

About the Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary

In a society that often measures success by what we own, the Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary offer a different perspective. Their lives invite us to consider a simple but challenging question: what do we really need to live a life of meaning, purpose and joy?

Meet Sister Susanna, Sister Luz, Friar Christopher, Friar Peter, Sister Claire and Sister Azalea. While their distinctive habits may attract attention, it is their way of life that leaves a lasting impression. Founded on trust in God's providence, their community is committed to living the Gospel through simplicity, prayer and missionary zeal.

Inspired by Christ and the early disciples, they embrace a life of evangelical poverty as a witness to what truly matters. In a world marked by busyness and distraction, their commitment to prayer, poverty and evangelisation points to a deeper truth: that lasting fulfilment is found in relationship with God.

Prayer is at the heart of everything they do. Drawing on the traditions of the early Carmelites and Franciscans, their spirituality combines contemplation with mission, leading them into service, evangelisation and encounters with people from all walks of life.

At a time when many people are searching for meaning and purpose, their joyful simplicity offers a powerful reminder that Christ remains the source of lasting hope, freedom and joy. Beyond their unique lifestyle lies a deeper invitation: to rediscover what matters most and place Christ at the centre of life.



Every gift no matter the size, helps the Little Friars and Little Nuns continue their important mission.

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Mission &
Evangelisation



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in partnership with **MacKillop Parish**

Invite you to a **Parish Mission**

2 - 12 November 2026

With special participation from the Little Nuns & Friars of Jesus and Mary



Parish Mission Schedule



WHEN		ACTIVITY	WHERE
Monday 2 November	6:00 pm	All Souls Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	7:00 pm	Parish Mission Launch	Charlestown Precinct
Tuesday 3 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter: <i>Young Adults</i>	Charlestown Precinct
Wednesday 4 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter: <i>Why be Catholic?</i>	Charlestown Precinct
Thursday 5 November	8:00 am	Mass	Gateshead Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter: <i>Vocations! Who are you called to be?</i>	Charlestown Precinct
Friday 6 November	8:00 am	Mass	Gateshead Precinct
Saturday 7 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
	9:00 am	Women's Retreat Day	Charlestown Precinct
	5:00 pm	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
Sunday 8 November	9:00 am	Mass	Gateshead Precinct
	10:00 am	Men's Retreat Day	Gateshead Precinct
	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter	Charlestown Precinct
Monday 9 November	8:00 am	Mass	Charlestown Precinct
Tuesday 10 November	6.30 pm	Evening Encounter: <i>Towards Eucharist28</i>	Charlestown Precinct
Thursday 12 November	6:00 pm	Mass, Close of Parish Mission	Charlestown Precinct
	7:00 pm	Farewell Supper	Charlestown Precinct



What to expect

Tuesday 3 November

YOUNG ADULTS EVENING ENCOUNTER

Charlestown Precinct, 6.30 pm - 8:30 pm

Come and spend an evening with other young adults exploring faith, friendship, and life with Christ. Led by Sister Susanna and the Little Nuns and Friars of Jesus and Mary, we will explore life with Christ through prayer, personal testimony, reflection and conversation. Come as you are, meet other young adults and be encouraged on your journey of faith.

Wednesday 4 November

WHY BE CATHOLIC? EVENING ENCOUNTER

Charlestown Precinct, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Curious about the Catholic faith? Join us for an evening of reflection, conversation, and community as the Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary explore what it means to be Catholic today.

Thursday 5 November

VOCATION! WHO ARE YOU CALLED TO BE? EVENING ENCOUNTER

Charlestown Precinct, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Every person has a vocation. Join us for an evening of prayer and reflection as we explore how God speaks to His people and invites each of us to respond to His call. Through Scripture, personal stories, silent reflection, and small-group discussion, the Little Friars and Little Nuns consider how to recognise God's voice and discover the path He has prepared for us.

Saturday 7 November

WOMEN'S RETREAT: THE VIRTUES OF MARY

Charlestown Precinct, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Join the Little Nuns for a women's day retreat to spend some time in prayer and reflection together on what the Bible and the Church have to teach us about the virtues of the Virgin Mary, so that we can resemble her concretely in our own lives.

Sunday 8 November

MEN'S RETREAT: THE VIRTUES OF ST JOSEPH

Gateshead Precinct, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Join the Little Friars and Father Tony Potts for a men's retreat focused on the life and virtues of St Joseph. Through prayer, reflection and authentic conversation, discover what this humble saint can teach us about faith, courage, leadership and discipleship in today's world, and how his example can shape our lives as men of God.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

Charlestown Precinct, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Come pray with us! Guided by the Friars and Nuns, we will meditate together on the glorious mysteries of the rosary, digging into different passages of the Bible, the teachings of the Church, and meditations to understand how we can become better imitators of Christ, that is, better Christians.

Tuesday 10 November

TOWARDS EUCHARIST28 EVENING ENCOUNTER

Charlestown Precinct, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Join the Little Nuns as they explore the beauty and significance of the Eucharist and offer a glimpse into the exciting Eucharistic Congress ahead. We will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration.

We would be delighted to welcome you to these free events.

Simply scan the QR code to register and join us.

