



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers



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Volunteers Colleen, Winkie
Michael, Henry
Fransiska

Accounts Carmela (volunteer)

Catechist Coordinator

Margaret T (volunteer)

Safeguarding Officer/ Sacramental/RCIA Coordinator

Valerie (volunteer)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:

5.00pm

6.30pm Spanish

Sunday:

8.00am

10.00am Family Mass

12.00pm Cantonese (4th)

12.15pm Mandarin (1st & 3rd)

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday - Saturday:

9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9.30am, 4.15pm

Anointing of the Sick

Call the priest anytime

Marriage

Contact the priest 6 months prior

Devotions

Tuesday:

6.00pm Marian Cenacle

7.00pm St Michael & Holy Angels

Thursday:

10.30am Marian Cenacle Croatian

Friday:

10.00am Padre Pio (1st)

6.00pm Sacred Heart of Jesus (1st)

Adoration and Holy Mass

Saturday:

9.45am Perpetual Help Novena

3.00pm Divine Mercy (4th)

6.00pm Our Lady of Fatima (1st)

RCIA

Tuesdays 8.00pm (except 2nd)

Legion of Mary

Wednesdays 7.30pm

RCIA Cantonese

Sundays 10.30am

RCIA Mandarin

Sundays 11.00am (1st & 3rd)



3 January 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord

**“And you, Bethlehem,
in the land of Judah,
you are by no means
least among the
leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come
a leader
who will shepherd my
people Israel.”**



Candlemas: The Presentation of the Lord Tuesday, 2nd February Mass at 9.15 am & 7.45 pm

This Feast is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas.”

Please bring candles which will be blessed during the Mass.

Attention: St Michael's volunteers

The following are Archdiocesan requirements for you to be able to continue to serve in our Parish. If you need help with any of them please contact the parish office. If you are unable or unwilling to comply, the Archdiocese requests that you cease your service in the Parish.

- 1) Working with Children Check renewed every 5 years and submitted to the parish office with your date of birth. <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>
- 2) Filling in and submitting the Volunteer Registration-Acceptance Form (with name, email, address, mobile number, and all tasks/roles volunteered for).
- 3) Reading and signing (which indicates compliance with) the Code of Conduct for Working with Children (a 5-page document that you keep, returning only the signed final page to the parish office).
- 4) Completing the online Safeguarding Induction Training (please see below).

This information is posted on the website. If you have further questions please talk to the parish office staff. Thank you.

Pray for the sick: Fr Janusz Bieniek, Sr Pauline Fitz-Walters, May Seto, Joseph Park.

Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Roberto Barroga, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Alfredo De Guzman, Lourdes Zaballa, Jose Gregorio Gomes.

Pray for the souls of those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Virginia Sciacca, Renecio Espiritu, Louis Bao, Lucia Cheng.

Pray also for the souls of John Reitano, Joseph George Sakr, Mary Sakr, Lambros Ahilas.

Pray for Giovanni Melo, Delfin Nimenzo on the occasion of their birthday.

**Our Mother of
Perpetual Help Devotion
Saturdays after the 9.15 am Mass
Devotion to St Michael
and the Holy Angels
Tuesdays at 7.00 pm**

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue Visits

If you would like to host Our Lady of Fatima for a week please leave your name and contact details with the parish office and Mark Halavazis will get in touch with you.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Friday, 5th February

at 8.00 pm

in the Presbytery



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, 10th February

at 7.30 pm

in the Presbytery



Thank you for your prayers!

Sr Pauline would like to let us know that she can feel our prayers and as a result she is much improved. Our Lady, Help of the Sick please pray for Sr Pauline. Amen.

Daily Adoration

Monday to Friday

After Mass until 10.30 am

Saturday After Mass until 11.30 am

Tuesday 6 pm - 9 pm

6 pm Marian Cenacle

7.00 pm Devotion to St Michael

Friday 8 pm - 9.30 pm



First Reading *Is 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11*

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

R: O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

R: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

R: The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

R: For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading *Eph 3:2-3, 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Mass Offerings

Envelopes for prayer requests or Mass offerings are in the sacristy and parish office. Please fill the information in clearly and hand it over to Fr George or to the parish office. These prayer requests/Mass offerings are included in our Parish Bulletin and Prayer of the Faithful which are, in turn, published on our Website and Facebook.

Please make sure that you have the consent of the person you are praying for or, in case of those who have departed this life, the consent of their next of kin. **All names are published unless it is written clearly on the envelope that this is not required. Once the information is already on the Website and Facebook, IT IS A COMPLICATED MATTER FOR STAFF TO TAKE IT DOWN.**

Gospel *Mt 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

COVID Safe directions when attending Mass or devotions at St Michael's Church

1. Please pray at home if you have any respiratory symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, earache, coughing) and seek medical attention. COVID-19 testing is recommended by NSW Health when people are symptomatic.
2. The Archdiocese of Sydney REQUIRES EVERYONE to write their name and contact number on the sign-in sheet provided prior to attending Mass or devotion. Please use your own pen to sign in. If you are using the pen provided, then use hand sanitiser after writing your details.
3. The wearing of masks is recommended by the Archdiocese while inside the Church.
4. The 4 sqm rule applies for all Masses and devotion but members of the same household should sit next to each other. The choir loft and the side chapel are available. If the Church is "full" (mindful of the 4sqm rule) then please sit outside. The speakers will allow you to follow the Mass. Come in to queue for Holy Communion.
5. Congregational singing is again not allowed.
6. Holy Communion: Observe social distancing when queuing. The Archdiocese still recommends Holy Communion on the hand. If receiving on the tongue, you must queue last.
7. Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before coming to the Church.
8. If possible, bring your own hand sanitiser.
9. Avoid touching anything.
10. Please cough or sneeze into your elbow.
11. Hand sanitiser is available inside the Church.

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Online Training Registration

Safeguarding Induction Training is available online for all parish workers and volunteers at <https://goo.gl/forms/UJrDZzELjdF5Ujgm1>. You will need to provide the Safeguarding Office with a few details to allow us to set up an online account for you. After completing this online form you will receive an email with your username, password and a link that will take you directly to the training. Questions? Phone: 9390 5811 or Email: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

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 has a legal obligation to alert police about crimes reported to them.