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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 3rd 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 3rd Sunday of every month.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

Psalm Response:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Christ became obedient for us

even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore, God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

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

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 10:00 am

Service of the Word with Communion

11:00 am

Chrism Mass St Patrick's Cathedral

Wednesday: 10:00 am

Isaiah 50:4-9/Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: 7:30 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday: 10:00 am

Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm

Good Friday Service

Saturday: 6:30 pm

Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Sunday 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

GOSPEL FOCUS

Changing expectations

The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion – his resurrection.

Reflection

In this final Lenten Sunday, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a saviour who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

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WEEKEND ROSTERS

This Weekend 13/14 April

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:30 pm P. Mifsud, G. Soriano
9:00 am S. Pettenon, P. Walton, C. Barry
10:30 am B. Baker, V. Saldanha, M. Weberruss,
A. Mackintosh

Lectors:

6:30 pm E. Kollegger
9:00 am J. Noonan 10:30 am P. Leahy

Stations of the Cross – Friday, 12 April

7:00 pm G. Brown, J. Ryan

Welcomers:

6:30 pm F. Cantone
9:00 am

10:30 am M. Richardson

Altar Servers:

6:30 pm Lucy B & Sam B
9:00 am Lauren E & Rachel M
10:30 am David S & Mark S

Children's Liturgy:

Communion to the Sick: E. Miranda, B. Kollegger,
F. O'Halloran

Counters: Team 5: B. Marshall, J. Cain, M. Cain

Linen Group Member: M. Lambert, C. Lee

Morning Tea Host:

Morning Tea PPC Member:

Next Weekend 20/21 April

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:30 pm B. Dubsy, G. Soriano
9:00 am R. Roussety, G. Edwards
10:30 am Y. Mallampati, T. Pendry, G. Petrone

Lectors:

6:30 pm J. Ryan, J. Barth, M. Kerr, N. Browne
9:00 am R. Bliss 10:30 am G. Brown

Holy Thursday – 18/04

7:30 pm P. Bourke

Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Service – 19/04

10:00 am N. Browne, G. Brown
3:00 pm J. Ryan (Narrator), J. Barth

Welcomers:

6:30 pm M & D Marshall
9:00 am R. Roussety
10:30 am T. Pendrey/Nance

Altar Servers:

6:30 pm TBA
9:00 am TBA 10:30 am TBA

Children's Liturgy:

Communion to the Sick: T. Pendrey, D. Kearney,
G. Paolone

Counters: Team 6: V. Perry, C. Owen, S. Lovett

Linen Group Member: M. Lambert, C. Lee

Morning Tea PPC Member:

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

The Sick: Michelle McMahon, 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

EASTER 2019 MASS TIMES

Tuesday 16th April

10:00 am Communion Service
11:00 am Chrism Mass at Cathedral

Wednesday 17th April

10:00 am Mass
10:30 – 11:30 am Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 18th April

10:00 – 11:00 am Reconciliation
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & followed by "The Watch": Evening Prayer, Individual Prayer & Veneration"

Good Friday 19th April

10:00 am Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 20th April

6:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 21st April

9:00 am & 10:30 am Masses

2019 Dates for your Diary

Tues 15 Apr	Prayer Group Meeting in Gathering Space at 1:30 pm
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Can you help during Holy Week? We need volunteers to:

- Have their feet washed during the ceremonies of Holy Thursday (adults/young adults).
- Help with the preparation of the Church for the celebration of the Triduum on Holy Thursday morning, 18 April.
- Help with the stripping of the Sanctuary after the Holy Thursday Mass has concluded.
- Help with the preparation of the Easter fire, font and Church on the morning of Holy Saturday, 20 April.
- Take charge of the fire brazier after all have entered the church for the Vigil celebrations on Holy Saturday evening.

If you can help please ring Michael Smith 98079783 or Catherine Place 98857162 for details.

St Michael's After School Sacramental Program for First Eucharist for children in Year 4 or above will begin on **Thursday, 2 May at 7:00 pm** in the Gathering Space. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from www.stmichaelsashburton.org. **Enrolments will not be accepted after the program has begun.**

Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees and Asylum Seekers this Sunday 14 April. The day commences at 1 pm with prayer and reflection with the Melbourne Catholic community at the **Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street** followed by a pilgrim walk to the State Library at 1:30 pm. Then a public **Walk for Justice for Refugees** at 2:00 pm.

The annual **St Michael's Women's Mass & Breakfast** will be held on **Sunday, 5 May 2019.** Mass is at **9 am** at St Michael's Church, followed by breakfast at St Michael's Hub. Please join us for a lovely morning as we enjoy a three course breakfast and a presentation from the amazing professional organiser Julie Cliff from "Space & Time". Tickets: \$30 each & can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/bbmtx>.

Camberwell Chorale proudly presents the first major concert in this **75th Anniversary Year ... "Two French Masters"** Fauré and Saint-Saëns on **Sunday 28 April, 2:30 pm** at **Hawthorn Arts Centre.** Tickets \$45 (Concession \$40, Students \$20). Details: www.hawthornartscentre.com.au.

Project Compassion 2019 – A basket has been placed at the Offertory Table for the Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes to be returned and it will be collected immediately after each mass starting from this weekend.

At the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 20 April at 6:30 pm, Abigail H, a student in Year 6 at St Michael's school will be baptised and Ali Molaei will be confirmed. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this special event in their lives. In addition to St Michael's singers and musicians, the Excelsis Choir will celebrate with us.

Invitation to Supper after Easter Vigil Mass

Following Mass there will be a light supper. Everyone is invited to please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

Bernadette Kelly (Bertolini)'s daughter **Emilia** was the soloist in the recent fundraiser for the African school called St Paul's. She grew up in Ashburton and many times she sang for Mass in St Michael's. She is one of the most talented young singers in Australia. She will be performing solo at the **Melbourne Recital Centre, Southbank** on **17 April at 6 pm.** For details go to: <https://www.melbournerecital.com.au/events/2019/three-lessons-of-darkness/>.




New copies of Melbourne Catholics magazine are available in Gathering Space. Please place a donation of \$2.00 in the Candle box near Our Lady's Altar.

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

“Archbishops Catholic Man Breakfast Series, 16 May 2019 features Union Leader Mr Joe de Bruyn. Come along and hear the former National Secretary of the SDA talk the application of Catholic Social Teaching in the Labour Movement. The venue remains the CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45. Time 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Enquiries: Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 or Bernie Docherty 0428 890 185. Bookings: Trybooking www.trybooking.com/484991. The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.”

We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today, as there was before, or perhaps more – said Pope Francis last month. Australians spent around \$210 million on Easter chocolate last year. This year it will be about the same, or more. Companies will produce what we ask for. Please use your buying power and purchase slavery-free chocolate. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of the enslaved children who are forced to pick the cocoa beans used in a lot of chocolate.

Good news: Catholic agencies and institutions are leading the way in Australia in demanding slavery-free supply chains, including in the production of chocolate. Don't leave it up to the big companies.

Action: Please buy and eat only slavery-free Easter eggs and chocolate this Easter. Look for one of these three symbols on the chocolate wrapper and make a difference. Convert to slavery-free.   

Project Compassion 2019 – This week's story is from Vietnam. Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate by taking home either the Project Compassion boxes or Envelopes which are being distributed in the pews or in the Gathering Space and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community. Lives change when we all give 100%.

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