



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers



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Fransiska

Accounts Carmela (volunteer)

Catechist Coordinator

Margaret T (volunteer)

**Safeguarding Officer/
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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)



7 February 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday of Lent

at 7.30 pm

19 February

26 February

5 March, 12 March,

19 March, 26 March

Catechist Sunday 7 February 2021

There will be a Rite of Commitment and Sending Forth during the Masses this weekend for our parish catechists. We thank the St Michael's parishioners for praying for them as they bring the Word of God to children in the state schools.

Our catechists: Teresa Chow, Elizabeth Vong, Celine Berhardt, Eflada Monje, Tere-sita MontChan, Evelyn Ciciotti, Margaret Tham, Louis Cheung, Tony Sakr, John Romanous, 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.

Palm Sunday 28 March 2021

Please bring palms for yourselves and, if possible, for other parishioners to celebrate this day.

**Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Thursday, 11 February 2021**

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.

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting



Wednesday, 10th February

at 7.30 pm

in the Presbytery

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 Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

R: Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

R: The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

R: Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Farewell, until we meet again....from a parishioner

Dear friends,

This is my last Christmas on earth. I have been diagnosed with cancer in my stomach, liver, oesophagus and lymph nodes and it's predicted that I have a few months left. But please don't cry - I feel so blessed that He has given me so much time to prepare and trust in His mighty love and mercy. I'm so impressed with all the highly qualified people who are so loving and caring and eager to help me. I have so much to thank God for. Fortunately, darling Colleen cannot understand any of this because of her advanced dementia which is yet another blessing. I'm afraid that she will have to go into full care soon. I believe we have three lives: the first 9 months in our mother's womb; then we spend a few years on earth; then finally spend eternity in either of the places we choose while living our life here on earth. Please feel happy for me for soon I'll be in Paradise with Him.

God bless,

Bob Cashman

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Pray for the sick: Miroslav Tudman, Bob Cashman, Babu Poulose, Joseph Park.

Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Trinidad Robles, Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Archbishop Philip Wilson.

Pray for the souls of those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Fr Ron Harden, Mary Manwaring, Paul Canh Tran, Lucyna Jablonska.

Pray for God's blessings on Eflada "Winkie" Monje (parish office volunteer) on her birthday.

Pray for the intentions of the St Pio Prayer Group.

COVID Safe Directions

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 still mandatory during Mass and devotions inside the Church.** You may be fined \$200 on the spot for not wearing a mask.
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.