



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MICHAEL

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## St Michael's Parish

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 am – 2.30 pm

### Parish Staff

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Marisa Matthys

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9885 3105

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John Whitehouse

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### Mass Times

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 10:30 am

**Baptism:** Every Sunday by appointment at 11:45 am except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

**Wedding:** By appointment

**Anointing of the Sick:** Every first Friday of the month at 11 am Mass or by appointment.

**Care Group:** Enquiries ring Carolyn 9885 2483.

**East Timorese Coffee** \$8, available 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

### Psalm Response:

To you, O Lord, I Lift up my soul.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

*When Christ comes may he so strengthen you hearts in holiness.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday:	10:00 am Mass	Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday:	10:00 am Mass	Isaiah 25:6-10/Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday:	10:00 am Mass	Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21-27
Friday:	11:00 am Mass	Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Saturday:	6:30 pm Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sunday:	9:00 am Mass	10:30 am Mass

### Parish Prayer to St Michael

*St Michael Archangel, manifestation of God's infinite strength and glory and limitless care for humankind, Take us under your constant protection; help us to overcome evil and do good; to reject lies and live in the truth.*

*Steady our steps in faith and hope and come to the help of those who are in distress and do not know how to pray. Intercede for our parish and for all who live here that we may live together in peace and good will. Amen*



## Have you thought?

### Beginning Advent

The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to 'receive' Jesus into the world each year. Advent is traditionally marked by the colour of violet – the same colour as used in Lent. In recent years, some parishes have moved to a more blue/mauve colour for Advent to try to distinguish it from the season of Lent.

## Reflection

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

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## WEEKEND ROSTERS

<u>This Weekend 1/2 December</u>	<u>Next Weekend 8/9 December</u>
<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u></b> 6:30 pm B. Fogarty, C. Zuccala 9:00 am J. Girolami, E. Kleynhans, B. Lee, B. Clancy 10:30 am L. Cannata, D. Rutledge, J. Gilbert, P. O'Dwyer	<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u></b> 6:30 pm C. Zuccala, B. Kollegger 9:00 am S. Pettenon, M. Miranda, P. Walton, C. Barry 10:30 am B. Baker, V. Saldanha, M. Weberruss, A. Mackintosh
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> 6:30 pm E. Kollegger 9:00 am J. Ryan 10:30 am J. Noonan	<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> 6:30 pm B. Marshall 9:00 am M. Attard 10:30 am P. Shallue
<b><u>Welcomers:</u></b> 6:30 pm B. & E. Kollegger 9:00 am V. Saldanha 10:30 am T. Pendrey	<b><u>Welcomers:</u></b> 6:30 pm M. & D. Marshall 9:00 am S. & P. Pettenon 10:30 am V. & K. Arthur
<b><u>Altar Servers:</u></b> 6:30 pm Luke A, Justin W & Jonathan M-D 9:00 am Hannah P, Lauren E & Racheal M 10:30 am David S, Mark S & Elyssa D	<b><u>Altar Servers:</u></b> 6:30 pm Jeremy B & Ben S 9:00 am Lauren E & Racheal M 10:30 am Volunteers Please
<b><u>Children's Liturgy:</u></b> Joanne	<b><u>Children's Liturgy:</u></b> Fletcher
<b><u>Communion to the Sick:</u></b> M. Miranda, G. Edwards, B. Kollegger	<b><u>Communion to the Sick:</u></b> M. Miranda, V. Rezsneki, D. Kearney
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> Team 4: H. Harney, M. Richardson, C. Neaves	<b><u>Counters:</u></b> Team 5: B. Marshall, J. Cain, M. Cain
<b><u>Linen Group Member:</u></b> M. Lambert	<b><u>Linen Group Member:</u></b> M. Lambert
<b><u>Morning Tea Host:</u></b> 9.00 am 10.30 am Finance Committee	<b><u>Morning Tea Host:</u></b> 6.30 pm 9.00 am 10.30 am

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Clifford Chesrose

**The Sick:** Michelle McMahon, Olga Tennison, John Ditty, Pat Kelly, Grace Bresolin, Paul Jensen,  
Sally Whyte, Joan Clarke

**If you are new to St Michael's** please introduce yourself to Fr Laurence, fill in a Parish Census form and take home a Parish Directory.

**For those with an intolerance of wheat,** please let Fr Laurence know so he may give you a low gluten host (0.4%) at Communion.

**To access Hearing Loop facilities** in the church please be seated in any of the free standing chairs in the front section of the church.

**Church Toilet Access Code: C3147**

## PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St Michael's Parish Christmas 2018 Mass Timetable

**Monday 24th December**

4:00 pm Christmas Mass for the frail & elderly  
6:00 pm Christmas Family Mass  
10:30 pm Carol Service  
11:00 pm Christmas Mass

**Tuesday 25 December**

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

**Saturday 29 December**

6.30 pm Mass - Feast of the Holy Family

**Sunday 30 December**

9.00 am Mass - Feast of the Holy Family  
10.30 am Mass - Feast of the Holy Family

**Tuesday 1 January 2019**

Mass - Mary, Holy Mother of God

There will be a Special Collection during all masses **next weekend** for Melbourne Overseas Mission.

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**St Michael's First Friday Anointing Mass & Christmas Luncheon** on Friday 7th December 2018 at 11.00 am, Anointing Mass followed by lunch at 12.00 pm in St Michael's School Hub. Cost: \$20.00 (inclusive of Luncheon & Raffle) payable at the door. Bookings: contact the Parish Office on 9885 2498.

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**St Michael's Parish Sacramental Program 2019: Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation**

St Michael's Parish Ashburton is currently seeking to enrol students for our 2019 Sacramental Programs for Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information about the sacramental programs and for enrolment forms, please log on to [www.ashburton@cam.org](http://www.ashburton@cam.org). ALL ENROLMENT FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 25 January 2019.

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"St Michael's Friendship Group will celebrate their Christmas Break Up with a lunch in the Gathering Space on Friday, 21 December at 12.30 pm. If you would like to join us, please phone Marline Cooper on 9571 3935 or Annette Mackintosh on 9885 4815 before 14 December."

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**Accommodation Needed** - Do you have an empty Granny flat out the back, or a spare room? One of our new parishioner needs accommodation in the Ashburton area or nearby. He is employed, quiet and cheerful, a hard worker and a good cook. If you can help please contact Cath Place: 98857162.

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### 2018 Dates for your Diary

Mon 3 Dec	Ashburton Conference of St Vincent de Paul in the Gathering Space at 7.30 pm
Tues 4 Dec	Prayer Group Meeting in the Gathering Space at 1.30 pm
Fri 7 Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Anointing Mass & Christmas Lunch in the Hub at 11 am

**Emmaus pre-Christmas Mass this Sunday, 2 December at 5 pm.** When many people are planning for Christmas we like to set aside time for reflection and prayers for those in our Parish community who have relatives or friends who have died or have experienced other losses in their lives such as the breakdown of a relationship or the loss of a job in the past 12 months. It is a Eucharist of hope for those who grieve. **You are invited to bring along a framed photo of your deceased loved ones if you wish.** Please join us for light refreshments at the conclusion of Mass.

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**St Michael's Tennis Club** - Have you been having lessons at school? Do you want something to do in the holidays? Do you want to play in a team? Are you interested in playing socially? St Michael's is a friendly, family club that welcomes parishioners and friends to join. Fees are very reasonable and there is the opportunity for all level of play. If you would like a membership form please email Catherine on [peterdavis@netspace.net.au](mailto:peterdavis@netspace.net.au) or Paul on [ppettenon@bigpond.com](mailto:ppettenon@bigpond.com)

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**Tennis Players Wanted** - Our Saturday team is looking for new men players from all ages, with the possibility of starting a new team as well. Contact: Luis on [luis.hidalgo@hydrochem.com.au](mailto:luis.hidalgo@hydrochem.com.au).

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**German Baroque Christmas** - The final St Oswald's Christmas Concert 2018 will be held on **Sunday, 9 December, 2.30 pm** at St Oswald's Anglican Church, 100 High Street. Tickets at the door or at [www.trybooking.com/434197](http://www.trybooking.com/434197). Cost: \$30, Concession \$25, Students \$10. Money raised through the concert will go to provide on-going support and parish contributions to music and Kids Hope programs.

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**2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS** are now available from the Piety Stall priced at \$10.00 each. \$1.00 from each calendar sold will be donated to the Columban Mission.

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### 30 September 2018 update from Parish Finance Committee

The Parish's operating account bank balance at 30 September 2018 was \$83,336. A summary of the Parish's Net Income Statement for the first nine months of 2018 is set out below for parishioners' information.

The deterioration in the Parish's income, particularly the reduction in the planned giving income from the Parish Support Program (PSP), continues to be a significant concern. PSP receipts for the year to date were only 79% of pledged amounts. Overall income was 10% lower than 2017 but was ahead of 2018 budget due to rental and sundry income exceeding budget. However due to expenses also being higher than anticipated, overall Net Income (excluding depreciation) was fairly much in line with the budgeted loss amount.

The increase in Repairs and Maintenance costs was largely budgeted for and includes work on the Church roof, which was subject to leaking. Waterproofing has now been completed and further progress has been made on assessing the work required to repair and repaint the ceiling and other areas affected by water damage. The Finance Committee expects that a large part of this cost will be met by insurance. There will be some inconvenience while the painting takes place – more details will be provided when the timing becomes clearer (January is most likely). Your ongoing financial support of the Parish is much needed and much appreciated. Please contact the Parish office if you wish to enquire about joining the PSP or to change your pledged amount.

*Paul Shallue, Chair*

Income	Jan-Sep 2018	Jan-Sep 2017	Change
Parish Support Program (PSP)	\$77,600	\$87,182	-11%
Loose collections	\$10,805	\$13,467	-20%
Property Rental	\$54,010	\$51,309	5%
Sundry Income	\$9,580	\$16,783	-43%
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$151,995</b>	<b>\$168,741</b>	<b>-10%</b>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$144,138</i>	<i>\$161,729</i>	<i>-11%</i>
<b>Expenses (Excl. Depreciation)</b>			
Wages/staff costs	\$50,923	\$50,609	1%
Repairs & Maintenance	\$40,444	\$20,592	96%
Diocesan Levy	\$16,245	\$14,625	11%
Insurance	\$11,322	\$5,807	95%
Utilities & rates	\$19,034	\$14,062	35%
Administration/other	\$20,038	\$14,342	40%
<b>Total expenses (excl dep'n}</b>	<b>\$158,006</b>	<b>\$120,037</b>	<b>32%</b>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$148,503</i>	<i>\$148,443</i>	<i>0%</i>
<b>Net Income (Outgo) (excl dep'n)</b>	<b>-\$6,011</b>	<b>\$48,704</b>	<b>-112%</b>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>-\$4,365</i>	<i>\$13,286</i>	<i>-133%</i>

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