



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers



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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 - Friday: 8.30am

Saturday: 9.15am

Thursday (2nd):

7.30pm Healing Mass

Friday (1st):

7.00pm Sacred Heart Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9.45am, 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:

9.15 am Anointing of the Sick (1st)

Within the Mass

9.45am Perpetual Help Novena

3.00pm Divine Mercy (4th)

6.00pm Our Lady of Fatima (1st)

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

Monday to Friday

7.30am - 8.30am

9.00am - 12.00pm

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Saturday

9.45am - 12pm

Tuesday evening

8.00pm - 9.00pm

Friday evening

7.30pm - 9.00pm

RCIA

Tuesdays 8.00pm (except 2nd)

Legion of Mary

Wednesdays 7.30pm

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursdays 6.30pm

RCIA Cantonese

Sundays 10.30am

RCIA Mandarin

Sundays 11.00am (1st & 3rd)

5 DECEMBER 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, 24th December

6.00 pm Christmas Mass for kids

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm Adoration

11.00 pm Carols in the Church

Saturday, 25th December

12.00 am Midnight Mass

8.00 am Christmas Day Mass

10.00 am Christmas Day Mass

6.30 pm Christmas Day Spanish Mass

Mass from Monday to Friday

will be at 8.30 am (not 9.15 am)

starting Monday, 6th December

Monday 6th December St Nicholas

Tuesday 7th December St Ambrose

Thursday 9th December St Juan Diego

Cuauhtlatotzin

Friday 10th December Our Lady of Loreto

Saturday 11th December St Damasus I

St Michael's

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday, 9th December in the Church

Starts 6.30 pm; 7.30 pm Healing Mass

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima

has been visiting the families of our parish over many years. The visits may be requested to mark special occasions or when special prayers are needed. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima stays for a week in each home. Please contact the parish office to request a visit.

The year of St Joseph draws to a close on Wednesday, 8th December on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We thank God for St Joseph's intercession over the past year and we shall continue to invoke his name. **St Joseph, Terror of demons! Pray for us!**

Volunteers! Please sign up in the sacristy to serve in the Christmas liturgy. Many thanks!

BIBLE DIARY \$18.00
Daily Mass Book \$25.00
in the Piety Stall

Additional Reconciliation times:
After the 8.00 am & 10.00 am Masses on Sunday, 12th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 8 December

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain - that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature.



Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

*Catholic Answers

Masses: 8.30 am & 7.00 pm

Congratulations to Fr Danny Meagher!

He will be ordained an Auxiliary Bishop at a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 8 December at 7pm. He



will join Bishops Terence Brady and Richard Umbers as the third Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

Our prayers are with the year 6 pupils of Saint Mary's Star of the Sea Primary School who will hold their graduation Mass on Wednesday, 8th December. Immaculate Conception, pray for these children!

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 us!

Our Lady Gate of Heaven Praesidium
Wednesdays, 7.30 pm
old Parish Office

Support St Michael's Catholic Church by scanning this QR code which will take you to our Parish Website donation page. Thank you!



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

 Priest: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. As we light the Candles of Hope and Faith (**Acolyte lights the first two candles**) we look to Mary and Joseph, models of Faith, as they make the journey to Bethlehem. God entrusted the care of his Son to Joseph, and he fulfilled this vocation in humility and full submission to the will of God. In Mary is found the fullness of Faith, for her belief that nothing is impossible for God made it possible for the Word to dwell among us.

Acolyte: Father in heaven, through your Holy Spirit, help us to discern your will in our lives and with courage and conviction give witness to your goodness and mercy.

All: Amen.

Acolyte: God above, help us to conduct ourselves in holiness. We long to be the people you expect us to be. Be with us as we strive to make our souls spotless and our hearts and minds at peace.

All: Amen.

Acolyte: Eternal God, help us to see clearly the occasions when we have sinned. Accept our sorrow for having pulled away from you and give us firm resolve to stay close to you.

All: Amen.

Priest: God our Father, may we create opportunities to show our love for our brothers and sisters especially over the coming week. Help us as we try to transform our ways so that we may be good examples of people who know, love and follow your commands. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Bar 5:1-9*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Pray for those who are sick: Sarkis Al-Tarraf, Arze Awad, Hoda Nassif, Hiam Nassar, John Hennessy, Poppy Samios, Fr Marek Okarma.

Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Michael Khorma, Alex Nuqui, Jovence Delanon, Greg Comer, Margarida Cameirao, Joseph Park.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Remigio Colussi, Luigi Tedesco.

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Pray for Marko Budanovic and Rocco P on their birthday.

Pray for Branko & Margaret on their wedding anniversary.

Pray for Bridget Gonzaga on her first Holy Communion.

Pray for the Godinet family.

Thanksgiving prayer is offered by Ryan for his HSC.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 125. R. v.3*

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

R: When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

R: The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

R: Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

R: They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading *Phil 1:3-6. 8-11*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 3:4. 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 3:1-6*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Many families are in the midst of or are facing serious challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and need extra support but don't know where to start. Parent Line can help parents by providing support and strategies to manage. Call us 7 days a week on **Parent Line 1300 1300 52**.

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.