

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
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
Tuesday evening
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



St Michael's Catholic Church

Under the Pastoral Care of

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14 April 2024
Third 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.

Theological Virtues

All virtues have as their final scope to dispose man to acts conducive to his true happiness. The happiness, however, of which man is capable is twofold, namely, natural, which is attainable by man's natural powers, and supernatural, which exceeds the capacity of unaided human nature. Since, therefore, merely natural principles of human action are inadequate to a supernatural end, it is necessary that man be endowed with supernatural powers to enable him to attain his final destiny. Now these supernatural principles are nothing else than the theological virtues. They are called theological:

- *because they have God for their immediate and proper object;
- *because they are Divinely infused;
- *because they are known only through Divine Revelation.

The theological virtues are three:

FAITH HOPE CHARITY



THE LEGION OF MARY

OUR LADY GATE OF HEAVEN

PRAESIDIUM

WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30 PM

PARISH MEETING ROOM I

The vibrancy of our community largely depends upon you. **Are you involved yet in our parish life?** If not, please consider it seriously. The harvest is great but the labourers are few. If you want to be a part of any group or activity please contact the parish office (email or phone) or just turn up for the event. All activities are announced in the bulletin (the regular ones are listed on the left hand panel this page of the bulletin).

Day of the Unborn Child

Sunday, 14th April

The International Day of the Unborn Child is commemorated annually on the Feast of the Annunciation, 25 March (from whence the early Christians derived the date of the Nativity of Our Lord or Christmas, nine months later). Established worldwide by Pope John Paul II, it started in 1993 when El Salvador became the first nation to officially celebrate the "Day of the Right to Be Born".

As the **Life and Family Institute** explains:

"It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion."



The website **Day of the Unborn Child** adds:

"Regardless of whether one emphasizes the secular or religious aspects of the March 25th memorial, the symbolic interval of a full-term pregnancy reminds us of the reality, importance, and dignity of human life from day one at the moment of conception."

This year, as 25 March fell within Holy Week, the celebration of the Annunciation was postponed to the Monday after the first week of Easter, this past Monday, 8th April - and the Day of the Unborn Child will be marked this Sunday, 14 April.

~Jean Seah 12/4/2024 THE DAILY DECLARATION

Support our Parish

Access our **BPoint** 
for donations and
payments using this
QR Code. Thank you! 

Sunday Mass Collections

	31 March	7 April
1st Collection blue bag	\$2204.10	\$874.35
2nd Collection red bag	\$1261.20	\$468.85
Planned Giving	\$464.00	\$340.00

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7*

R: Lord, let your face shine on us.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

R: When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

R: It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

R: 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

R: I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

If your children would like to be ALTAR SERVERS, please bring them to Church 15 minutes before Mass starts. The acolytes will guide the children in serving at Mass. To become altar servers, the children must have had their First Holy Communion.



The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been visiting the families of our parish over many years. The visits may be requested to mark special occasions or when special prayers are needed. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima stays for a week in each home. Please contact the parish office to request a visit.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST RECONCILIATION

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 2:1-5*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation *See Luke 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 24:35-48*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

If the parish office is unattended when you come to visit, please leave a note and place it in the black letter box with your details and query. Alternatively, please email the parish office. Mass offering envelopes, note paper and pens can be found in the drawer of the white table in the little foyer just outside the parish office door.

Thank you for your patience!

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

Pray for the recently departed: John Mercer, Fred Perera, Eva Sakrs, Arthur Budihalim, Abboud Sarkis.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Pius Thomas, Oranzio Pemisi, Rosa Pemisi, Maria Di Matte, Olga Tijardovic, Macarena Muñoz.

Pray also for the souls of Joseph George Sakr, Mary Sakr, Lambros Ahilas, the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Pray for Magdalena Ruiz on her birthday.

Pray for the intercession of St Anthony of Padua.

Pray for all priests, nuns & other workers in the Lord's Vineyard.

Pray for the intentions of the St Pio prayer group.

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.