

**Parish Priest**  
 Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek CSMA  
**Assistant Priest**  
 Rev George Gorzkowski CSMA  
**Visiting Priest**  
 Rev Thomas Lasen CSMA

**Parish Office**

Margaret  
**Thu 10am-2pm**  
 Maria, Colleen, Linda (volunteers)  
**Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 10am-2pm**  
 Accounts Carmela (volunteer)

**Pastoral Coordinator**

Valerie (volunteer)

**Catechist Coordinator**

Margaret T (volunteer)

**Youth Coordinator**

Olivia (volunteer)

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday (Vigil Masses):**

5.00pm

6.30pm Spanish

**Sunday:**

8.00am

10.00am Family Mass

3.00pm 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**

9.15am 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

Within the Mass

Or call the priest anytime

**Marriage**

Contact the priest 6 months prior

**Devotions**

**Monday - Friday:**

9.00am Rosary & Divine Mercy

**Tuesday:**

6.00pm Marian Cenacle

7.00pm St Michael & Holy Angels

**Thursday:**

10.30am Marian Cenacle Croatian

6.30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

**Friday:**

9.00am Padre Pio (1<sup>st</sup>)

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

Adoration & Holy Mass

**Saturday:**

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**

**Baptism Instruction**

**Wednesdays 7.30pm** (1<sup>st</sup>)

**RCIA Cantonese** (Margaret)

**Sundays 10.30am**

**RCIA Mandarin** (Elsie/Urey)

**Sundays 10.50am** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)



St Michael's Catholic Church

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**26 FEBRUARY 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
*Tuesdays of Lent in the Church*  
**8.00 pm - 9.00 pm**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday of Lent at 7.30 pm

3 March, 10 March, 17 March,

24 March, 31 March

**SPIRIT AND TRUTH**

*The Power of Christ Revealed*

**Lenten Program**

**In the Old Parish Office**

**Saturdays with Fr Thomas at 10.30 am**

25 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March,

25 March, 1 April

**Tuesdays with the Sr Maria at 7.30 pm**

28 February, 7 March, 14 March, 21 March,

28 March, 4 April

**Wednesdays with Fr George at 7.30 pm**

1 March, 8 March, 15 March, 22 March,

29 March, 5 April

**RCIA**

*Pray for our Catechumens who will be participating in the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral this weekend: Viki He, Liang Wang, Gavin Jan, Emily Kim, Debbie Barakat. Welcome Home!!!*



**Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March**

6.00 pm Adoration/Reconciliation

7.00 pm Mass offered for the

recently deceased

**Stations of the Cross after Mass**

**Anointing of the Sick**

Within the Mass

9.15 am

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March



*First Saturday Devotion to*



*Our Lady of Fatima*  
**4<sup>th</sup> March**

*Rosary after the 5.00 pm Mass*

*Offered for the intentions of*

*Pope Francis*

**Parish Pastoral Council & Holy Week Liturgy Meeting**

7 pm on Monday, 27th March

Old Parish Office

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**First Reconciliation**

Registration forms available from Friday,

10th March (parish office & website).

**Support our Parish**

Access our **BPoint** for

donations and payments

using this **QR Code**.

Thank you!



**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday 6 April**

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's

Supper & Washing of the Feet

8.30pm Vigil at the Altar of Repose

**Good Friday 7 April**

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

7.30pm Divine Mercy Novena

**Holy Saturday 8 April**

3.00pm Divine Mercy Novena

**Easter Sunday 9 April**

6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Sat, 8 April)

8.00am Easter Sunday Mass

10.00am Easter Sunday Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy Novena

6.00pm Easter Sunday Mass

**Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy**

**Penrose Park, Sutton Forest**

Saturday, 13th May (8.00 am - 5.00 pm)

8.00 am Assembly at Parish car park

5.00 pm Arrival at St Michael's Hurstville

Transport cost: \$35 (cash or BPoint)

To register, text Valerie on 0410 381 589.

**Sunday Mass Collections**

	12 February	19 February
First Collection blue bag	\$949.55	\$841.35
Second Collection red bag	\$535.80	\$512.70
Planned Giving	\$520.00	\$485.00

**First Reading** *Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8*

R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

R: Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

R: My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

R: A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

R: Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Pray for the sick: James Carrington, Anita Chan, Fred Perera, Juanita Purrone, Sylvia Newell, Lee Kendrick, Victor Romanoff, Darrell Boesen, Cathleen Alaburn.

Pray for the recently deceased: Anne Boesen, Thien Sun Kideng, Rocco Auciello, Vincent Auciello, Clemente Cacatian, Vincent Jiang, Rommel Mallion, Bernadette Karout, Maria Funay, Mario Valdeabella, Burton Craig.

Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Pray for the families Sakr, Boulos, Ahilas, Ioannou.

Pray for Paula Gonzaga, Rene Sapina, Rafael Santos-Melo, Ofelia Ludovice-Santos on their birthday.

**Second Reading** *Rom 5:12-19*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mt 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel** *Mt 4:1-11*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

**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](mailto: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.**