

Michaelmas 2021

Wednesday, 29th September



Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Parish Patronal Feast Celebration
Sunday, 3rd October

St Michael's Catholic Church, Hurstville

Under the Care of the Michaelite Fathers

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please join us to pray for our community, our country and the world so that those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19 will find consolation in the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Live-streamed Monday to Friday from 9.15 am.

Mass, Adoration with the Rosary & Divine Mercy devotion



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October is the month of the Holy Rosary

**Memorial: Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday, 7th October**

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn

Michael Prince of All the Angels (William J Marsh/M Owen Lee CSB)

Michael Prince of all the angels, while your legions fill the sky,
All victorious over Satan, lift your flaming sword on high.
Shout to all the seas and heavens, now the morning is begun;
Now is rescued from the dragon, she whose garment is the sun!

Mighty champion of the woman, mighty servant of her Lord,
Come with all your myriad warriors, come and save us with your sword;
Enemies of God surround us; share with us your burning love;
Let the incense of our worship rise before His throne above!

Gabriel, messenger to Mary, Raphael, healer, friend and guide,
All you hosts of guardian angels ever standing by our side,
Virtues, Thrones and Dominations, raise on high your joyful hymn,
Principalities and Powers, Cherubim and Seraphim!

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Penitential Act

Priest: Brothers and sisters let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: *I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (all strike their breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: Lord have mercy.

All: *Lord have mercy.*

Priest: Christ have mercy.

All: *Christ have mercy.*

Priest: Lord have mercy.

All: *Lord have mercy.*

Gloria (sang by choir)

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who dispose in marvellous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven. 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.

All: *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

As I watched: 'Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 137:1-5. R. v.1

Reader: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.

All: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.*

Reader: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth,
in the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore you before your holy temple.

All: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.*

Reader: I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.*

Reader: All the earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:

'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

All: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.*

Second Reading

Rev 12:7-12

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Now war broke out in heaven, when Michael with his angels attacked the dragon. The dragon fought back with his angels, but they were defeated and driven out of heaven. The great dragon, the primeval serpent, known as the devil of Satan, who had deceived all the world, was hurled down to the earth and his angels were hurled down with him. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ, now that the persecutor, who accused our brothers day and night before our God, has been brought down. They have triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the witness of their martyrdom, because even in the face of death they would not cling to life. Let the heavens rejoice and all who live there.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 102:21

All: *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Bless the Lord, all you his angels, his ministers who do his will.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

John 1:47-51

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, he said of him, 'There is an Israelite who deserves the name, incapable of deceit.' 'How do you know me?' said Nathanael. 'Before Philip came to call you,' said Jesus, 'I saw you under the fig tree.' Nathanael answered 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel.' Jesus replied, 'You believe that just because I said: I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.' And then he added,

'I tell you most solemnly, you will see heaven laid open and, above the Son of Man, the angels of God ascending and descending.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: The angels and archangels stand before God's throne ready to do his will. Let us offer our petitions to our loving Father, asking him to send his angels to guide and protect his Church as we journey to our heavenly home.

Reader: For Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony and all clergy. That they may follow the example of St Michael and proclaim unceasingly by word and deed: "Who is like unto God!" Lord hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel and affiliated groups. That their members remain true to the teachings of the Catholic Church and, heeding the advice of

Pope Francis, preserve the charism of the congregation “by obedience and by wisdom, working together”. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the parishes under the care of the Michaelite Fathers. That their parishioners 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.*

Reader: For all of us gathered here. May we increasingly appreciate the reality of our angelic brothers who have been commanded by God to watch over us and guide us. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For those in our family who are suffering in one way or another. May they fix their gaze on our Lord Jesus Christ and derive strength and consolation thereby. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the faithful departed. May Heaven be their just reward. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Priest: Lord our God, let the prayers of your Church mingle with the incense offered by your angel at the altar in heaven. Receive our petitions and grant us your help, until we join the holy archangels before your throne to sing your praises in the new Jerusalem. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

Dear Angel, Ever at My Side (Day's Psalter 1563/music by F W Faber)

Dear angel, ever at my side, how loving you must be
To leave your home in heav'n to guide a little child like me!

Your beautiful and shining face is always very near;
The music of your guiding voice is ever in my ear.

My eyes see only here below, but you are by my side,
And you have God before your eyes; I need you for my guide.

My guardian angel, help me now to give to God my love,
To serve him in this world below and come to him above.

All stand

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: We offer you a sacrifice of praise, O Lord, humbly entreating, that, as these gifts are borne by the ministry of Angels into the presence of your majesty, so you may receive them favourably and make them profitable for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer III

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.
All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: *It is right and just.*

Preface

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise you without end in your Archangels and Angels. For the honour we pay the angelic creatures in whom you delight redounds to your own surpassing glory, and by their great dignity and splendour you show how infinitely great you are, to be exalted above all things, through Christ our Lord. Through him the multitude of Angels extols your majesty, and we are united with them in exultant adoration, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

All kneel

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we

celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

*Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her

Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with Saint Michael the Archangel, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unflinching help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and Anthony our Archbishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own. Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Priest: Through him, and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

All stand

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us*

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: *Peace be with you.*

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

All kneel

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion

Catholics who are in a state of Sanctifying Grace and having fasted for an hour prior may receive Holy Communion. Everyone else may receive a blessing by coming up with arms crossed over their breast.

If you are receiving Holy Communion please remember to show reverence to our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist by bowing before reception.

Those receiving Sacred Host should consume while still in front of the Priest or Acolytes/Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;
Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

Te trina Deitas unaque poscimus:
Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.
Amen.

Reflection Hymn

The Guardian Angel (Blessed Cardinal Newman)

My oldest friend, mine from the hour when first I drew my breath;
My faithful friend, that shall be mine unailing till my death.

Thou hast been ever at my side; my Maker to thy trust
Consigned my soul, what time he framed the infant child of dust.

Thou wast my sponsor at the font; and thou, each budding year,
Didst whisper elements of truth into my childish ear.

And thou wilt linger round my bed, when life is ebbing low,
Of doubt, impatience and of gloom, the jealous sleepless foe.

Mine when I stand before the Judge; and mine if spared to stay
Within the golden furnace till my sin is burned away.

And mine, O brother of my soul, when my release shall come;
Thy gentle arms shall lift me then, thy wings shall waft me home.

All stand

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray. Having been nourished with heavenly Bread, we beseech you humbly, O Lord, that, drawing from it new strength, under the faithful protection of your Angels, we may advance boldly along the way of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Fr Janusz/George: (a few words by the parish priest/administrator)

The Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace and grant you the gifts of his blessing.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: May he free you always from every distress and confirm your hearts in his love.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: So that in this life's journey you may be effective in good works, rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity, and may come happily to eternal life.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father ✠, and the Son ✠, and the Holy ✠ Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Prayer to St Michael



St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Act of Consecration to St Michael the Archangel

All: O most noble prince of the angelic hierarchies, valorous warrior of Almighty God, and zealous lover of His glory, terror of the rebellious angels, and love and delight of all the just, my beloved Archangel Saint Michael, desiring to be numbered among your devoted servants,

I today, offer and consecrate myself to you, and place myself, my family and all I possess under your most powerful protection.

I entreat you not to look at how little I, as your servant have to offer, being only a wretched sinner, but to gaze rather with favourable eye at the heartfelt affection with which this offering is made, and remember that if from this day onward I am under your patronage, you must during all my life assist me, and procure for me the pardon of my many grievous offences and sins, the grace to love with all my heart my God, my dear Saviour Jesus, and my sweet mother Mary, and obtain for me all the help necessary to arrive to my crown of glory. Defend me always from my spiritual enemies, particularly in the last moments of my life. Come then O glorious prince and succour me in my last struggle, and with your powerful weapon cast far from me into the infernal abysses that prevaricator and proud angel that one day you prostrated in the celestial battle. Accompany me then to the throne of God to sing with you, Archangel Saint Michael and all the Angels, praise, honour and glory to the One who reigns for all eternity. Amen.

The Chaplet of St Michael the Archangel

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Seraphim.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(x3)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Seraphim may the Lord make us worthy to burn with the fire of perfect charity. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Cherubim.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(x3)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Cherubim may the Lord grant us the grace to leave the ways of sin and walk in the path of Christian perfection. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Thrones.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Thrones may the Lord infuse into our hearts a true and sincere spirit of humility. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Dominions.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Dominions may the Lord give us grace to govern our senses and overcome unruly passions. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Powers.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Powers may the Lord protect our souls against the snares and temptations of the devil. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Virtues.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Virtues may the Lord preserve us from evil and giving in to temptation. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Principalities.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Principalities may the Lord fill our souls with the spirit of obedience. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Archangels.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Archangels may the Lord give us perseverance in faith and in doing good works in order that we may attain the glory of Heaven. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Angels.
Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Angels may the Lord grant us their protection in this mortal life and safe conduct by them to life everlasting. Amen.

Leader:

In honour of St Michael

In honour of St Gabriel

In honour of St Rafael

In honour of our Guardian Angel

All:

Our Father

Our Father

Our Father

Our Father

Concluding Prayers

All: O glorious prince St Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue deliver us from evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.

Leader: Pray for us, O glorious St Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.

All: That we may be made worthy of His promises.

All: Almighty and Ever-living God, who, by a prodigy of goodness and a merciful desire for the salvation of all men, has appointed the most glorious Archangel St Michael Prince of your Church, make us worthy, we ask you, to be delivered from all our enemies, that none of them may harass us at the hour of death, but that we may be conducted by him into your Presence. This we ask through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Michael's Song – For Who Is Like Unto God! (Louise Amoroso)

Before all time all was darkness God gave His word and there was light.

His angels came forth shining like the Sun, displaying God's glory and might.

For who is like unto God! For who is like unto God Most High!
His glory fills the heavens with light. For who is like unto God!

One filled with pride vainly thought his throne should equal God Most High's.

Then angel Michael, as bright as Lucifer, came forth with his battle cry.
For who is like unto God! For who is like unto God Most High!
His glory fills the heavens with light. For who is like unto God!

A great battle in the heavens was fought; the rebel spirits fell from grace.
Victorious angels encircled God's throne to worship Him face to face.
For who is like unto God! For who is like unto God Most High!
His glory fills the heavens with light. For who is like unto God!

So let us join choirs of heavenly hosts, face down in humble adoration.
All praise and glory, honour and power to Yahweh our God, our salvation!
For who is like unto God! For who is like unto God Most High!
His glory fills the heavens with light. For who is like unto God!