



# ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers

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### Parish Priest

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### Priest Administrator

Rev George Gorzkowski CSMA

Parish Office Margaret, Gabrielle

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MTThF: 10am-12pm

Volunteers Colleen, Winkie

Michael, Henry

Accounts Carmela (volunteer)

Catechist Coordinator

Margaret T (volunteer)

Pastoral Coordinator

Valerie (volunteer)

### Mass Schedule

Saturday (Anticipated Masses):

5.00pm

6.30pm Spanish

Sunday:

8.00am

10.00am Family Mass

12.00pm Cantonese (4<sup>th</sup>)

12.15pm Mandarin (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday - Friday: 8.30am

Saturday: 9.15am

Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup>):

7.30pm Healing Mass

Friday (1<sup>st</sup>):

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 (1<sup>st</sup>)

6.00pm Sacred Heart of Jesus (1<sup>st</sup>)

Adoration and Holy Mass

Saturday:

9.15 am Anointing of the Sick (1<sup>st</sup>)

Within the Mass

9.45am Perpetual Help Novena

3.00pm Divine Mercy (4<sup>th</sup>)

6.00pm Our Lady of Fatima (1<sup>st</sup>)

### Blessed Sacrament Adoration

Monday to Friday

7.30am - 8.30am

9.00am onwards

Saturday

9.45am - 12pm

Tuesday evening

6.00pm - 9.00pm

Friday evening

7.30pm - 9.00pm

RCIA (from July until Easter)

Tuesdays 8.00pm (except 1<sup>st</sup>)

### Legion of Mary

Wednesdays 7.30pm

### Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursdays 6.30pm

RCIA Cantonese (Margaret)

Sundays 10.30am

RCIA Mandarin (Elsie/Urey)

Sundays 11.00am (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)



## 15 MAY 2022

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Happy Birthday Fr Janusz!

We thank God for your spiritual leadership over the last 9 years.  
May he bless you with many more years with us!

### The Attributes of God

- 1) Simplicity
- 2) Perfection
- 3) Goodness
- 4) Infinity
- 5) Ubiquity
- 6) Immutability
- 7) Eternity
- 8) Unity

St Thomas Aquinas

Pray the  
Rosary daily  
during the  
month of  
May.  
"The family  
that prays  
together  
stays  
together."

By this love you have for one another, every one will know that you are my disciples.'

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

St Michael's

Catholic Charismatic Group

Fourth week of six: 19 May

6.30 pm Rosary

7.00 pm Praise & Worship

7.30 pm Talk by Ron Maldigri

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### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA provides an opportunity for people to learn more about the Catholic Faith especially those who are looking to become Catholic.

**The RCIA program starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2022**

When: every Tuesday  
(Except 1st Tuesday of the month)

Time: from 8.00pm

Where: St Michael's Parish Office

For more information, please contact the parish office, preferably via email.

### Statement on the need to protect faith based medical and aged care providers from "Kill Bill"

For the past two years society has been stopped in time. We have often been unable to gather, grieve, commiserate or celebrate with each other while enduring some of the most significant restrictions to personal autonomy ever experienced in a western democracy.

The purpose of these restrictions was to protect those most at risk in our community.

It is incredible that the same NSW parliament that put our lives on hold for more than two years in order to protect the most vulnerable has now passed a bill that sanctions their killing.

This "kill bill" divides us into two classes of people: those whose lives are protected by the state with the resources of healthcare, social services and law enforcement, and those whose deaths are facilitated because their lives are deemed to be "not worth living".

It is a dramatic departure from parliament's solemn obligation to pass laws for the good of its citizens and to protect the weak.

As Pope Francis has said, euthanasia and assisted suicide are the marks of a 'throwaway culture' where the forgotten, the downtrodden, the poor and the elderly will ultimately suffer.

I fear, that this bill will dehumanise the medical and nursing professions, creating a health industry where it might become more cost effective, or expedient to push people towards death.

I fear also for families, that this bill will damage family life, creating tensions where someone is taking a long time to die and pressures on everyone for this to be "hurried up".

And I fear for the dying themselves who are told by this bill that our parliament regards their lives as no longer inalienable, and who may more than ever feel they are regarded a "burden" on others and "better off dead".

With amendments to this kill bill now due to be debated, I call upon our MPs, even those who are in favour of this bill, to agree to reasonable amendments to provide some limited protections for those most vulnerable and to ensure that faith-based providers of medical and aged care services can continue to offer a choice to residents who do not want to be associated with this lethal regime in any way.

Forcing Catholic or other religious providers to have euthanasia on their premises amounts to a grave attack on freedom of religion.

**Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP**  
13 May 2022

**First Reading Acts 14:21-27**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. ‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said ‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1**

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

All: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

R: The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

R: All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

All: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

R: Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

All: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church:  
Seven Traits of Being Human**

**Humans are created in the image and likeness of God**

God is a part of all of us. This makes all people valuable, good, and holy.

**Humans are called to happiness and holiness**

Humans have the desire to be happy. God calls us to behave in ways that reflect his goodness. Only when we live in a relationship of love and gratitude with God and neighbour will we discover true happiness.

**Humans are rational and free**

Humans can contemplate/think about the impact our actions may or may not have on others and the world around us. We are free to make our own choices and we are held responsible for those choices.

**Humans are moral beings**

Humans are capable of doing good/evil/right/wrong. Because we are rational beings we act with the intention to do good or evil.

**Humans have passions or feelings**

The experience of emotion is part of being human. These emotions or feelings are neither morally good or evil. It is how we choose to deal with, or act upon, the emotions we experience that may be good or evil.

**Humans are blessed with a conscience**

We are created in the image and likeness of God; He is a part of all of us. When we reflect/pray and are honest with ourselves, and when we are willing to listen to God within us, we know/feel when a course of action is morally good or bad. It is our conscience that allows us to know what is right and just.

**Humans are able to sin**

Our freedom to choose allows us to go astray and commit offence against reason, truth, and right conscience (sin). Sin distances us from God, impacts those around us and may influence others to also sin.

**Second Reading Rv 21:1-5**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, ‘You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.’ Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: ‘Now I am making the whole of creation new.’

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Jn 13:31-35**

When Judas had gone Jesus said: ‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.’

May 17	T	Happy Birthday Fr Janusz!
May 18	W	St John I
May 20	F	St Bernardine of Siena
May 21	S	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions

Pray for those who are sick: Peggy Tam, Marjorie Penny, Darrell Boesen, Ann Boesen, Gwen Smith, Floricia Ruiz, Rory Higgins.  
Pray for Angelo Battisti who has recently departed from this life.  
Pray for those whose whose death anniversary occurs about now: Michael Zarro, Angelina Cattarinuzzi, Maria.  
Pray for the souls of Alan Mercer, Kathleen Mercer, Jan Mercer, Joe Older, Jack Cornish, Daisy Cornish, Mick Polding Olive Polding and the Poor Souls in Purgatory.  
Pray for the souls of all who have died in wars past and present.  
Pray for Edward Dixon on his birthday.  
Pray for the intentions of the St Pio Prayer group.  
Pray for Matteo on his name day, may he love God more and more all his life and may the Blessed Virgin Mary be his guide.

**CWF** We ask for your generosity this weekend for The Charitable Works Fund (CWF). This is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish. CWF funds six agencies: Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, CatholicCare, Chaplaincies, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Ephpheta Centre, Seminary of the Good Shepherd.

**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.



**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.**