Annual Leave and Retreat

I'm on Annual Leave from Tuesday, 27 August until Saturday, 28 September and Retreat from 29 September until Friday, 4 October. Fr Greg Arnold will be replacing me at Sunday Masses and Baptisms and will celebrate Mass every Wednesday. On other weekdays, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be celebrated. In case of emergencies, please contact Anton on 0414 386 297 and he will redirect you. For all other matters, please contact the St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub. With thanks, Fr Tony.

## Church/Faith Crawl

Next month the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited to be hosting our third Church/Faith Crawl in Maitland. We'll be exploring four different faith communities and will be encouraged to ask questions and get to know our neighbours. It's on Wednesday 11 September from 9.30am. For more info or to register, visit <http://mn.shor.tn/ChurchCrawl24>

## 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.



### St Vincent de Paul Conference-Charlestown

The Charlestown Conference of SVDP meets every Monday at 4 pm at Mary MacKillop Parish Centre. Are you being called to this ministry of supporting people who are in need? Our contact is Josephine on 0400 235 156.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** - Thank you for your generous donations and support, and please know your donations assist many needy families in our local community.

### Mass to be celebrated in the Latin Tridentine Rite



For many years, the diocese has provided for parishioners who wished to attend Mass and pray according to the liturgical books of 1962 the opportunity to do so. Since COVID we have had some difficulty finding a priest qualified and available to celebrate this Mass. Since the diocese no longer has priests who are able to celebrate the 1962 liturgy in

conformity with *Traditionis Custodes*, the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has entered an agreement with the Fraternity of St Peter, District of Oceania (FSSP), to provide a priest to meet the sacramental needs of this Community.

Fr Richard Wallace, FSSP is being appointed as the Latin Mass Chaplain for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Mass will be every Sunday, starting 18 August 2024 at 9.30am at St John the Baptist Oratory, Cathedral St Maitland. For more info on the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP), please see [www.fssp.org](http://www.fssp.org)

Yours in Christ  
Most Reverend Michael Kennedy  
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



## QUEENSHIP OF MARY

August 22nd

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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.

## 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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Reference: Your Name

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