

Celebrating 110 years since the dedication of
St Michael's Church
1909 - 2019

Jubilee Mass

Sunday, 5th May 2019



St Michael's Catholic Church, Hurstville
Under the Care of the Michaelite Fathers

5 May 2019



Message from our Parish Priest Fr Janusz

On the 16th May 1909, about a year after the foundation stone was laid, Cardinal Moran dedicated the completed St Michael's Church. This Sunday, we thank God as we celebrate the 110th anniversary of the dedication of this edifice where we faithfully gather every Sunday (maybe even every day for some!) to meet God in his Word and in the Eucharistic presence of Christ. We know we can pray anywhere but the church is the dwelling place of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and hence the heart of every parish community. In the church we experience that faith is not only a private matter. As St Bernard said: "...not the stones of this temple are holy and they do not require our worship. But you are holy and thanks to you this house of God is holy."

In the liturgical year, there are 2 days that are especially important for each church: the day of its patron saint and the anniversary of its dedication. The first of these is equivalent to a name day and we celebrate this on 29th September on the Feast of the Holy Archangels. The anniversary of the dedication or consecration of the church may be described as analogous to the memories of our baptism. Through baptism, we become children of God; through dedication, the church building is reserved to the exclusive service of God and is rendered fit and suitable for Divine worship. St Michael's then is God's house and over the last 110 years has only been used to worship him and to nourish our spiritual souls.

I am grateful to God for the gift of this Church and for the opportunity to gather as one family to strengthen our community spirit and to renew friendships.

My thanks to Archbishop Anthony for remembering us and for wishing us well. I am grateful to Fr Tadeusz Seremet SDS for joining fully with our celebrations by preaching in all the Masses this weekend.

I also extend my gratitude to those who have contributed in any way to this Church and to this parish and, in particular, those who took care of the spiritual nourishment of parishioners past and present: the visiting priests;

those who have conducted our parish retreats; the Verbum Dei Missionaries; the Sisters of Our Lady of China; the Sisters of Charity; and the priests who ministered in this parish especially my immediate predecessors: Fr Mani Malana, Bishop David Cremin and Fr Ron Harden.

We continue to pray for Leena Langatuki for her continued recovery but I also ask you to keep our volunteers Colleen, Dora, Valerie, Carmela who have been running the parish office over the last 3 months in your prayers.

Thank you to Tom Carson and Joe Grima who, for many years, have been helping with the parish banking; to John Mercer, Willie Jahja and Pat McGrath who serve as acolytes for the weekday Masses; to Antonietta Tuscano who, until recently looked after the Altar linen; to Yen Jahja who opens up the church every day and makes sure it is ready for Mass; to Antoinette Zakaria who arranges the altar flowers; to Elizabeth Vong who prepares the weekly Prayer of the Faithful; to John Romanous for organising the acolytes; to Pat Hinson and Sandra Mak for coordinating extraordinary ministers and readers; to Stefanie Lia who coordinates the Paschal Triduum Liturgy, to the Joy Vaz group (Joy, Carol, Julie, Patricia, Matthew, Geoff), Eddie Lising group, St Cecilia Choir, Endravian family, Fran Long, Ann Grout-Smith, Colleen Calopedis, Gonzaga family and the new St Michael Choir for their contribution to the music ministry; to Elsie Lau, Urey Lau, Margaret Tham and Alberto Baccin who organise our ethnic Masses; to Maureen & Con Coutinho for organising morning tea after the 10am Mass; to Christie Mak for designing our Jubilee logo and to Bob Hamblion, Michael Troiano and Lou Maffina for organising our Jubilee Lunch. St Michael's is very fortunate for having parishioners who are willing to give of their time and talent to ensure that the parish runs smoothly.

And to you, my parishioners, my thanks for your support and your prayers. May all the holy angels guide you and keep you under their protection.

God bless you all,

Fr Janusz

Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek CSMA



6 March 2019

Message from Archbishop Anthony



I offer my warmest congratulations to the parish of St Michael's Hurstville, as you celebrate your 110th anniversary this year.

From humble beginnings in a church building which doubled as a school run by the Sisters of Charity, the parish grew to the present church, opened on 16 May 1909. Though there have been alterations since then, the building remains the same, and I've no doubt the same is true of your parish spirit.

Anniversaries are often times of reflection. To look back on milestone events and on the quiet beats of every day gives a new perspective on the past and renews our fervour for the future. During the last hundred years the people of this parish have no doubt braved new challenges, and overcome adversity, but it is my hope that you have also experienced unimaginable joys, and through this journey you have found alongside you many friends with whom you have shared so much and who celebrate with you today.

So I join with the parishioners of St Michael's in thanking God for the many blessings and graces He has bestowed on this community, and which this community has bestowed on Australia. As the parish celebrates its 110th anniversary, we give thanks to those who have contributed so much to the growth and spirit of its members, and draw on their inspiration for the future, and the years ahead.

Happy birthday St Michael's parish!

+ Anthony Fisher OP

Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, DD BA LIB BTheol DPhil



Message from Bishop David

I recall as if yesterday my first day at St Michael's. I had just been ordained a Bishop and appointed to live at Hurstville. On that first evening, I was invited to dinner with my sister, Sister Monica (a sister of Mercy) who came to my ordination. We were welcomed by our beloved Sisters of Charity to a lovely meal.

I was given a very warm welcome by Father Ron and sadly, I am writing this on the fourth anniversary of his death, RIP. Remembering that Father Ron was Parish Priest of St Michael's before I came, he very graciously accepted and welcomed me as the new Pastor.

My appointment was also meant that I was to be the Bishop of the newly-established Southern Region of the Archdiocese as the local Church moved to decentralise. I was more than scared and apprehensive as a young bishop wondering how I would be accepted by much older and far more experienced Priests of the area. I spent my days visiting Parishes and schools, celebrating Confirmations, attending endless meetings but what a joy it was to come home to our Presbytery.

There I always found the warmest friendship. There was Ronnie at the head of the table. The dear old Father Arthur Maher had been part of the family since the days of our former Pastor, much loved Father Tom Dunlea. Father Arthur used to regale us with stories of his days in Rome and later in Cowra and Donnedoo. His "Games for God" were legendary. I remember asking one of the moms if the children understood the games. She said, "Not really, but we all love Fr Arthur".

A delightful young Priest came to join our family at the same time as I did. He was Father Kevin Fitzpatrick. He was a marvellous help to me as I was learning the "Bishopping Trade"!!! Beloved Shirley Hennessey had been Parish Secretary for many years and very generously took on the added tasks of doing secretarial work for me and the Region. She was a gem.

We had a delightful Housekeeper in the person of Yvonne Bohey. Her cooking was excellent and she must have attributed great wisdom to me because every Saturday morning I had to pick up winners for her at the TAB!!!

Another marvellous Priest, Father Phil Linder, followed Kevin Fitzpatrick and Tina Spata brought her gibredness and joyful spirit to the Secretary position following after Shirley. There were many other dedicated priests at St Michael's in my time like Fathers Anthony Mifsud, Andrew Benton, a very fine speaker called Vincent Finegan and for a short period, Robert Slattery. Then we were blessed with a beautiful priest from India, Father Mani Malana, who was our Administrator. Not only was he a fine priest but he cooked a delightful curry too. Later came his fellow MSFS priest called Father Salas Muttathukattil. They were all so patient and kind in putting up with my Irish idiosyncrasies and attempts at telling funnies!!! In my time after delightful secretaries Shirley and Tina, came dear Mary Doyle who brought her own kind and caring personality to the position. I just want to pay my few words of appreciation of the work of our Secretaries. They do so much to be in touch with all the agencies of the Parish. They are patient on the phone, welcoming at the door, tolerant of complainers and in general keeping the priests, religious, teachers and parishioners as one happy family, Alleluia! Dear Leena now is in that great tradition.

I could go on and on but I worked to recall mainly my early recollections of my first years at dear old Saint Mick's. However, each year we were given a Fantastic Treat as Gerry O'Neill and friends presented the Annual Awards known as the "The Mickies". There were "The Phillies" presented by Father Phil Linder, "The Ronnies" by Father Ron and I had the honour of presenting "The Stars of David". These delightful presentations were started in 1980 and were the highlights of entertainments every year until 1991. We all laughed our heads off and send ups were taken as good fun. Thank you, Gerry and all your Team.

As St. Michael's celebrates, I pray blessings galore on Father Janusz and his team of dedicated priests, on the Sisters and Teachers, the great team of Liturgy and Music who are carrying on a Wonderful Tradition.



Most Rev David Cremin DD

Celebrants

Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek CSMA PP

Rev Tadeusz Seremet SDS (homilist)

5 pm Vigil Mass: Rev Tomas Ruiz Miranda CS with Rev Joseph Pekala CSMA, Rev Bogdan Swierczewski CSMA

8 am Mass: Rev Joseph Pekala CSMA with Rev Bogdan Swierczewski CSMA, Rev Peter Kaupa CSMA

10 am Mass: Rev George Gorzkowski CSMA with Rev Peter Kaupa CSMA, Rev Joseph Pekala CSMA, Rev Bogdan Swierczewski, Rev Mani Malana MSFS

6 pm Mass: Rev Bogdan Swierczewski CSMA, Rev Peter Kaupa CSMA, Rev Joseph Pekala CSMA

Acolytes

5 pm Vigil Mass: John Mercer, Peter McInerney

8 am Mass: Bob Hamblion, Lou Maffina, Michael Troiano, John Romanous, Tony Sakr

10 am Mass: Louis Cheung, Geoff Tuazon, Reuben Revelo

6 pm Mass: Gerard Chan

Altar Servers

5 pm Vigil Mass: Brody Tuohy, Alexandra Policarpio, Lara Van de Kerckhove, Dejan Van de Kerckhove

8 am Mass: Kimberlee HonMong

10 am Mass: Charbel Rached, Michael Rached, Grace Rached

6 pm Mass: Megan Mak

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5 pm Vigil Mass: Christina Fitzsimmons, Joan Banks, Shianti Tandiana

8 am Mass: Colleen Calopedis, Elizabeth Vong, Barbara Parker

10 am Mass:

6 pm Mass: Royston Fernandes, Mark Halavazis, Grazia D'Amico

Readers

5 pm Vigil Mass: Peter McInerney, Valerie Gonzaga, Teresita MontChan

8 am Mass: Stefanie Lia, Jim Manwaring, Valerie Gonzaga

10 am Mass: Rosemary Craven, Rowena Sharma, Sr Edith King

6 pm Mass: Vanessa Fernandes, Kevin Mak, Sandra Mak

Music leaders

5 pm Vigil Mass: Carmela, Valerie, Paula, Eddie, Josie, Theresa, Francesca, Burton

8 am Mass: Fran Long, Patricia Shiels

10 am Mass: St Michael's Choir: Carmela, Girlie, Dennis, Kin, Chat, Winston, Romeo, Myla

6 pm Mass: Carmela, Julie, Bernadette, Maria, Henry, Vanessa, Eddie, Josie, Paula
Valerie

Greeters and Collectors

5 pm Vigil Mass: Joan Banks, Muina Liu, Tom Carson, Joe Grima

8 am Mass: Pat Fong, Yen Jahja, Willie Jahja

10 am Mass: Evelyn Ciccioiti, Amy Cheung

6 pm Mass: Linda Ling, Pat Hinson, Sandra Mak, Dylan Mak

Commentators

5 pm Mass: Christina Fitzsimmons

8 am Mass: Colleen Calopedis

10 am Mass: Valerie Gonzaga

6 pm Mass: Pat Hinson

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

Entrance Hymn

All People That On Earth Do Dwell (W Kethe/L Bourgeois)

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice!*

*Know that the Lord is God indeed; he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he surely feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.*

*O enter then his gates with joy, within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ. O bless and magnify his name!*

*Because the Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood and shall from age to age endure.*

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

Priest: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite of re-dedication, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water created by his hand. It is a reminder of our baptism, a sign of repentance, and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls and this altar. By the grace of God may we remain faithful members of his Church; open to the Spirit we have received.

Silent prayer

Priest: God of mercy, you call every man to the light of life and surround us with your merciful love. When we stray, you continually lead us back to Christ our head. You have established an inheritance of such mercy, that sinners who pass through water made sacred, die with Christ and rise restored: members of his body and heirs of the eternal covenant. Bless ✠ this water and sanctify it. May all here today and all those who, in days to come, will celebrate your mysteries in this church, be united at the last in your Kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

The people are sprinkled with holy water with background music if possible

Priest: May God the Father of mercies, dwell in this house of prayer. May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us for we are the temple of his presence.

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

Priest: Brothers and sisters let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(strike breast 3x)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Kyrie

Priest: Kyrie eleison.

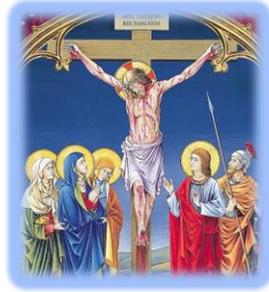
All: Kyrie eleison.

Priest: Christe eleison.

All: Christe eleison.

Priest: Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison.



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, pour out your grace upon this place and extend the gift of your help to all who call upon you, that the power of your word and of the Sacraments may strengthen here the hearts of the faithful. Through our Lord Jesus, Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

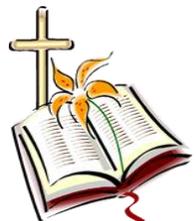
First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm Psalms 19

All: *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

Second Reading Ephesians 2:19-22

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:22-23

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The stone which the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone chosen. Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes!
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith (Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from

true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: As we celebrate the 110th anniversary of the dedication of St Michael's, let us bring our prayers to the Father who calls us to be living stones.

1. That the Holy Catholic Church offer, in every place, worthy and reverent worship. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, we are your living Church; bless us.

2. That Pope Francis allow the Holy Spirit to guide him at all times as he leads the Catholic Church. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, we are your living Church; bless us.

3. That archbishop Anthony and auxiliary bishops Terry, Tony and Richard, may always follow the example of Christ the Good Shepherd. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, we are your living Church; bless us.

4. That all who gather in this church may find grace and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, we are your living Church; bless us.

5. That those who care for the sacristy and those who are tasked with the maintenance and cleaning of the church may persevere in their service. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, we are your living Church; bless us.

6. That we may always revere and respect every sanctuary of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, we are your living Church; bless us.

7. That our benefactors and all the departed who worshipped in this church may enjoy eternal light and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, we are your living Church; bless us.

Priest: Father as we celebrate this anniversary, grant the petitions of our community gathered once more before your altar. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Commemoration of Dedication

Priest: Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father Almighty who has made the hearts of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

During the Easter Season we remain standing for the Litany

Litany of the Saints

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,

All you Holy Angels and Archangels,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,

St Peter and Saint Paul,
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
All holy men and women,

Lord, be merciful,
From all evil,
From all sin,
From everlasting death,

By the mystery of your holy Incarnation,
By your Cross and Passion,
By your holy Resurrection,
By your wonderful Ascension,
By the coming of the Holy Spirit,
On the day of judgment,

Be merciful to us sinners,
That it may please you to bring us to true
penance,

Guide and protect your holy Church,
Preserve in holy religion the Pope, and all
those in holy Orders,

Humble the enemies of holy Church,
Give peace and unity to the whole Christian
people,

*have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.*

*pray for us.
pray for us.*

*Lord, save your people.
Lord, save your people.
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Lord, save your people.*

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Lord, save your people.*

*Lord, hear our prayer.
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Lord, hear our prayer.*

Strengthen and preserve us in your holy service, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reward all our benefactors with eternal blessings, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That it may please You to hear and heed us Jesus, Son of the Living God, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

Priest: Lord, may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Michael and of all the saints make our prayers acceptable to you. May this building, which we re-dedicate to your name, be a house of salvation and grace where Christians, gathered in fellowship, may worship you in spirit and truth and grow together in love. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Commemoration of Dedication

Priest: Father in heaven, source of holiness and true purpose, it is right that we praise and glorify your name. For today we come before you to commemorate the dedication to your lasting service of this house of prayer, this temple of worship, this home in which we are nourished by your work and your sacraments. Here is reflected the mystery of the Church. The Church is fruitful, made holy by the blood of Christ: a bride made radiant with His glory, a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith, a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit. The Church is holy, your chosen vineyard: its branches envelop the world, its tendrils carried on the tree of the cross, reach up to the kingdom of heaven. The Church is favored, the dwelling place of God on earth: a temple

built of living stones, founded on the apostles with Jesus Christ its corner stone. The Church is exalted, a cut set on a mountain: a beacon to the whole world, bright with the glory of the Lamb, and echoing the prayers of her saints. Lord, send your Spirit from heaven to make this Church an ever-holy place, and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ. Here may the waters of Baptism overwhelm the shame of sin; here may your people die to sin and live again through grace as your children. Here may your children, gathered around your altar, celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb, and be fed at the table of Christ's work and Christ's body. Here may prayer, the Church's banquet, resound through heaven and earth as a plea for the world's salvation. Here may the poor find justice, the victims of oppression, true freedom. From here may the whole world clothed in the dignity of the children of God, enter with gladness your city of peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Incensation of the Altar and the Church

Priest: Lord, may our prayer ascend as incense in your sight. As this building is filled with fragrance so may we, your Church fill the world with the fragrance of Christ.

The priest incenses the altar. An acolyte incenses the priests, the people and the walls.

Lighting of the Altar and the Church

Priest: Light of Christ, shine forth in the Church and bring all nations to the fullness of truth.

The priest lights a candle from the Paschal Candle and hands it to acolyte to light the altar candles with.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

Lord, to Whom Shall We Go (Br M Herry)

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of life.*

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained, their hearts were not satisfied.

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of life.*

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat, our pledge of eternal life.

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of life.*

The bread you give is the living bread, your flesh for the life of the world.

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of life.*

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps; a light for my path of life.

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of life.*

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: May the gifts of your joyful Church be acceptable to you, O Lord, so that your people, gathering in this holy house, may come through these mysteries to everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.



Preface

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy.

For you have made the whole world a temple of your glory, that your name might everywhere be extolled, yet you allow us to consecrate to you apt places for the divine mysteries.

And so, we dedicate joyfully to your majesty this house of prayer, built by human labour.

Here is foreshadowed the mystery of the true Temple, here is prefigured the heavenly Jerusalem.

For you made the Body of your Son, born of the tender Virgin, the Temple consecrated to you, in which the fullness of the Godhead might dwell.

You also established the Church as a holy city, built upon the foundation of the Apostles, with Christ Jesus himself the chief cornerstone: a city to be built of chosen stones, given life by the

Spirit and bonded by charity, where for endless ages you will be all in all and the light of Christ will shine undimmed for ever.

Through him, O Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my

blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Michael and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unflinching help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and Anthony our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, who dedicate this church to you: may it be for your family a house of salvation and a place for the celebration of your heavenly Sacraments. Here

may the Gospel of peace resound and the sacred mysteries be celebrated, so that your faithful, formed by the word of life and by divine grace on their pilgrim way through the earthly city, may merit to reach the eternal Jerusalem. There, in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Priest: Through him, and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

All: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you,

my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



Breaking of the Bread

Priest: *(quietly)* May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: *(quietly)* Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon Psalms 41:2-3

All: My house shall be a house of prayer, says the Lord: in that house, everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Alleluia

Communion

Who may receive Holy Communion?

Catholics who are in a state of Sanctifying Grace and having fasted for an hour prior may receive Holy Communion. Everyone else including children who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation may receive a blessing by coming up with arms crossed over their breast.

If you are receiving Holy Communion please remember to show reverence to our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist by bowing before reception.

Those receiving by hand should consume the Sacred Host while still in front of the Minister or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Communion Hymns

I Have Seen the Lord (Bob Hurd)

*I have seen the Lord, I have heard his voice,
And I know he lives, and I know he lives.
Death where is your sting? Fear, where is your grip?
Hearts now free to love; lives now free to give.*

*Those who speak the truth may be bound in chains,
But there is no chaining the Word of God.*

*I have seen the Lord, I have heard his voice,
And I know he lives, and I know he lives.
Death where is your sting? Fear, where is your grip?
Hearts now free to love; lives now free to give.*

*If we die in Christ, we shall rise with him:
If we share his passion, we shall reign with him.*

*I have seen the Lord, I have heard his voice,
And I know he lives, and I know he lives.
Death where is your sting? Fear, where is your grip?*

Hearts now free to love; lives now free to give.

*No greater love can there be than this:
To spend one's life to give life.*

*I have seen the Lord, I have heard his voice,
And I know he lives, and I know he lives.
Death where is your sting? Fear, where is your grip?
Hearts now free to love; lives now free to give.*

*In our fragile flesh, the dying of the Lord;
In our faithful living, his life revealed.*

*I have seen the Lord, I have heard his voice,
And I know he lives, and I know he lives.
Death where is your sting? Fear, where is your grip?
Hearts now free to love; lives now free to give.*

Galilee Song (Frank Andersen)

*Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!*

*So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!*

*In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry!*

*So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!*

As I gaze into the night down the future of my years,

*I'm not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know!
But I feel my spirit called like a stirring deep within,
Restless, 'til I live again beyond the fears that close me in!*

*So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!*

Thanksgiving Hymn

Anima Christi (Trad)

*Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.*

*Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.*

*Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.*



Prayer after Communion

Priest: Through these holy gifts we have received, O Lord, we pray, instill in our minds an increase of your truth, so that we may constantly adore you in your holy temple and glory in your sight with all the Saints. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May God, the Lord of heaven and earth, who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church, make you abound in heavenly blessings.

All: Amen.

Priest: May God, who has willed that all his scattered children be gathered in his Son, grant that you become his temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: May you be made thoroughly clean, so that God may dwell within you and you may possess with all the Saints the inheritance of eternal happiness.

All: Amen.

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father✠, the Son✠, and the Holy Spirit✠ come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Recessional Hymn

Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today, Alleluia

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia
Let all earth and heaven say, alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia
Sing, O heav'ns and earth reply: alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won, alleluia
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, alleluia
Christ has burst the gates of hell, alleluia!*

*Now He lives our glorious king, alleluia
Where O death is now your sting, alleluia
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia
Where's your victory O grave, alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia
Following our exalted head, alleluia
Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!*

St Michael's Parish Home Visitation and Blessing

Fr Janusz is doing home visits with the pilgrim statue of St Michael.

The visit is in the form of a prayer meeting of an hour's duration which includes praying the Chaplet of St Michael and prayers to the angels, consecration of the family and blessing of the home.

To arrange a visit please email
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Ring Carmela on 0407 103 538





Our Vision

We at St. Michael's are committed to calling each other by name, to making God present among us, and to being the hands of the Mystical Body of Christ.



Our Mission

We celebrate Liturgy as a community. We support and care for each other, accepting and valuing diversity. We share responsibility for the life of our Parish by giving of our time, talent and resources and by being continually open to renewal.

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