



# ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers



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### Parish Priest

Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek CSMA

### Priest Administrator

Rev George Gorzkowski CSMA

**Parish Office** Alicja, Margaret

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 (4<sup>th</sup>)

12.15pm Mandarin (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

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 (1<sup>st</sup>)

6.00pm Sacred Heart of Jesus (1<sup>st</sup>)

Adoration and Holy Mass

**Saturday:**

9.45am Perpetual Help Novena

3.00pm Divine Mercy (4<sup>th</sup>)

6.00pm Our Lady of Fatima (1<sup>st</sup>)

### RCIA

**Tuesdays 8.00pm** (except 2<sup>nd</sup>)

### Legion of Mary

**Wednesdays 7.30pm**

### RCIA Cantonese

**Sundays 10.30am**

### RCIA Mandarin

**Sundays 11.00am** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)



31 January 2021

B l e s s e d B r o n i s l a w M a r k i e w i c z

### 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.

### Candlemas: The Presentation of the Lord Tuesday, 2nd February 2021 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."



**Bring your candles to be blessed during the Mass.**

### Catechist Sunday 7 February 2021

All catechists are invited to attend the 10 am Sunday Mass on this weekend. There will be a Rite of Commitment and Sending Forth during this Mass. We thank the St Michael's parishioners for praying for our catechists as they bring the Word of God to children in the state schools.

Our catechists: Teresa Chow, Elizabeth Vong, Celine Bernhardt, Eflada Monje, Teresita Mont-Chan, Evelyn Ciciotti, Margaret Tham, Louis Cheung, Tony Sakr, Valerie Gonzaga. We are grateful to Carmela Gonzaga who filled in as a catechist at Hurstville Public School in 2020.

**Anyone who is interested in becoming a catechist or catechist helper please contact Margaret Tham on 0411 279 007. Training is provided.**

Catechism classes in Hurstville Public School are held for 45 minutes on Wednesdays.

**God bless our catechists!!!**

### Ash Wednesday

17 February 2021

'Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.'

**Mass Times:  
9.15 am  
7.30 pm**



### GO MAKE DISCIPLES MISSION PLAN FOR THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

"..an invitation to the people of Sydney to contemplate Jesus again and deepen our personal relationship with Him and to ask how we as communities can live His life and mission more fully." ~ Archbishop Fisher

You may have noticed the blue booklets in the pews over the last few weeks. Take them home and study them with the rest of your household. The blue booklet is a practical resource for parishes provided by the Archdiocese which focuses on strategies and actions that can be implemented to strengthen five foundations for parish renewal (evangelisation, leadership, community, formation and worship).

Fr Janusz and Fr George would like to invite anyone who is interested to the first meeting of the working committee which will look at realising the strategies and actions in a practical way here in our Parish.

**When: Monday, 22 February at 7.30 pm**

**Where: The Presbytery**

We hope to continue meeting every 4th Monday of the month for the rest of the year to discuss progress and other strategies to be implemented.

### 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**



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at 7.30 pm  
19 February, 26 February, 5 March,  
12 March, 19 March, 26 March

### 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



Entrance Antiphon Luke 4:16-21

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, you chose Blessed Bronislaw to be a father and protector of abandoned youth. Grant that we may be encouraged by his example of hard work and temperance to carry out your will faithfully and zealously serve you. We ask this 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.

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord, a day of vengeance for our God; to comfort all those who mourn and to give them for ashes a garland; for mourning robe the oil of gladness, for despondency, praise.

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 88:2-5. 21-22. 25. 27

All The Lord is faithful and merciful forever.  
 1 I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.  
 All The Lord is faithful and merciful forever.  
 2 I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.  
 All The Lord is faithful and merciful forever.  
 3 I have found David my servant and with my holy oil anointed him. My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong.  
 All The Lord is faithful and merciful forever.  
 4 My truth and my love shall be with him; by my name his might shall be exalted. He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me."  
 All The Lord is faithful and merciful forever.

Second Reading Romans 12:3-13

In the light of the grace I have received I want to urge each one among you not to exaggerate his real importance. Each of you must judge himself soberly by the standard of the faith God has given him. Just as each of our bodies has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other. Our gifts differ according to the grace given us. If your gift is prophecy, then use it as your faith suggests; if administration, then use it for administration; if teaching, then use it for teaching. Let the preachers deliver sermons, the almsgivers give freely, the officials be diligent, and those who do works of mercy do them cheerfully. Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 18:4

Alleluia, Alleluia! The one who makes himself as little as a little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest The Kingdom of God belongs to those who would welcome it like a little child. As we celebrate the life and legacy of Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz, the founder of the Michaelite Congregation, may we have the humility to constantly ask for God's grace so that we can do more in his vineyard than we can ever imagine.

1 For the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel and affiliated groups. That their members remain true to the teachings of the Catholic Church and preserve the charism of the congregation: serving the young and the poor with generosity, patience and joy. Lord hear us.  
 All Lord, hear our prayer.  
 2 For the parishes and institutions under the care of the Michaelite Fathers. That their members continue to pray for their priests, sustaining them with love and encouragement and trusting in their leadership. Lord hear us.  
 All Lord, hear our prayer.  
 3 For children and young people. May they experience the joy of God's presence in their lives and find in him their security and their hope. Lord hear us.  
 All Lord, hear our prayer.  
 4 For all who are commemorating the life of Blessed Bronislaw. May we be true witnesses of the peace and joy of the Gospel so that those seeking meaning in their lives may find answers in Christ. Lord hear us.  
 All Lord, hear our prayer.  
 5 For our own families and friends and for one another. May we always put our trust in God, the source of all goodness. Lord hear us.  
 All Lord hear our prayer.  
 6 Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Fr Janusz Bieniek, Babu Poulouse, Bob Cashman, Joseph Park. Lord, hear us.  
 All Lord hear our prayer.  
 7 Let us pray for the souls of our recently departed relatives and friends: Jose Gomes, Roberto Barroga, Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Archbishop Philip Wilson, Paul Lam, Josephine Biviano.  
 Let us pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Veronique Sakr, Angelina Lombardo. Lord, hear us.  
 All Lord hear our prayer.  
 Priest Father, grant these prayers sought in faith for your people. Keep us steadfast in your service and may we never forget that you are our God and we are your people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, accept the gifts which we present to you on this memorial of Blessed Bronislaw and grant that, following his example in serving our neighbour, we may merit the gift of eternal life.

Communion Antiphon Mt 11,28

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.

Prayer after Communion

O God, Our Father, grant that we who have been nourished with the Body and Blood of your Son may become one body and one spirit in imitating the fervent and untiring love of Blessed Bronislaw. Through Christ our Lord.