

**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  
 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>)



St Michael's Catholic Church

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**12 MARCH 2023**  
**THIRD 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**  
 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 Bethany College 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


*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*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**First Reconciliation**

Registration forms now available from the parish office & from the website.

  
**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
 FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. **Please pick up your Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes from the foyer and return them to the Church on Holy Thursday.**

Pray for the sick: Fred Perera, Darrell Boesen, Bob Sakr, Minh, Lien, James Carrington.  
 Pray for the recently deceased: Roberto Barroga, Kathleen Allabyrne, Martin Avendano, Warren Saunders, Rafael Gonzaga, Luciano Barroga, Peter, Helen Lau, Jim Kok.  
 Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now especially Jim Nickopoulos, Stephen Dack, Alan Ferguson, Edward Mendes, Anne Boesen.  
 Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.  
 Pray for Eduardo Gonzaga on his birthday.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**for Children's Liturgy**  
**Sunday, 10.00 am 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.


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

**Sunday Mass Collections**

|                         | 26 February | 5 March   |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1st Collection blue bag | \$1052.90   | \$902.00  |
| 2nd Collection red bag  | \$671.85    | \$509.65  |
| Planned Giving          | \$602.00    | \$2875.00 |

**Support our Parish**

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



## **First Reading** *Ex 17:3-7*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

## **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8*

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

All: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

R: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

All: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

R: Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

All: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

All: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## **Second Reading** *Rom 5:1-2. 5-8*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

## **Gospel Acclamation** *See Jn 4:42. 15*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;

give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **Gospel** *Jn 4:5-42*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact,

do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'