



St Michael the Archangel,  
A Warrior for Today

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## 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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## Fatima Centenary

**D**ear Friends,  
The month of May traditionally is the month of Our Lady, but this year was even more special, as it marked the centenary celebration of the apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. The simple and clear message delivered by Mary 100 years ago to the three children, calling the world to repentance, penance and prayer is as valid today as it was then.

When we see all the wars and persecutions, terrorism and violence around us we realize that only Jesus, the Prince of Peace has the power to solve the issues of our troubled world. Mary of Fatima is urging us Christians, to be disciples of Jesus, to offer our prayers of intercessions for peace in our world.

As we see less people attending our churches today, it is even more important for us to try to increase our fervour in our commitment and prayer to proclaim the message of Jesus and pray for peace in our troubled world. This is the mission to which the Holy Father, Pope Francis encourages us in his homily at the Mass at Fatima on 13th May when he said:

*Indeed God created us a source of hope for others, a true attainable hope, in accordance with each person's state of life. In "asking" and "demanding" of each of us the fulfilment of the duties of our proper state (Letters of Sister Lucia, 28 February 1943), God effects a general mobilization against the indifference that chills the heart and worsens our myopia. We do not want to be a stillborn hope! Life can survive only because of the generosity of other lives. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12:24)*

To mark the centenary of Our Lady's apparitions, the Holy See has granted a special plenary indulgence **"to the pious faithful who visit with devotion an image of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly displayed for public veneration in any church, oratory or adequate**

**place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions (13th of each month from May to October 2017)."**

I would like to encourage our Michaelite parishes to dedicate a place to enshrine the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for veneration that the faithful may benefit from this special time of grace. In the words of Pope Francis, "With Mary's protection may we be for our world sentinels of the dawn, contemplating the true face of Jesus, the Saviour of the world."

*Fr Janusz Bieniek, CSMA*



Praying the Rosary in front of statue of Our Lady of Fatima— Saturday 13th May 2017 in outdoor Grotto in Hurstville parish

# St Anthony's Clovelly Celebrates 100 Years



2017 is a special year for the Parish of St Anthony of Padua Clovelly as it celebrates 100 years jubilee. The celebrations commenced with the Centenary Mass on 21st May presided by Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher with him was Emeritus Bishop of Broken Bay, David Walker (who was baptised there). Concelebrating was the Parish Priest Fr Pawel Kopczynski CSMA (since 2013), previous Parish Priests Fr Janusz Bieniek CSMA (2010-2013) and Fr George Connolly (1984-2010), Michaelite Superior Fr Stan Kluk CSMA, Franciscan Superior Fr Philip Miscamble OFM and Fr Matthew Gigges (a local who was ordained there).

Also in attendance were members of religious orders who worked and resided in the parish: Sisters of St Joseph (1919—1947) and Visitation Sisters (1954-2002). There were local politicians and a large congregation of parishioners past and present. The beautiful liturgy was led by the famous 'Clovelly Singers' and the young talents from the primary school. After Mass, celebrations continued in the school grounds where the school principal, Ms Kim Whyte and teachers had prepared a historical display which was enjoyed by past students and parishioners. There was plenty of food, beverages and a special 100 year cake. Also special St Anthony mementos were available for purchase, eg. Centenary wine bottles and St Anthony tea towels.

The event was widely publicised with articles in the Catholic Weekly and the Sydney Morning Herald thanks to the very diligent and hard work by long time Parish Secretary, Joanne Russell who compiled a short history from the parish archives and aided by Arlie McFadden. Celebrations and events will continue throughout the year coordinated by the committee chaired by Richard Haddock.

The Michaelite Fathers moved to the parish under the invitation of Cardinal George Pell in 2010. Fr Janusz Bieniek was the parish priest and Fr Pawel Kopczynski was chaplain at Prince of Wales Hospital. In their time the church narthex (foyer) was constructed, disabled access improved, fire safety measures installed, the rockery removed to provide car parking, parish website established, convent renovated and original presbytery building was leased to a child care centre to secure future parish finances.



Archbishop Fisher cutting cake with Parish Priest, Fr Pawel Kopczynski, and former Parish Priest, Fr Janusz Bieniek looking on



Soon after the centenary celebration there was the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young parishioners presided by Bishop Richard Umbers

# Parish life chronicles

## Hurstville Parish

On Saturday 10th June at 2pm, Mass was presided over by Most Reverend Fr Michael McLean, Episcopal



Vicar for Education, where 34 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation. I would like to thank St Mary Star of the Sea primary school staff who helped prepare the children in

their classes, the parish community who prayed for the children, the parents and sponsors, everyone involved in liturgy preparations and especially to our Sacramental Team who throughout the program prepared the children for receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit and for creating such a memorable day.

*Fr Janusz Bienick CSMA*

## Terrigal Parish

On Saturday 10th June we had 140 children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Peter Comensoli spoke to the children in a loving simple way using the analogy of teeth. There were many happy faces smiling to show their baby teeth and the gaps making way for the bigger teeth. Bishop explained how with your bigger teeth you can eat grown up food like steak and whole apples. So now being confirmed you are growing in your faith, so you can handle and understand more grown up things about faith. It was a happy grace filled day for us



at Terrigal. We were proud of our Michaelite priests, Frs Jacek Kokosa and George Gorzkowski who minister to our spiritual needs in this beautiful parish.

*Janette Merrotsy*

## North Ryde Parish

On the Feast of Pentecost this year, Holy Spirit Parish North Ryde concluded its Jubilee Year of celebrations for its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The parish was established on Pentecost Sunday 1956. Celebrations at Holy Spirit Parish on Pentecost Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017, began with



the 10:30am Mass (one morning Mass only). The Mass had a strong celebratory spirit and was joy filled. The School Choir greatly enhanced the liturgy as well as the school children with many different international flags processing in with the Gospel book. The Universal Prayer was prayed in eight different languages and this too was very moving. Our Parish Priest, Fr Stan Kluk encouraged us all to be united and joyful in the many gifts bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit. The Mass was followed by an International Food Fair in our parish hall with many people attending. As well as enjoying the great food, the children (and Parish Priest) had great fun in the jumping castle!

*Nadia Caravello*

## Time of Renewal

Priests and Brothers of the CSMA Pacific Vice Province from Australia and PNG gathered in their religious house at North Ryde, after the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday to



CSMA Fathers from Pacific Vice Province

continue the immersion in God's mercy while taking part in the annual spiritual retreat. The retreat was directed by Fr David Braithwaite, SI, a director of a Jesuit Academic Youth Centre in Sydney. Fr David who is a good friend of the CSMA Congregation shared his faith and vocation based on Ignatian Spirituality—so dear to our Founder, Bl Markiewicz. *Fr Dominik Karwas CSMA*

## 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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# Papal Crown for Mother of God



On Sunday 11th June in The Michaelite Mother House in Miejsce Piastowe, Poland, a unique ceremony took place. The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was crowned with the Papal Crown. The ceremony was presided by local archbishop Adam Szal and Superior General Fr Dariusz Wilk CSMA, in the presence of many concelebrating priests and a large crowd of the faithful. *Mother of God loves this place in a very special way*—said the homilist, archbishop Jozef Micha-

lik—*She wants to be venerated and petitioned here and she wants to distribute multiple graces. God chose Mary so that we could touch, hear and experience God's Love. It is not by chance that we consecrate to her the world, that we come to her here, that our Marian devotion is a breath of faith in Poland.* The crowning ceremony took place after the homily. First the decrees from the Holy See were read, next archbishop Szal said the *Prayer of Coronation* and then archbishops, bishops and the Superior General placed the crown on the Statue of the Mother of God. The moment of crowning was witnessed in solemn silence and then all gave praise to God in a joyful hymn, *Te Deum Laudamus*.

### Mother Mary has a special place



Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz, at the very beginning of his work in Miejsce Piastowe, desired that the person of the Blessed Virgin Mary, would have a special place among his pupils and followers. He enshrined the Statue of Our Lady, who in this image became very close to not only the orphans he cared for but also the faithful coming to the Shrine of the Mother of God, Queen of Poland

## Visiting PNG



Fr Stan Kluk visiting local parishioners in PNG

On a recent visit to PNG with Fr Stan Kluk, we met up with the CSMA missionary Fathers Josef Pekala, Piotr Hadro and Peter Kaupa. This being my 4th visit to PNG, I was left with an even deeper respect for our missionaries and the people that work there day after day in an uneasy environment. It was election time in PNG and we were advised that there is often a lot of unrest. The saddest thing I saw was a huge sign on the hospital gate in Mt Hagan saying: *there is no medicine so go home and look after yourself*. At the Catholic Medical Centre the sisters advised that for the first time there was not even any Panadol. Let us be mindful of these things and like St Therese of Lisieux, pray daily for the Missions.

*Janette Merrotsy*

### ??? Trivia Night ???

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
at 7pm

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