

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

the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel

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28 April 2024 Fifth 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.


DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



FRIDAY 3RD OF MAY
6.00 PM ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
7.00 PM MASS OFFERED FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

**THE LEGION OF MARY**
 OUR LADY GATE OF HEAVEN
 PRAESIDIUM
 WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30 PM
 PARISH MEETING ROOM I

Anointing of the Sick



Within the Mass
 9.15 am
 Saturday, 4th May

Devotion to St Michael and the Holy Angels



Tuesdays at 7 pm
 in the Church
 With Adoration
 and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima
 4th May
*Rosary after the 5.00 pm Mass
 Offered for the intentions of Pope Francis*

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).


Weekend Retreat
 by Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD
 & Cristina Leontini
 On the Life of Sr Mariam Baouardy, 'the little nothing'
 May 10 - May 12, 2024
 6pm (Friday) - 12:30pm (Sunday)
 Mt Carmel Priory, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW
 COST: \$330 (meals & accommodation)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for
Children's Liturgy
 For children aged between
5 and 11 years
Sunday, 10.00 am Mass
 A CURRENT WORKING
 WITH CHILDREN CHECK IS
 ESSENTIAL



OVERNIGHT ADORATION ON THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Friday, 7th June
 6.00 pm adoration + reconciliation
 7.00 pm Holy Mass
 8.00 pm adoration until 9.00 am of the next day which is the FEAST of the
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
 (King's birthday on Monday, 10th June)

Support our Parish

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

Sunday Mass Collections		
	14 April	21 April
1st Collection blue bag	\$840.15	\$845.25
2nd Collection red bag	\$499.25	\$483.30
Planned Giving	\$615.00	\$400.05

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26*

R: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

R: My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

R: All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

All: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

R: And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
‘These things the Lord has done.’

All: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading *1 John 3:18-24*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God’s presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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) by Tuesday, 30th April. The parent meeting is on Thursday, 2nd May.

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.

Gospel Acclamation *John 15:4-5*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel *John 15:1-8*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’

April 29	M	St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
April 30	T	St Pius V, pope
May 1	W	St Joseph the Worker
May 2	T	St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
May 3	F	St Philip & St James, apostles

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.

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: Angy, Sr Louise Byrne, Josephine Ferraro Almo, Sandra Kirner, Henry Chau, Edward Gorzkowski.
Pray for the recently departed: : Michael Shiel, Aurelia Muscat, Marie Doherty, John Mercer, Fred Perera.
Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Esperanza Inventor.
Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them.