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# St Michael's Catholic Church

Under the Pastoral Care of

the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel

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**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  
**1.00pm** Alliance of Two Hearts  
**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>)

**5 MARCH 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

**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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday of Lent at 7.30 pm**  
 10 March, 17 March,  
 24 March, 31 March



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

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



**Holy Thursday Altar of Repose**

**8.30pm** Vigil commences at the Altar of Repose in the Old Church or Bethany Chapel (no assigned group)  
**9.00pm** Filipino community & Legion of Mary  
**9.30pm** Chinese & Indonesian & Indian communities  
**10.00pm** Spanish community  
**10.30pm** Croatian & Charismatic communities

From the cloud comes a voice, the voice, of course, of God himself: *This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!*

These are the exact words spoken at the baptism of Jesus. Again, they are an endorsement of Jesus and of all that he will experience, including his rejection by his people and his suffering and death on the way to life and victory. "Listen to him." This is directed at Peter and the others. To listen to Jesus is:


1) to hear what he says, 2) to accept what he says, 3) to make it one's own, 4) to identify with it fully. So far, the disciples have not been doing this.

At the sound of God's voice, the disciples prostrate themselves on the ground, terrified. They hear the gentle voice of Jesus, "Rise up and do not be afraid."

Jesus words point to resurrection to a new life and the abolition of fear and anxiety. The disciples were learning that, if they wanted to be truly his followers, they must accept this fully, and that they themselves must be ready to go the same way. If they stay with Jesus, victory, his victory, will be theirs too. If they stay with Jesus, they will have nothing to fear. -LIVING SPACE SACRED SPACE

*Legion of Mary Acies*

*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Curia, Illawarra*  
*Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm*  
*St Catherine Labouré Catholic Church, Gympie*  
*An invitation to all Legionaries - Active & Auxiliaries*



**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**+ Holy Week Liturgy Meeting**  
 7 pm on Monday, 27th March  
 Old Parish Office

*Please pray for our Catechumens:*  
*Viki Heie, Liang Wang, Gavin Jan, Emily Kim, Debbie Barakat.*


**RCIA**

**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.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**  
**First Reconciliation**  
 Registration forms now available from the parish office & from the website.

**Support our Parish**

Access our **BPoint** for donations and payments using this **QR Code**. Thank you!



Sunday Mass Collections		
	19 February	26 February
1st Collection blue bag	\$841.35	\$1052.90
2nd Collection red bag	\$512.70	\$671.85
Planned Giving	\$485.00	\$602.00

### First Reading *Gen 12:1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22*

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

All: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

R: The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

All: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you .

R: The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

All: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

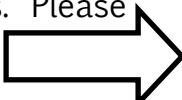
R: Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

All: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. Let us continue together to help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. **Please pick up your Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes from the foyer and return them to the Church on Holy Thursday.**



This is last year's community allocation for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Please let Sandra Mak or the parish office know if there are any changes. 

Pray for the sick: James Carrington, Fred Perera, Darrell Boesen, Minh, Lien, James Carrington.  
Pray for the recently deceased: Rafael Gonzaga, Luciano Barroga, Peter, Helen Lau, Jim Kok, Anne Boesen, Thien Sun Kideng, Rocco Auciello, Vincent Auciello, Clemente Cacatian, Vincent Jiang.  
Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now especially Onofria Triolo, Christine Pelucca.  
Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them.  
June Kok offers prayers for special intention.  
Pray for John & Therese Allan on their wedding anniversary.

### Second Reading *2 Tm 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### Gospel Acclamation *Mt 4:4*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel *Mt 17:1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
GOOD FRIDAY 7th APRIL 2023 @ 10AM		
ST MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA		
PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS		
Station	Community	Representative
1	6pm Mass Community	Pat Hinson
2	Spanish	Alberto Baccin
3	Cantonese	Margaret Tham
4	Filipino	Alice Rivera
5	Padre Pio/Italian	Elizabeth Jovanovski
6	10am Mass Community	Mario Sciacca
7	5pm Vigil Mass Community	Teresita MontChan
8	Legion of Mary	Henry Chandrajaya
9	Tongan	Elizabeth Vea
10	Croatian	Rose Polic
11	Arabic	Sue Fayad
12	Mandarin	Elsie Lau
13	Indonesian	Shianti Tandiana
14	8am Mass Community	Elizabeth Vong

**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.**