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St Michael's Catholic Church

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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)

16 June 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



DIVINE MERCY

DEVOTION

Saturday 22nd June

Hour of Mercy

3.00 pm

Jesus, I trust in You!

The 6 Precepts of the Church (The Duties of a Catholic)

- To go to Mass and refrain from servile work on Sundays and holy days
- To go to Confession at least once a year (traditionally done during Lent)
- To receive the Eucharist at least once a year, during the Easter Season (known as the "Easter duty")
- To observe the days of fasting and abstinence
- To help to provide for the needs of the Church according to one's abilities and station in life
- To obey the marriage laws of the Church

Why Be Catholic?

In Catholicism you will find answers to life's most troubling questions: Why am I here? Who made me? What must I believe? How must I act? All these can be answered to your satisfaction, if only you will open yourself to God's grace, turn to the Church he established, and follow his plan for you (John 7:17).

God's plan for you is simple. Your loving Father wants to give you all good things—especially eternal life. Jesus died on the cross to save us all from sin and the eternal separation from God that sin causes (CCC 599-623). When he saves us, he makes us part of his Body, which is the Church (1 Cor. 12:27-30). We thus become united with him and with Christians everywhere (on earth, in heaven, in purgatory).

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA provides an opportunity for people to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Every Tuesday
(Except the 1st Tuesday of the month)
At 8.00pm
(after the devotion to St Michael)
In the St Michael's parish office

FROM TUESDAY, 9TH JULY 2024

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian. We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.
Fr Michael Tate

Catholic Mission appeal

Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies. As the Pope's international mission agency, we respond to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith in action and through prayer. We share in God's mission to reach out and give life by sharing our personal and financial resources to: proclaim the Gospel, serve people in need and act for peace, justice and creation in partnership with local churches so that all may have life in Christ.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This is for children in year 3 (or for those in higher years who have missed out on this sacrament).

The registration form may be downloaded from the parish website.

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

Submit forms by Friday, 7th July.

Support our Parish

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



Sunday Mass Collections

	2 June	9 June
1st Collection blue bag	\$822.85	\$1042.80
2nd Collection red bag	\$440.75	\$498.65
Planned Giving	\$360.00	\$1050.05

First Reading *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2*

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

R: It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

R: The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

R: Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

THE LEGION OF MARY
OUR LADY GATE OF HEAVEN PRAESIDIUM
WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30 PM
PARISH MEETING ROOM 1

**Devotion to our Mother of Perpetual Help
After the 9.15 am Mass on Saturdays**

**Devotion to St Michael and the Holy Angels
Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Church
With Adoration and Benediction**

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been visiting the families of our parish over many years. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima stays for a week in each home. Please contact the parish office to request a visit.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 4:26-34*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Parish Renewal Conference

Saturday, 3rd August 8.45am-5.00pm

Liverpool Catholic Club

424-458 Hoxton Park Rd PRESTONS

\$90 (registration closes 19th July)

"For such a time as this" Esther 4:14

Be part of the transformation in our Church today!

PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE ATTENDING AS A ST MICHAEL'S PARISHIONER.



PLANNED GIVING donations received before Sunday, 23rd of June will be included in the 2023-2024 financial year. CWF donations will be accepted up until Sunday, 23rd of June.

Pray for the sick: Mark Halavazis, Henry Chau, Sylvia Ocampo. Pray for the recently departed: Evelyn Perera, Antony Mok, John Dung Nguyen, Charles Reincastle, Christalia Lardicos, Dorothy Ryan.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Charles Purrone, Delfin Espolon, Josefina Espolon Ocampo, Janti Bonie, Pierre Dehny, Milka Pernar, Peter Fernandes, Fred Perera.

Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them.

Pray for the families Sakr, Boulos, Ahilas, El Khouri.

Thanksgiving prayer is offered by Fernandes family.

Thanksgiving prayer is offered by Evelyn Ciciotti.

Pray for Maria Perugini on her birthday.