



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MICHAEL

*Alive to the Spirit, Cares, Celebrates, Worships and Bears Witness to Christ*

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## St Michael's Parish

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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.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

**Psalm Response:**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

**From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:**

**this is my beloved Son, hear him!**

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

**Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am Mass	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 am Mass	Jeremiah 18:18-20/Matthew 20:17-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	10:00 am	Service of the Word with Communion
<b>Friday:</b>	10:00 am Mass 6:30 pm	Genesis 37:3-28/Matthew 21:33-46 Lenten Reflection and Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30 pm Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Sunday:</b>	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*

## **LIVING THE GOSPEL**

### **'Listen to him!'**

*God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.*

## Reflection

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

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## WEEKEND ROSTERS

<u>This Weekend 16/17 March</u>	<u>Next Weekend 23/24 March</u>
<p><b><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u></b> 6:30 pm C. Zuccala, G. Soriano 9:00 am G. Edwards, C. Barry, E. Kleynhans, S. Pettenon 10:30 am L. Cannata, D. Rutledge, J. Glibert, T. Pendrey</p>	<p><b><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u></b> 6:30 pm B. Fogarty, B. Dubsy 9:00 am P. Walton, C. Barry, B. Lee, B. Clancy 10:30 am A. Mackintosh, G. Petrone, Y. Mallampati</p>
<p><b><u>Lectors:</u></b> 6:30 pm M. Sesuraj 9:00 am N. Browne 10:30 am J. Black</p>	<p><b><u>Lectors:</u></b> 6:30 pm B. Marshall 9:00 am J. Ryan 10:30 am P. Leahy</p>
<p><b><u>Welcomers:</u></b> 6:30 pm F. Cantone 9:00 am 10:30 am L. Cannata (Welcome Mass)</p>	<p><b><u>Welcomers:</u></b> 6:30 pm M &amp; D. Marshall 9:00 am V. Saldanha 10:30 am V &amp; K. Arthur</p>
<p><b><u>Altar Servers:</u></b> 6:30 pm Luke A, Jonathan MD &amp; Justin W 9:00 am Julian S 10:30 am Raoul CB, Elyssa D &amp; Dean N</p>	<p><b><u>Altar Servers:</u></b> 6:30 pm Jeremy B 9:00 am Lauren R &amp; Rachel M 10:30 am David S &amp; Mark S</p>
<p><b><u>Children's Liturgy:</u></b> D. D'Souza</p>	<p><b><u>Children's Liturgy:</u></b> J. Slykerman</p>
<p><b><u>Communion to the Sick:</u></b> T. Pendrey, M. Weberruss, G. Edwards</p>	<p><b><u>Communion to the Sick:</u></b> R. Roussetty, P. Compton G. Edwards</p>
<p><b><u>Counters:</u></b> Team 1: E. Cunningham, J. Ryan, C. Walsh</p>	<p><b><u>Counters:</u></b> Team 2: B. Fogarty, M. Rosendale, P. Griffithh</p>
<p><b><u>Linen Group Member:</u></b> P. Griffiths</p>	<p><b><u>Linen Group Member:</u></b> P. Griffiths</p>
<p><b><u>Morning Tea Host:</u></b> 6.30 pm 9.00 am</p>	<p><b><u>Morning Tea Host:</u></b> 6.30 pm 9.00 am K. Arthur 10.30 am</p>

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

**Recently Deceased:** Janice King

**Anniversaries:** Lynne McPherson, Paul Thomas Gill & Mary Theresa Gill, Johanna Patricia Gill

**The Sick:** Michelle McMahan, Olga Tennison, Grace Bresolin, Sally Whyte, Joan Clarke, Paddy O'Halloran,  
Bernard Cassidy, Ladislaus (Laszlo) Molnar

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**

2019 Dates for your Diary

Tues 19 Mar	Prayer Group Meeting in the Gathering Space at 1.30 pm
Thur 21 Mar	Parish Reconciliation Formation at 7:00pm till 8:00pm
Fri 22 March	Lenten Reflection and Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6.30 pm

During Fridays of Lent all parishioners are invited to take part in our weekly Lenten Reflections and Stations of the Cross at 6.30 pm. Lenten Reflections involve the reading of the forthcoming Sunday Gospel followed by a short (approximately 10 minutes) DVD presentation reflecting on the Gospel. This series has been produced by the Archdiocese of Brisbane called "Compassion: Reflections, Sharing, Living the Good News". After a brief silent reflection of the Gospel and DVD presentation we will proceed to the Stations of the Cross. It is envisaged that the Gospel reflections and Stations of the Cross will last for 45 minutes.

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Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2019 – Thank you to all parishioners who have bought tickets in this fundraiser. **ALL RAFFLE TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD.** The proceeds from the Car Raffle will go towards repairs in the Church, especially the leak in the flower room and the flooding in the basement. **ALL RAFFLE BOOKS AND MONIES ARE DUE BACK NO LATER THAN SUNDAY MARCH 24!**

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Children from the parish and school will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on 26 & 28 March. Please pray for the children and their families as they prepare for this sacrament.

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'Gifts Differing' – Our graced selves, praying, communicating. This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on that day. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc, The seminar runs 10 am-4 pm on 23 March 2019, at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$60. (BYO Lunch) Bookings: Tel 9890 1101 or email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)

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Thank you to all parishioners who attended the School of Saint Jude's Fundraiser at St. Michael's on Sunday 3 March.

A total of \$2800 was raised. Every cent raised went to St Jude's, which was much appreciated by them and they were also thrilled with the attendance.

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Project Compassion 2019 - This year, six stories will display the power of hope and the work of Caritas Australia in communities in Zimbabwe, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Australia, Bangladesh and Vietnam Tati from Indonesia -

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home. Please take home either the Project Compassion boxes or Envelopes which are being distributed this week in the pews or in the Gathering Space. Another story next week.

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Pauline Books & Media invites you to a Public Lecture on "Why are you sleeping?", The Passion Narrative with the Gospel of Luke with Dr Chris Monaghan on Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 7 Denmark Hill Road, Hawthorn East. Chris has long engaged in adult education programs in schools, parishes and in ministry to priests. and is passionate about making the Bible in all its richness accessible to people at all levels.

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When Irish Eyes Are Smiling! 2019 Celtic Winter Wonderland Tour of Ireland (November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>) with an optional add on tour of the German Christmas Markets (December 11<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>) Enjoy Irish countryside hospitality of the Irish people; learning about their history and story; Celtic music, cuisine, glowing open fires and the unique Celtic spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy small tour with Irish singer tour guide Maria Forde. (20 people max). Itinerary please contact Tour Director Maria Forde on 0411158593, Destinations include Dublin, Belfast, Donegal, Sligo, Galway, Clare, Limerick, Kerry, Cork, Kilkenny and Wicklow.

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VOICE OF MY SONG The Melbourne Singers Sunday 24 March at 2.30pm at St Oswald's Church, 100 High St, Glen Iris. Guest tenor: Richard Thomas. Tickets \$30, concession @25 Students \$10 .Enquiries to Judy ph:9807 7647 or bookings: <http://www.wtrybooking.com/473350> Proceeds to music and Kids Hope programs, Anglicare & Atrs 4 Older People

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Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees on Sunday, 14 April, 2 pm at the State Library, Cnr Swanston & LaTrobe Sts., Melbourne.

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The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their **Annual Mission Concert** on Sunday, 31 March at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2 pm. Admission is free – a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceedings will go to assist Sr Donatus Kilole of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ working in the diocese of Nairobi, Kenya, in the very remote village of Timau.

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Hamer Singers on Sunday 31 March, 3.30 pm at St Ignatius Church, 326 Church St, Richmond. Renowned Scottish composer, Sir James MacMillan, has written the extraordinary Strathclyde Motets, which refract the language of the great Renaissance composers through a contemporary prism.  
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAJTB>

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Stewardship Reflection - “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (Genesis 15:7) Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - *Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!* Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2019 Melbourne weekend dates:** 29 - 31 March, 31 May - 2 June, 23 - 25 August 2019 & 15 - 17 Nov. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5 pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au).

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