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MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES



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The Archdiocesan Mission Plan: Go Make Disciples

The 'great commission' given by Jesus as He ascended to the Father was: to "go out and preach the Good News" to all nations, that is, to evangelise; to "baptise them" in God's name, that is, to sacramentalise; to "teach them to do all I have commanded you", that is, to catechise; and to "remember I am with you always", that is to memorialise His presence amongst us.

Though the recent popes have called us to 'a new evangelisation', that mission is as old as Christianity itself. It belongs to every generation to 'go make disciples'.

What is new about it is our enthusiasm, our audiences and our approaches.

After several years of consulting and listening, researching and discerning through Parish 2020, we are ready at last to launch our Archdiocesan mission plan, Go Make Disciples.

It focuses on: what we can all do about evangelisation, bringing others to encounter Christ and His friendship; what we can all do about leadership, influencing people toward building God's Kingdom; what we can all do about community, building and belonging to a communion of saints and saints-in-the-making; what we can all do about formation, enabling growth in faith, understanding and holiness; and what we can all do about worship, those precious encounters with God's mercy in the sacraments, devotions and prayer.

The Church in Sydney needs your gifts and generosity if we are to renew our parishes, revitalise our mission, and be the Church God is calling us to be in the 2020s and beyond.

After this strange year of pandemic, it is the shot in the arm we all need.

And so, with Christ Jesus Our Lord, with the apostles and popes, I charge you all today and every day: Go make disciples!

Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

ANNUAL

Special Liturgical Seasons

Advent and Christmas Season

Christmas crib and church decorations

First weekend of Advent

Contact: Mike Amper

Christmas lights

First weekend of Advent

Contact:

Christmas Party

Second Sunday of December at 11.00 am

Coordinator: Valerie Gonzaga

Team: Carmela Gonzaga, Sandra Mak, Pinky Acevedo, Henry Chandrajaya, Michael Kamau, Eflada Monje, Mike Amper, Alice Rivera

Children's Christmas Mass

24 December at 5.00 pm

Coordinator:

Children's Choir Coordinator: Carmela Gonzaga

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

ANNUAL

Lent

The Way of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 7.30 pm

Coordinator:

Music: Carmela Gonzaga

Lenten Program

Meditation and discussion on the following Sunday's readings

Weekly during Lent

Covering of Church Crucifixes and Images

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Organiser:

Crosses uncovered after the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. All other images uncovered before the Easter Vigil Mass.

RCIA Rehearsal

Tuesday of Holy Week at 8.00 pm

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

ANNUAL

Holy Week

Palm Sunday and Paschal Triduum Liturgy

Coordinator:

Liturgy Booklets: Valerie Gonzaga

Team: acolytes, lectors, musicians, altar servers

Holy Monday Communal Rite of Reconciliation

St Patrick's Church, Kogarah

Holy Thursday Altar of Repose

Organiser: Valerie Gonzaga

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

At 10.00 am

Coordinator: Sandra Mak

Music:

Stations decorations: Ethnic Groups

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

ANNUAL

Celebrations

Blessed Markiewicz Feast Day

Liturgical commemoration of the founder of the Michaelites

Weekend closest to 30 January

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

At 3.00 pm

Coordinator: Valerie Gonzaga

Feast of Corpus Christi Procession

After 10.00 am Mass

Contact: Louis Cheung

St Michael Feast Day 29 September

Weekend closest to the 29 September

Saturday Celebration for the devotees of St Michael

whole day celebration

Sunday Celebration for the Parish

After the 10.00 am Mass

Ethnic-Themed Sunday Masses

Australian: Bob Hamblion

Chinese: Urey/Elsie Lau, Margaret Tham

Filipino: Valerie Gonzaga

Indian: Con & Maureen Coutinho

Spanish: Alberto Baccin

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

ANNUAL

Retreats

Parish retreat 1

During Lent

Parish retreat 2

In September before the patronal feast of St Michael

Novenas

Novena to St Michael and the Holy Angels

20 – 28 September at 7.30 pm Sunday-Friday and 4.00 pm Saturday

Coordinator: Carmela Gonzaga

Divine Mercy Novena

Starts on Good Friday at 7.30 pm Monday-Friday and 3.00 pm Saturday and Sunday

Coordinator: Carmela Gonzaga

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

MONTHLY

First Friday Mass and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This devotion especially recognises the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and through it offers reparation for sins. In the visions of Christ reported by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, several promises were made to those people who practice the First Fridays Devotions, one of which is final perseverance. The devotion includes Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation.

6.00 pm Adoration and Reconciliation

7.00 pm Holy Mass

Coordinator: Carmela Gonzaga

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

At Fatima, Our Lady said to Lucia, "I shall come to ask... that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."

5.00 pm Holy Mass followed by the Holy Rosary in the church or procession to the grotto

Contact: Valerie Gonzaga (The Legion of Mary)

Monthly Devotion to the Divine Mercy

Fourth Saturday of the month from 3.00 pm-4.00 pm

Contact: Thanh Nguyen

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

MONTHLY

Padre Pio Group

Padre Pio envisioned prayer groups as God's instruments of relief for a suffering world. Alone, he knew he could do little for those who are suffering everywhere, so Padre Pio organized prayer groups which will embrace all who need help in either body or soul. Padre Pio exhorts the members to stand united, never tire in doing good, have respect and be obedient to the Church Hierarchy and be firm and persevere in their commitment.

First Friday of the month after the 9.15 am Mass in the Church

Annual Gathering on 31 December

Contact: Rosamaria Lia

Elizabeth Jovanovski

Members: Rufina Zarro, Teresa Liu, Ana Hrestak, Celine Bernhardt, Nives Care, Maria Perugini, Lissy Dickson, Maria Braga, Cecilia Pang, Silvia Farrugia, Antonietta Costantini, Briege Robson, Ira Widjaja, Stefanie Lia, Rosa Severino

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

WEEKLY

Holy Eucharist

The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and of the People of God arrayed hierarchically, is the center of the whole of Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful individually. For in it is found the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit. In it, moreover, during the course of the year, the mysteries of redemption are celebrated so as to be in some way made present. As to the other sacred actions and all the activities of the Christian life, these are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it.

Vigil Masses: 5.00 pm

6.30 pm (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm

12.15 pm (Mandarin; 1st& 3rd Sundays)

12.00 pm (Cantonese; 4th Sundays)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labours for their conversion.

Every Saturday: after the 9.15 am Mass

before the 5 pm Vigil Mass

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

WEEKLY

Perpetual Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

The origin of the novena may be traced to the nine days spent by the apostles in prayer together with Our Lady after the Ascension and before the coming of the Holy Spirit on the tenth day of Pentecost. The Perpetual Novena is so called because the public novena services are held on a specified day each week, such as Saturday, and continue all through the year. Thus, a novena of Saturdays can be begun or concluded at any time during the year. A Private Novena can be undertaken by a family or an individual at any time. Petitions and thanksgiving letters are warmly accepted.

Saturdays after the 9.15 am Mass in the Church

Novena prayers and Benediction

Contact: Carmela Gonzaga

Devotion to St Michael the Archangel and the Angels

We come together as a parish community to pray for the intercession of our patron St Michael and the Angels. The Chaplet of St Michael, prayers of exorcism and Benediction is part of the devotion.

Tuesdays at 7.00 pm in the Church

Contact: Carmela Gonzaga

Altar Setting: on Monday for Tuesday

Petitions and thanksgiving letters are warmly accepted. Please place them in the box at the front of the Church beside St Michael's statue or email to saintmichaelknights@gmail.com

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

WEEKLY

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle

The Marian Movement of Priests was founded by Fr. Stefano Gobbi in 1972. Cenacle refers to the gathering of the apostles around the Blessed Mother in the Upper Room in which the Last Supper was celebrated and in which they awaited the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Cenacles of Prayer the laity gather with the clergy, and with our Lady, as they pray for and await the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart. Holy Rosary, cenacle prayers and adoration.

Tuesdays at 6.00 pm in the Church

Contact: Rosamaria Lia

Members: Teresa Liu, Celine Bernhardt, Maria Perugini, Ana Hrestak, Francesca Choi, Burton Craig, Elizabeth Jovanovski

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle (Croatian)

Holy Rosary, cenacle prayers and agape

Thursdays at 11.00 am in the Church

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

WEEKLY

Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima

Circulation of the pilgrim statue amongst the families of the parish. The Fatima statue is brought to the host family and the Holy Rosary is prayed. It is then picked up a week later to be taken to another family.

Tuesdays at 7.00 pm (alternative time and day will be organized as requested by the host family)

Coordinator: Legion of Mary (Mark Halavazis)

Visitation of St Michael

Circulation of the pilgrim statue amongst the families of the parish.

Angels are the constant companions in our lives given to us by God. Each one of us has a guardian angel who protects and guides us and who will lead us to Heaven if we but allow it. Most of us though, go through life oblivious to the presence of these spiritual beings. Therefore, we aim to promote knowledge and devotion to the Holy Angels, especially to St Michael by doing home visitations.

The statue of St Michael (Gargano) visits the homes of our parishioners. Fr Janusz leads the prayers, gives a talk and then blesses the home and the family.

Contact: Carmela Gonzaga

Email: saintmichaelknights@gmail.com

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

DAILY

Holy Eucharist

Even though it is on occasion not possible to have the presence and active participation of the faithful, which manifest more clearly the ecclesial nature of the celebration, the celebration of the Eucharist is always endowed with its own efficacy and dignity, since it is the act of Christ and of the Church, in which the Priest fulfills his own principal function and always acts for the sake of the people's salvation. Hence the Priest is recommended to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice, in so far as he can, even daily.

Holy Mass: 8.30 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9.15 am Saturday

Prayer of the Church (Divine Office)

The Liturgy of the Hours is the richest single prayer resource of the Church, with prayers, psalms and readings for each of the Hours, changing each day and through the seasons.

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet: after every weekday Mass

Leaders: Rose Polic, Rosamaria Lia, Hiam Succar, Valerie Gonzaga

The Rosary helps us keep in mind the principal events in the life of our Saviour Jesus Christ and to give praise and thank God.

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

DAILY

Angelus

This is a devotion in honour of the Incarnation prayed at 6 am, midday and 6 pm. Archbishop Fisher encourages the Faithful of Sydney to make the Angelus a prayer of the community at noon.

The "Regina Coeli" (one of four Marian antiphons) is said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

At 12.00 pm at the Parish Office, Bethany College, St Mary Star of the Sea

Divine Mercy

At 3.00 pm at the Parish Office

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And he wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him with trust, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share his joy. The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Daily Adoration:

Contact: Jim Manwaring

Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 12.00 pm; Saturday: 9.45 am – 12.00 pm

Tuesday: 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm; Friday: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

MINISTRIES IN LITURGY

Acolytes

The acolyte is instituted to serve at the altar and to assist the priest and deacon. It is his responsibility to prepare the altar and the sacred vessels and, if necessary, as an extraordinary minister.

Coordinator: John Romanous

Assistant Coordinator: Louis Cheung

Pat McGrath, Peter McInerney, John Mercer, Tony Sakr, Michael Troiano, Lou Maffina, Jermyn Chan, Bob Hamblion, Mike Amper, Geoff Tuazon, Ruben Revelo, David Chow, Christian Judio, Gerard Sarmiento, Gerard Chan, Dennis Zebec, Mark Halavazis

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass

Coordinator: Pat Hinson

Training Coordinator: Colleen Calopedis

Christina Fitzsimmons, Joan Banks, Patricia Shiel, Rosa Puntillo, Sarah Milardi, Elizabeth Vong, Antoinette Zakaria, Dorothy Ryan, Merle Ynfante, Antonietta Toscano, Rosemary Craven, Teresa Yin, Burton Craig, Grazia D'Amico, Mark Halavazis, Royston Fernandes, Michelle Sarmiento, Shianti Tandiana, Roslyn Chan, Ofelia Ludovice-Santos, Jim Manwaring, TC Mak, Teresa Liu, Rose Polic, Maureen Coutinho, Sandra Mak, Linda Ling, Valerie Gonzaga

MINISTRIES IN LITURGY

Lectors

The lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, except for the Gospel. He may also announce the intentions for the Universal Prayer and, in the absence of a psalmist, recite the Psalm between the readings. In the celebration of the Eucharist, the lector has his own proper function, which he himself must carry out. In the absence of an instituted lector, other lay people may be deputed to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, people who are truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture.

Coordinator: Sandra Mak

Training Coordinator: Colleen Calopedis

Christina Fitzsimmons, Joan Banks, Teresita MontChan, Valerie Gonzaga, Peter McInerney, Josie Gonzaga, Elizabeth Vong, Pinky Acevedo, Jean Marc Morvan, Elizabeth Mansfield, Betty Leung, Stefanie Lia, Jim Manwaring, Maureen Coutinho, Madeline Murray, Roselet Varghese, Merle Ynfante, Joy Vaz, Rosemary Craven, Rowena Sharma, Lorraine Zilich, Jissy Varghese, Royston Fernandes, Kevin Mak, Sandra Mak, Dylan Mak, Michael Kamau, Jennifer Sayers, Vanessa Fernandes, Henry Chandrajaya, Alexandra Sala, Elizabeth Jovanovski, Efleda Monje, Kitting Monje, Linda Ling, Pat Hinson, Sheena Kallarakkal, Maria Perugini, Rose Polic, Celine Bernhardt, Maria Lorenzo, Alice Rivera, Rosamaria Lia, Shianti Tandiana

MINISTRIES IN LITURGY

Music Ministry

Plans the selection of hymns around the theme of the celebration, as well as keeping in mind the parts of the Mass, the feast or the liturgical season and leading the congregation in singing.

Coordinator: Carmela Gonzaga

Assistant Coordinator: Joy Vaz

Groups: Bethany College, St Cecilia Choir, Alison Varga, Therese Allan, Joy Vaz & Co, Yulia Santoso & Carmela Gonzaga, Colleen Calopedis, Gonzaga Family

Children's Liturgy

Teaching children during Liturgy of the Word at the 10.00 am Mass and being involved in the children's Masses throughout the year.

Contact: Therese De Vine

Greeters

Welcome parishioners at the church doors, seat them appropriately and marshal them in procession. They also distribute the parish bulletin and other information sheets.

Members: Joan Banks, Evelyn Ciccioiti, Amy Cheung, Linda Ling, Pat Hinson, Sandra Mak, Dylan Mak

MINISTRIES IN LITURGY

Altar Servers

Coordinators: Tony Sakr

School Liaison: Tony Sartor

Mass Community Representatives (MCR)/Commentators

The commentator, who, if appropriate, provides the faithful briefly with explanations and exhortations to direct their attention to the celebration and ensure that they are better disposed for understanding it. The commentator's remarks should be thoroughly prepared and notable for their restraint.

Members: Chris Fitzsimmons, Stefanie Lia, Valerie Gonzaga, Alice Rivera, Maureen Coutinho, Rosemary Craven, Emily Mak, Amy Cheung, Alice Rivera, Sandra Mak, Pat Hinson, Linda Ling

Money Counters

Counting the Sunday church collection

Weekly

Leader: Michael Kamau

Members: Mario Sciacca, Henry Chandrajaya, Carmela Gonzaga

SERVICE IN THE PARISH

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay Catholic organization whose members voluntarily serve the Church under the guidance of the parish priest in almost every country. The Legion was founded by Frank Duff on 7 September 1921 in Dublin. His vision was to help Catholic laypeople fulfill their baptismal promises and live out their dedication to the Church in an organized structure, supported by fraternity and prayer.

Our work includes: taking Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass; facilitating the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Extreme Unction as well as catechizing people about these Sacraments; accompanying and instructing those who are enquiring about the Catholic Faith until Initiation; coordinating the Parish Sacramental Program (Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation) as well as giving catechesis to the parish children; catechizing the children in Hurstville Public School; visiting parishioners in their homes on behalf of the parish priest and organizing/coordinating parish liturgy (Holy Week and other Feast days), devotions (i.e. novenas, rosaries) and parish celebrations.

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm at the Parish Office

President: Henry Chandrajaya

Members: Roslyn Chan, Maria Lorenzo, Mark Halavazis, Jim Manwaring, Angelo Soccio, Therese Borg, Linda Ling, TC Mak, Valerie Gonzaga

SERVICE IN THE PARISH

Parish Pastoral Council

The Church exists for a solitary goal and that is to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit. And Christ came into this world to witness to the truth, to rescue and not to sit in judgement, to serve and not to be served. – Second Vatican Council.

Wherever the Church gathers in its local forms the mission to carry on the work of Christ remains the same. By virtue of our baptism we become part of the Church. The parish is where the Church lives.

The Parish Pastoral Council exists to ensure that the parish community has every opportunity to carry forward the mission of Christ. It seeks to:

- *enrich the quality of parish life*
- *provide opportunities for parishioners*
 - a) *to grow in holiness*
 - b) *to discover and live out a personal and community call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.*

The PPC is ideally a representative group of the parish community.

4x/year at 7.30 pm in the Old Parish Office

President:

Secretary:

Members: Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek (Parish Priest), Principal of St Mary's Star of the Sea: Rebecca Besly (Ex-Officio), Principal of Bethany College: Robyn Rodwell (Ex-Officio), Fr George Gorzkowski, Mike Amper, Alice Rivera, Pat Hinson, Winkie Monje, Alberto Rubinchtein, Valerie Gonzaga, Henry Chandrajaya, Teresa Yin, Carmela Gonzaga, Amy Cheung, Emily Mak, Vicky Lavorato, John Romanous, Tony Sakr, Sandra Mak, Royston Fernandes, Jim Manwaring, Mario Sciacca, Rosamaria Lia, Rose Polic, Urey Lau, Margaret Tham.

SERVICE IN THE PARISH

Parish Finance Committee

The Code of Canon Law provides that every person who administers temporal goods on behalf of a group is to consult with that group in carrying out the administration. For parishes, can. 537 makes it obligatory that there be a finance committee to advise the parish priest.

The parish priest is the administrator of the assets of the parish and a finance committee acts only in an advisory capacity. At the same time the priest is asked to remember that it is the parishioners who have provided the assets.

Through the finance committee the parishioners are to seek to lessen the burden of the parish priest in administering parish finances, in maintaining parish properties, in planning for future capital works, in raising the necessary finances and in establishing a framework for greater shared responsibility within parish life.

4x/year in the Old Parish Office, starts with Mass at 7.00 pm

Parish Priest: Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek

Members: Teresa Yin, Louis Cheung, Valerie Gonzaga, Carmela Gonzaga

SERVICE IN THE PARISH

Church Library

Books, CDs and videos available for borrowing after weekend Masses.

Contact:

Pious Goods Store

Provides a selection of prayer books, holy pictures and other religious items after each Mass on weekends

Contact (weekdays): Parish Office

Contact (weekends): Sandra Kirner, Margaret Tham, Amy Cheung, Pat Hinson

Altar Society

Care of the Sanctuary: sacred vessels, linen etc

Contact: Parish Office

Flower Arrangement

Contact: Antoinette Zakaria

CATECHESIS

Sacramental Program

A collaboration between St Michael's Parish, St Mary Star of the Sea Primary School and Hurstville Public School.

Program of instruction for all parish children for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation.

Coordinator: Valerie Gonzaga

Team: Carmela Gonzaga, Elizabeth Vong, Meliani Djuari, Pinky Acevedo, Therese Borg, Tom Sinn, Henry Chandrajaya

Catechism at Hurstville Public School

Teaching children from kindergarten to year six every Wednesday of the school year.

Coordinator: Margaret Tham

Team: Tony Sakr, Louis Cheung, Valerie Gonzaga, Teresita MontChan, Teresa Chow, Evelyn Ciccio, Elizabeth Vong, Mimi Lui, Celine Bernhardt, Eflada Monje, Si Cong Ye, Thanh Nguyen

CATECHESIS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For non-Catholics who want to know more about the Catholic Faith.

From July until the Easter Triduum

Tuesdays at 8.00pm (after the St Michael Devotion) at the Parish Office

No meeting on the second Tuesday of the month

Coordinator: Valerie Gonzaga

RCIA (Cantonese)

Contact: Margaret Tham

RCIA (Mandarin)

Contact: Elsie & Urey Lau

Sr Agnes Wang

Baptism Preparation for Children

First Wednesdays of the month at 7.30 pm

Coordinator: Royston Fernandes

Contact: Parish Office

MISSIONS/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel

A Catholic religious movement established in Poland under the initiative of the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel in 1994 with the approval by the Holy See's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. St Michael the Archangel is the patron of the Knights, the biblical warrior whose name in Hebrew means "who is like God".

Its mission is to offer expiation to God for the sins of mankind, to pray for the conversion of sinners and to proclaim the victory of Jesus Christ over Satan. The Knights actively support the apostolate of the Congregation of St Michael in their work with youth, fostering vocations and aiding missionary causes.

The members of the Knighthood are confirmed Catholics who are open to the Holy Spirit and willing to give of themselves to Christ. They commit themselves to the daily recitation of a simple prayer of exorcism to keep and drive away evil spirits from oneself, the Church and the whole world and in particular from those that are tempted and possessed by the devil as well as monthly attendance of prayer meetings called a Host of Adoration.

Second Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm

Contact: Michaelite Priests

MISSIONS/SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Confraternity of the Scapular of St Michael the Archangel

The scapular of St Michael is a visible sign of entrusting oneself to St Michael the Archangel and of belonging to the Michaelite family. Wearing it reminds us of our Christian responsibilities and the certainty of St Michael's intercession on our behalf with God. Those who have been invested with the scapular share in the spiritual goods of the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel. The first scapular of St Michael was approved by Pope Leo XIII in the nineteenth century. The present form of the scapular was approved on 1 March 2013 by the decree of the Superior General of the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel. Pope Benedict XVI in the "letter to Michaelites" wrote: The motives of the receiving of the scapular in its present form should serve as a reminder to the wearer that he/she is experiencing an effective assistance of the mighty Defender, discovering in oneself the majesty, goodness and love of God, and to realize that there is no greater value, or any other equally great good outside of God – the Creator and Lord of all living things.

*Mass on second Tuesday of the month offered for the devotees of St Michael

*Display the Register containing the names of parishioners invested with the scapular of St Michael

*Organise 9 candles signifying the Nine Choirs of Angels on the Altar

Contacts: Parish Office

MISSIONS/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Saint Michael Mission Society

This was set up in Sydney back in 1996 to raise awareness and funds for the Michaelite missions in Papua New Guinea and to help support the priests working there and to educate the seminarians. It is affiliated with and approved by the Archdiocese of Sydney. In 1998 it was incorporated and granted the status of an Association by the NSW Department of Fair Trading. Since May 2000, the Society has been registered with the Australian Taxation Office and has been allocated with an ABN (Australian Business Number). As stated in its Constitution, the St Michael Mission Society aims to "alleviate illiteracy and promote education in the spirit of Christian ideals". Hence funds are raised to be used for students who are educated in PNG and brought to Australia for higher education; for construction of buildings such as schoolhouses and churches; and to assist in the provision of medical aid, education and development of job skills in PNG.

You become a member by filling in the registration form and paying an annual membership fee.

Spiritual Director: Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek CSMA

MEETINGS

Cantonese Prayer and Bible Study Groups

Saturdays (2nd and 4th) from 10:30 am – 12 noon at the Back Meeting Room.

Contact: Margaret Tham

St Michael's Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursdays at 6.30 pm in the Church

Contact:

St Michael's Bible Sharing Group

Mondays at 7.00 pm in the Old Parish Office

Contact: Valerie Gonzaga

CARE OF THE SICK

When the Church cares for the sick it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body. The Church shows solicitude not only by visiting those who are in poor health but also by raising them up through the sacrament of anointing and by nourishing them with the Eucharist during their illness and when they are in danger of death.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EoMofHC) take Holy Communion to the sick and elderly in their homes, nursing homes and hospitals.

The parish priest (or any other priest-in-residence) may always be called upon to administer the rite of the Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction).

Hospitals

St George Hospital

St George Private

Waratah Hospital

Nursing Homes

Homewood – EoMofHC: John Mercer, Pat Hinson

Bupa – EoMofHC: Legion of Mary

Home Visits and Holy Communion to Housebound

Legion of Mary

EoMofHC

PARISH SCHOOLS

Bethany College 02 8566 0711

Principal: Robyn Rodwell

Religious Coordinator: Sara Camporeale

St Mary Star of the Sea Primary School 02 9587 2358

Principal: Rebecca Besly

Religious Coordinator: Tony Sartor

Family and Faith Liaison Officer: Monique Cohen

Sacramental Coordinator: Valerie Gonzaga

Priest: Reconciliation – Wednesdays

Class Masses – Fridays and on special occasions

Class visits – Wednesdays

Hurstville Public School

Catechist Coordinator: Margaret Tham

ADMINISTRATION

Parish Office

Secretary: Margaret (1 day/week; Thurs)

Secretary: Gabrielle (1 day/week; Mon)

Office help: Winkie (1 day/week; Wed, volunteer)

Office help: Colleen (2 days/week; Tue & Fri; volunteer)

Bookkeeping: Carmela (0.5 day/week; volunteer)

Pastoral Coordinator: Valerie Gonzaga (volunteer)

Child Safeguarding Officer: Valerie Gonzaga (volunteer)

Banking: Money Counters Group (volunteers)

Accountant: from the Archdiocese

Church Cleaning: Alicja (Tues & Fri)

Maintenance

Church, presbytery and grounds: Michael, Pawel

Lights and sound system:

Plumbing:

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

Presbytery

Parish Priest: Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek CSMA

Priest Administrator: Rev George Gorzkowski CSMA

Visiting Priests:

Michaelite Priests, Rev Isaac Koi MSC, Rev Maciej Hulas, Rev Bogdan Skupien, PNG Missionaries

Chaplains

Spanish: Rev Delmar Silva CS

Mandarin: Rev Andrew Feng

Cantonese: Rev Lucas Leung OFM

Religious

Our Lady of China: Sr Agnes Wang, Sr Assunta Chang, Sr Helen Chang

Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sr Maria Pineda, Sr Louise Byrne

Scalabrini Sisters

MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

Parish Webpage & Facebook

Henry Chandrajaya, Gabrielle Djan

Parish Bulletin

Valerie Gonzaga

Quarterly Newsletter – In Honour of the Angels

Fr Janusz, Caterina Raccosta

Be Involved – Ministries and Activities at St Michael's Parish

Fr Janusz, Valerie Gonzaga

Parish Ministry Guidelines

Fr Janusz, Valerie Gonzaga

Sunday Liturgy Power Point Presentation

Teresa Yin, Julie Ebejer, Carmela Gonzaga

Liturgy Booklets

Valerie Gonzaga



Our Vision

We at St. Michael's are committed to calling each other by name, making God present among us, and being the hands of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Our Mission

We celebrate Liturgy as a community. We support and care for each other, accepting and valuing diversity. We share responsibility for the life of our Parish by giving of our time, talent and resources and by being continually open to renewal.