



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers



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MTThF: 10am-2pm

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)



10 January 2021 The Baptism of the Lord Year B



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

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."



Bring your candles to 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, Susanne Care, Bob Cashman, Ivan Carillo, Isha Sandeep, Nikola Jukic, Joseph Park.
Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Mark Maric, PS Thomas, Roberto Barroga, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Alfredo De Guzman.
Pray for the soul of Reggy Chandra whose death anniversary occurs about now.
Pray also for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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



The Legion of Mary

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Enrich your prayer life? Serve Jesus in others?

Then come and join the Legion of Mary!

Our Lady Gate of Heaven Praesidium

Wednesdays, 7.30 pm at the Parish Office

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 55:1-11*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm *Is 12:2-6. R. v.6*

R: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

R: Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

R: Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name.

All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

R: Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

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.**

Second Reading *1 Jn 5:1-9*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child that he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 1:29*

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 1:7-11*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

COVID Safe directions when attending Mass or devotions

1. Please pray at home if you have any respiratory symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, earache, coughing) or have been at COVID hotspots and seek medical attention. COVID-19 testing is recommended by NSW Health when people are symptomatic or have been exposed to COVID-19.
2. Registration for the purpose of COVID-19 contact tracing: **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 now mandatory during Mass and devotions inside the Church.** The piety stall has re-usable cloth face masks available for purchase (\$6.00 each).
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 and 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.
12. **DO NOT CLOSE THE WINDOWS.** Allow the acolytes to do this if needed. Open windows means better ventilation which can help disperse coronavirus aerosols.

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.