



St Michael the Archangel,
A Warrior for Today

In Honour of the Angels

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“Blessed are the Merciful, for they will be shown mercy”

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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Dear Friends,

The Christmas Season marks the completion of another year. This year was made so memorable thanks to Pope Francis' designating it as the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. At the commencement, the Doors of Mercy were opened and the Holy Father implored all the faithful to take time to reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The desired outcome of the Jubilee year was our conversion. It was supposed to leave lasting fruits in the Church in the form of renewed zeal for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this special time the Church petitioned God for mercy for all people in the face of all kinds of evil that is hanging over humanity in our days.

The Church brought to our attention the fact that the Christians of the first ages, through practicing works of mercy, showed the world that they belonged to Jesus. The citizens of Antioch who saw this, called them Christians—people who belong to Christ. By observing how they lived and acted they associated them with Jesus Christ. Maybe we should reflect for a moment and ask ourselves, if by seeing our communities would others associate us with Jesus Christ?

On the 20th November, Feast of Christ the King, the Doors of Mercy were ceremonially closed by the Holy Father in Rome and all Bishops in dioceses around the world. Officially the Year of Mercy came to a close. How did we use this blessed time? Did we permit ourselves to enter into the mystery of God's mercy?

To all those gathered for the Christ the King procession and for the ceremonial closing of the Doors of Mercy at St Mary's Cathedral, Archbishop Anthony Fisher commented at the end of his homily, that although we are symbolically closing the Year of Mercy, the might of God's Mercy is so powerful that no-one and nothing is able to close it.

Fr Janusz Bienick CSMA

*Wishing you
all a very
Merry Christmas
and a blessed
2017!*



Chronicles



St Michael's Parish, Hurstville — Fatima Devotions

During one of the apparitions in Fatima in 1917, Blessed Mother Mary said: "Look my daughter—my heart is surrounded by thorns which is being pierced by the blasphemy of ungrateful people—at least you try to bring me some joy and declare on my behalf that at the hour of their death I will come with the graces necessary for salvation, to all those who for 5 months on the first Saturdays, in a state of grace receive Holy Communion, say the Rosary and for 15 minutes meditate on the mysteries and thus accompany me in the intention of expiation."

In preparation for the Centenary of the Mary Apparitions at Fatima, *Australia Needs Fatima* issued an appeal to parishes for the Rosary to be said in public places on Saturday 15th October. The Hurstville Praesidium of the Legion of Mary in cooperation with the parish chose to do it in Hurstville park. On this morning, many gathered in the park to pray the Rosary and say the Fatima prayers to implore God through the intercession of Mary for peace in the world and families.



Afterwards, the parish priest Fr Janusz Bieniek, suggested to continue these devotions through the year of 2017 to awaken among parishioners the messages of Mary at Fatima and as a lead up to the celebrations of 100 years of the Apparitions. This idea was met with great enthusiasm and the Legion of Mary volunteered to prepare and coordinate the devotions. Following the request of Our Lady, it was agreed that devotions would take place on the

first Saturday of every month starting November 2016.

On Saturday 5th November at the Vigil Mass, Fr Janusz Bieniek with assistant priest, Fr Kenneth Kaimalan, blessed a Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, then after Mass, parishioners made a procession of light to Mary's Grotto in the church grounds singing the Fatima songs. At the grotto they prayed the Rosary, litany to Our Lady and recited Fatima prayers. All are welcome to join the devotions on the first Saturday of every month commencing with Mass at 5pm.

Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde - All Souls Mass with Bishop Randazzo

Newly appointed, **Most Reverend, Anthony Randazzo, Auxillary Bishop of Sydney** celebrated the Annual All Souls Mass at Macquarie Park Cemetery North Ryde on Saturday 5th November 2016. Concelebrating CSMA priests present were Fr Stan Kluk, Parish Priest of North Ryde and assistant priests Fr Peter Kaupa and Fr Anthony Casamento.

Bishop Randazzo spoke about how he was grateful for this feast because it gives everyone the opportunity to take time, reflect and remember those who we were once very close to. He talked about the beauty of striving for our eternal destination to be with Jesus, our Saviour. He encouraged all to pray for those buried in this cemetery and may their souls be resting in the peace of Christ Jesus.





The 3 holy relics from: Bl. Peter Torot, St Faustina and St John Paul II

Installment of Relics at Divine Mercy Shrine, Rukus PNG.



22nd October 2016 was a special day in Rukus, PNG. On this day, the newly built Divine Mercy Shrine enthroned the 1st Degree of the Relics of St Faustina, personally brought by Fr Bogdan Swierzkewski from the Divine Mercy Shrine Lagiewniki (Krakow) in Poland. The ceremony was presided by Bishop Dariusz Kaluza MSF of the Diocese of Goroka. In his homily, Bishop emphasized the need to show mercy to other people by the example of one's own life as Sr Faustina did in her life.

Prior to the celebration, a 3 day retreat was offered as a preparation for the event. Among the people taking part there were pilgrims from the Isle of Rabaul the place of the first PNG Blessed, Peter Torot Patron of Catechists. On the day of the ceremony, about 2000 of the faithful took part. It was a special occasion to thank God for the gift of the Consecration of the Shrine which took place exactly 1 year ago, 22nd October 2015 on the liturgy commemoration of St John Paul II.

During the celebration, Bishop Dariusz also blessed the statue of Blessed Peter Torot which was a gift of the pilgrims from Rabaul as well as a statue of St John Paul II which is designated for the newly built high school in the neighbouring village Muk which is dedicated to his Patronage.



Frs Bogdan (centre) and Joseph (far right) with Bishop Dariusz and parishioners.



Bishop Dariusz Kaluza MSF- from Goroka Diocese celebrated Mass

Finally to mission work in PNG!

After almost 2 years of English language studies and many legal administrations, Fr Piotr Hadro received all his documents, work permit and visa and finally headed for PNG on 5th December. While there, he will be learning Pisin (the local language) and in the future will be responsible for the preparation, education and formation of candidates for the CSMA.

Fr Piotr wishes to extend his gratitude for all those who helped and friendships he gained while working in the CSMA parishes of Clovelly and Hurstville. He requested that you would keep him in your prayers.



Knights of St Michael The Archangel



This is a lay Catholic Religious Movement whose members under the banner of St Michael are set on a mission to proclaim the victory of Christ over Satan, to obtain the conversion of sinners and to expiate for the sins of humankind.

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St Michael Mission Society Works

Report from the AGM

Traditionally, every year, on the first Tuesday following the Feast of Saint Michael, we hold our Annual General Meeting at Holy Spirit North Ryde. This year it was special because it marked 20 years of the work of the Society. The meeting started with a prayer and welcome address by the chaplain, Fr Janusz Bieniek thanking all those present from the parishes of North Ryde, Terrigal, Hurstville and Chatswood as well as all Committee Members for their commitment. In his report he outlined the latest activities of the Society. Firstly he applauded the great effort in conducting the mission fundraiser in Sydney parishes by Margaret Vella and the team of helpers from Hurstville Parish as well as the generous contribution of wine by Frank Moschella that assisted this cause. In addition to the funds collected, this fundraiser motivated people across the Sydney Archdiocese to offer many items to the containers headed for the missions. He then expressed his gratitude to Jason and his team from North Ryde Parish for the abundant work with organising the shipment of another 2 containers to Mt Hagen, PNG.

On the spiritual aspect, Fr Janusz commented on the great impact that the pilgrim Statue of St Michael from Gargano made on the Michaelite parishes in Australia but especially in Papua New Guinea where it became an officially celebrated diocesan event. He was pleased to report on the progress of devotions to St Michael that is taking place among

the faithful assisted by the St Michael Chaplet leaflet, devotions booklet and other printed items promoting piety to St Michael and the Holy Angels.

Next, the new Michaelite Provincial Superior, Fr Stan Kluk shared about his recent visit to PNG, and how he was awe struck and overwhelmed with the beauty of the work done with the Divine Mercy Shrine in Rukus, to which SMMS has contributed funds towards the construction over the years. He made an appeal to the society to help fund the purchase of bells which the people of Rukus would like to have installed at the Shrine. He was also approached about providing useful textbooks for the St John Paul II High School in the neighbouring village of Muk. While there, the local Bishop asked him for more priests and Fr Stan was happy to announce the appointment of Fr Piotr Hadro to the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen in December 2016.

Nadia Caravello, the Treasurer of SMMS, submitted the full financial statement for the last financial year. Firstly she commented on the great significance of the donations to the Religious Sisters in Vanimo which contributed to the medical treatment and almost miraculous recovery of little Maria Joseph who was in desperate need of a complicated operation on her legs. Secondly, the importance of financial assistance to provide a new water system for the Michaelite Monastery and Formation House in Mt Hagen was noted. Lastly, the continuous financial support for the ongoing education of candidates, seminarians & priests in PNG was commended



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**All proceeds go to the
St Michael Mission Society to assist
the Missions in Papua New Guinea**