



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

6.00pm - 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)

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O Lord Jesus, the Sinless One, by submitting to John's baptism of repentance you showed us that you have taken on the mission as God's suffering servant on behalf of us sinful men and women. You are at our side. You know sin but are not a sinner. Give us the grace to renew our baptism through the frequent reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. We ask the Holy Spirit to forge the same humility in our hearts that you showed at your baptism so that your truth and love will shine through us to transform the world. Amen.

Fr Dominic Nguyen will be celebrating Mass for us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the coming week while Fr Janusz is recovering from the flu. Fr George is still vacationing in Melbourne. Fr Stan and Fr Delmar are celebrating Masses this weekend.

Candlemas: The Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday, 2nd February 2022

Mass at 8.30 am & 7.00 pm

This Feast is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah & Priest, Lord & Savior. He is the light who dispels sin and darkness. For this reason, at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day to be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas."



Please bring candles to be blessed after Mass.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

- Prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 pandemic

Planned givers! Please contact the parish office to be supplied with new envelopes. Thank you for your consistent generosity.

Devotion to St Michael and the Holy Angels

Tuesdays
at 7.00 pm



Holy Communion



If you know of anyone who would like to receive the Holy Eucharist but are unable to come to Mass, please inform Fr Janusz or Fr George or the parish office.

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue Visits

If you would like to host Our Lady of Fatima for a week please leave your name and contact details with the parish office and Mark Halavazis will get in touch with you.



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Saturdays
After the 9.15 am Mass

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



First Reading *Is 40:1-5. 9-11*

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1*

R: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

All: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

R: Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

All: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

R: Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants.

All: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

R: How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small.

All: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

R: All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill.

All: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

R: You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

All: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading *Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7*

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 3:15-16. 21-22*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’ Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

Mass Offerings

Envelopes for prayer requests or Mass offerings are in the church and parish office. Please fill the information in clearly and hand it over to Fr George/Janusz or to the parish office. Please make sure that you have the consent of the person you are praying for or, in case of those who have departed this life, the consent of their next of kin. **All names are published unless it is written clearly on the envelope that this is not required.**

Pray for those who are sick: Fr Janusz, Mary Succar, Toufic, John.

Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Joshua Robert Mikulecky, Leonor Flores, Maria Loreto Garaygay, Francisco Flores, Vincenzina Iocolano, Margarida Cameirao, Joseph Park.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Virginia Sciacca, Reggy Chandra, Josephine Fernandes, Victor Care, Michael Nott.

Pray for the souls of Joseph George Sakr, Mary Sakr, Lambros Ahilas, those who died as a result of SARS-CoV2 infection and the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Pray for Daniel Lia on his birthday.

Pray for Aster family.

Pray for the intentions of St Pio’s prayer group.



Become a Catechist!

Do something of eternal significance!

As a catechist you will “... help towards forming mature faith lives that, in Christ, can both celebrate the joys of life and weather life’s storms to live lives of thanksgiving with outward looking charity/service” – Archbishop Julian Porteous

St Michael’s Hurstville catechists teach at Hurstville Public School on Wednesdays. The classes run for about 45 minutes. The class homeroom teachers are always present and supportive. Class sizes vary but average around 15 children. The children are little angels!



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.