



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (Anticipated Masses):

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)



21 February 2021 Second Sunday of Lent Year B

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday we had the first meeting of the "Go Make Disciples" initiative by the Archdiocese of Sydney. One of the points raised is the "clustering" of parishes for the purpose of collaboration with regards to pastoral activities as well as sharing of resources. Our sister parishes within the cluster are St Patrick's Kogarah (Mgr Henryk Micek) and St Bernadette's Carlton (Fr Gabriel Ballawig). I have met up with Mgr Henryk and Fr Gabby and we have agreed on an outline of activities and other ways of cooperation. Please see *Cluster Bulletin*.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity for us to develop a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and I would like to exhort you to make yourselves aware of the devotional activities that our parish offers: daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotion to our Mother of Perpetual Help, Novena to St Michael the Archangel, as well as the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent.

Lent is a time of conversion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers us sanctifying grace which is new life in the Trinitarian God and brings fruitfulness to the barrenness in our lives. I do not want anyone to miss out on the graces that can be brought about by availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent so I have organized with Fr Tomas (Spanish chaplain) and Fr George to offer the following:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

on 3rd and 4th weekend of Lent

Saturday, 6th March and 13th March:

4.15 pm - 6.30 pm

Sunday, 7th March and 14th March:

9.00 am - 10.00 am

11.00 am - 12.00 pm

5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

St Patrick's Kogarah will celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation on Monday, 29th March at 7.00 pm.

This is the year of St Joseph and we honour him at St Michael's by including the Prayer to St Joseph after every Mass. The Feast of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday, 19th March. Leading up to this we shall pray a short Novena Prayer to St Joseph with every Mass from the 10th March until the 18th March. The Novena prayers have been uploaded on our parish website.

On Saturday, 20th March, I have invited a young priest Fr Zachary Lewis to conduct our Parish Lenten retreat. Please make him feel welcome by your presence and take this opportunity to spiritually refresh yourselves. Lastly, I am happy to tell you that every first Saturday of the month, the 9.15 am Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick. We are all broken and in need of help from the Almighty God so please come to the Healing Mass and bring your family and friends.

God bless you all!

Fr Janusz

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 1st April

9.15am Morning Prayers (Church)

10.00am Chrism Mass (St Mary's)

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's

Supper / Washing of the Feet

8.30pm - 11.30pm Vigil at the Altar of Repose (Old Church)

Good Friday 2nd April

10.00am Stations (Bethany Hall)

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

7.30pm Divine Mercy Novena

Black Saturday 3rd April

9.00am Morning Prayers with Rosary

3.00pm Divine Mercy Novena

Easter Sunday 4th April

6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Saturday)

8.00am Easter Sunday Mass

10.00am Easter Sunday Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy Novena

6.00pm Easter Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday

28 March 2021



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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at 7.30 pm

5 March, 12 March,

19 March, 26 March

Overnight

Exposition and Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament

From 6.00 pm, Friday, 5 March

Until 11.00am, Saturday, 6 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



First Reading *Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18*

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham,’ he called.’ Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’ When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9*

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

R: I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted.’ O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

R: Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord’s name.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

R: My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Pray for the sick: George Mussen, Bob Cashman, Joseph Park.

Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Ramonito Alanes Sr, Jose Gregorio Gomes, Josie Cullen, Tony Norman Sakr, Isidro Obarra, Natale Pelle, Rufino San Diego, Vincent Jiang, George Zaide, Teresa Khatr, Marie Bourke. Pray for the souls of those whose death anniversary occurs about now.

Pray for James Kok on his birthday.

**Cluster Parishes’ Lenten Retreat
by Fr Zachary Lewis OSPPE
Friday, 19th March after Stations of the Cross
Sunday, 21st March**

Second Reading *Rom 8:31-34*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel *Mk 9:2-10*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

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.

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7.00 pm at St Patrick’s Kogarah

**Men’s Ministry Network Breakfast at St. Thomas More
Brighton Le Sands**
Saturday, 13 March 2021 – 8am – 11:45am
Keynote Speaker Topic – St Joseph and the Masculine Genius
Mass with Bishop Umbers
Cooked Breakfast
Contact Parish Office – 9567 3589 – more info to follow

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.