Parish Priest

Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek CSMA Assistant Priest

Rev George Gorzkowski CSMA

Visiting Priest Rev Thomas Lasen CSMA

Parish Office

Margaret
Thu 10am-2pm
Maria, Colleen

Mon, Tue, Fri: 10am-2pm

Accounts Carmela

Pastoral Coordinator Valerie
Catechist Coordinator Margaret T

Youth Coordinator Olivia

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil Masses):

5.00pm

7.00pm Spanish

7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

10.00am Family Mass

3.00pm Cantonese (4th)

12.15pm Mandarin (1st & 3rd)

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday - Friday: 8.30am

Saturday: 9.15am

Friday (1st):

7.00pm Sacred Heart Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9.45am, 4.15pm

Anointing of the Sick

9.15am 1st Saturday of the month Or call the priest anytime

Marriage

Contact the priest 6 months prior

Devotions

Monday - Friday:

9.15am Rosary & Divine Mercy

Tuesday:

6.00pm Marian Cenacle

7.00pm St Michael & Holy Angels Thursday:

10.30am Marian Cenacle Croatian Friday:

9.00am Padre Pio (1st)

6.00pm Sacred Heart of Jesus (1st) Adoration & Holy Mass

Saturday:

9.45am Perpetual Help Novena

10.30am Marian Cenacle

1.00pm Alliance of Two Hearts

3.00pm Divine Mercy (4th)

6.00pm Our Lady of Fatima (1st)

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

Monday to Friday

7.30am - 8.30am; 9.00am onwards

Saturday

9.45am - 12pm

<u>Tuesday evening</u>

6.00pm - 9.00pm

Friday evening

7.30pm - 9.00pm

RCIA (from July until Easter) Tuesdays 8.00pm (except 1st)

Legion of Mary

Wednesdays 7.30pm

Baptism Instruction

Wednesdays 7.30pm (1st)

RCIA Cantonese (Margaret) Sundays 10.30am

RCIA Mandarin (Elsie/Urey) Sundays 10.50am (1st & 3rd)

Young Adults at St Michael's Sundays 7.00pm

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Under the Pastoral Care of

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7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter Year B

Confirmation for Adults

on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May 2024

At St Mary's Cathedral

Instruction sessions in the Parish Office rooms at 8.00 pm:

On Tuesday, 30th April On Tuesday, 7th May On Tuesday, 14th May

To register, email the parish office your contact details then turn up for the instruction sessions.

We are grateful for the wonderful work by our generous volunteers that made our HOLY WEEK celebrations solemn, beautiful and uplifting.

May we praise the RISEN LORD for His abundant blessings!

DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY

For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world!



The Divine Mercy message:

A – Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

READERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, ACOLYTES

Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz, Director of the Liturgy Office in the Archdiocese of Sydney will be running Liturgical Courses for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes (or Senior Altar Servers) here at St Michael's.

The course sessions will be held in the Church on Mondays from 6pm - 9pm on the following dates:

Readers (2 sessions) 9 September 16 September

Extraordinary Ministers (3 sessions) 14 October 21 October 28 October

Acolytes (3 sessions) 4 November 11 November 18 November

Please save the dates on your calendar. Registration is essential.

Volunteers, you may pick up the registration forms from the parish office.

If you would like to be a volunteer, contact the parish office to register. Leave your full name, mobile number and email address. A current WWCC number is required.

The Extraordinary Minister Liturgical Course is a prerequisite for the Acolyte Course.

Tea and coffee will be provided in the Corroboree Room.

THE COURSES ARE FOR FREE!

Easter Dues \$1807.80 Holy Land Appeal \$1896.75 Project Compassion \$1647.15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR

GENEROSITY!

Sunday Mass Collections		
	24 March	31 March
1st Collection blue bag	\$1257.50	\$2204.10
2nd Collection red bag Planned Giving	\$738.45 \$405.00	\$1261.20 \$464.00

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 117:2-4.15-18.22-24.R. v.1

- R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- R: Let the sons of Israel say:
 'His love has no end.'
 Let the sons of Aaron say:
 'His love has no end.'
 Let those who fear the Lord say:
 'His love has no end.'
- All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- R: The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
 his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live
 and recount his deeds.
 I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
 but not doomed to die.
- All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- R: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

 This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

 This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
- All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST RECONCILIATION

Registration forms submission deadline: Friday, 12th April

This is for children in year 2 (or for those in higher years who have missed out on this sacrament).

The registration forms may be downloaded from the parish website.

Place the completed forms in the parish office letter box (just outside the parish office door).

The parent meeting is on Thursday, 2nd May.

If you would like to help out for the sacramental program please email the parish office your contact details. A current Working with Children Check number is required.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Pray for the sick: Bob Hinson, Sandra Kirner, Henry Chau, Anna, Svetlana, Leonor, Sofia, Xi, Mother Pauline.

Pray for the recently departed: Monica McInerney, John Mercer, Fred Perera, Jose Tony Quiros, Helen Kwan, Jaime Napoleon Centeno Ching, Demetria Dela Rosa Barros.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now especially Fortunato Custodio.

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Pray for Shianti and her family as well as Lin's family.

Pray for Florence Mumbiki on her birthday.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Abuse is a crime. The people who deal with crime are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused in any way, please contact the police. You can also contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. Your Parish Priest may be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a legal obligation to alert police about crimes reported to them.