



# 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

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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.

## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4**

*The just will live by faithfulness*

**Psalm Response:**

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

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10**

*If you had faith!*

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am Mass	<i>Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:28</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 am Mass	<i>Jonah 4:1-11/Luke 11:1-4</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	10:00 am Mass	<i>Malachi 3:13-20/ Luke 11:5-13</i>
<b>Friday:</b>	10:00 am Mass	<i>Joel 1:13-2:2/Luke 11:15-26</i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30 pm Mass	<i>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<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*

## **gospel focus**

### **Faith**

*The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.*

## Reflection

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

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## WEEKEND ROSTERS

<u>This Weekend 5/6 October</u>	<u>Next Weekend 12/13 October</u>
<p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> 6:30 pm TBA 9:00 am TBA 10:30 am TBA</p> <p><u>Lectors:</u> 6:30 pm J. Barth 9:00 am M. Smith 10:30 am J. Noonan</p> <p><u>Welcomers:</u> 6:30 pm TBA 9:00 am TBA 10:30 am TBA</p> <p><u>Altar Servers:</u> 6:30 pm Volunteers Please 9:00 am Volunteers Please 10:30 am Volunteers Please</p> <p><u>Children's Liturgy:</u> <u>Communion to the Sick:</u> TBA</p> <p><u>Counters:</u> Team 6: V. Perry, C. Owen, S. Lovett <u>Linen Group Member:</u> E. Nicholls <u>Morning Tea Host:</u> 9:00 am 10:30 am <u>Morning Tea PPC Member:</u> <u>Morning Tea PPC Member:</u></p>	<p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> 6:30 pm TBA 9:00 am TBA 10:30 am TBA</p> <p><u>Lectors:</u> 6:30 pm V. Arthur 9:00 am M. Attard 10:30 am P. Leahy</p> <p><u>Welcomers:</u> 6:30 pm TBA 9:00 am TBA 10:30 am TBA</p> <p><u>Altar Servers:</u> 6:30 pm Volunteers Please 9:00 am Volunteers Please 10:30 am Volunteers Please</p> <p><u>Children's Liturgy:</u> <u>Communion to the Sick:</u> E. Miranda, G. Edwards, G. Paolone</p> <p><u>Counters:</u> Team 1: E. Cunningham, J. Ryan, C. Walsh <u>Linen Group Member:</u> E. Nicholls <u>Morning Tea Host:</u> 9:00 am 10:30 am <u>Morning Tea PPC Member:</u></p>

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Pietro Taranto

The Sick: Michelle McMahan, Olga Tennison, Bernard Cassidy, Sally Whyte, Paddy O'Halloran, Paul Paino, Grace Bresolin, Marie Rosendale, Desmond Livesley, Poh Geok Lim (Magdalene), Nance Gardner

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

### 2019 Dates for your Diary

Mon 7 Oct	St Vincent de Paul Meeting in the Gathering Space at 7:30pm
Tues 8 Oct	Prayer Group Meeting in the Gathering Space at 1:30 pm

### **Parish Support Program – Envelopes**

A reminder for those who have not collected their new set of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office to collect them. For those who have renewed their pledges, you may still continue to use the new set of envelopes you recently collected last August.

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### **Interested in becoming a Catholic?**

St Michael's offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Weekly sessions take place in an informal atmosphere focused on the teachings and experience of Church and the preparation of individuals to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist next Easter. You are very welcome to participate with your questions and insights. If you are interested please contact Fr Laurence or Gail Ryan at the Parish Office (9401 6345) or email [ashburton@cam.org.au](mailto:ashburton@cam.org.au).

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**Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes** invite you to ... **The Inaugural John Hassett Memorial Social Justice Series Catholic Social Teaching And Action** - This series will be launched by Very Rev Joe Caddy, Episcopal Vicar for Social Welfare and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Facilitated by Ashley Mitcham, this series will explore the principles of Catholic Social Teaching week by week and conclude with the renewal of the John Hassett Social Justice Network.

**Place:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Gathering Space at 10 Whitehorse Road Deepdene

**When:** Thursday evenings 10 October, 17 October, 24 October; **Time:** 7.30-9.00 pm;

**RSVP:** Friday, 4 October, Parish Office phone 9816 9291, email [parish@olgc.com.au](mailto:parish@olgc.com.au)

For more information, see flyer in Church Gathering Space.

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### **Update on Plenary Council 2020**

Theme: Missionary and Evangelising - As we move into this second phase of the Plenary Council journey we are invited to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation to discern what it is that God is asking of us through the lens of the National Themes. Reports can be accessed via: [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/)

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### **Parish Support Program (PSP) renewal** – call for pledge forms to be returned.

Thank you very much to those parishioners who have already returned pledge forms. Numbers have been gradually increasing but there are still a lot of current PSP contributors who are yet to respond. More new contributors would of course also be very welcome!

In order that we can plan and budget confidently, we are asking all current PSP contributors to please respond - whether you are increasing your contribution, leaving it as is, reducing or indeed advising your circumstances no longer allow you to participate. If you wish to continue with your current pledge, you are welcome to confirm this by telephoning or emailing the Parish office rather than returning a new pledge form. Otherwise we would be very grateful if you could please return your completed pledge form as soon as possible, either to the Parish Office or via the offertory collection at Mass.

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### **PALMS AUSTRALIA Mission Adventure?**

Communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development

**Learn more:**

10.30 am, Sunday October 27

Jenny Florence Room, Ross House  
247-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

On October 27 teacher **Kathy Brick** will share her experience of mentoring in Samoa, Tanzania and South Africa, and explain how **sharing your skills** can **immerse** you in a world of **deep cultural discovery**.

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**COG Theatre** - Celebrate Life concert with Catholic Artists at 7:30 pm on 11 October 2019 with Fr David Lemewu, Georga Byrne & Alyssa Agius who's song hit 5th on the charts of Australian Christian music, they also sing at catholic youth festivals and there will be other acts and dances including scenes from the COG theatre group's musicals. A not for profit fundraiser. Limited tickets are sold at half price, only \$12. Don't miss out on this special, to be entertained by talented Christian artists. Booking: [www.trybooking.com/BEVLD](http://www.trybooking.com/BEVLD) or [cogtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:cogtheatre@gmail.com).

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On the 18 October 2019, **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "**One Million Children Praying the Rosary**". For more information and for prayer resources visit, [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org).

**Sparks of Beauty: Sacred Spaces** on Wednesday 9 October, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm (6:30 pm registration/light refreshments) at Mary Mackillop Chapel, ACU, 115 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. The Sparks of Beauty series seeks to enter into dialogue with speakers from a variety of fields—art, science, music, literature and sport—and to celebrate the intersections between faith and life while encouraging a new imagining of Catholic spirituality in 21st century Australia. Join us for an evening of conversation, music and contemplation at ACU's award-winning St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Chapel, where we will explore the notion of 'sacred spaces'—the ones we build around us and the ones we create within. Fr Laurence Freeman OSB is Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation—an ecumenical, contemplative community dedicated to teaching meditation. Together with Cathy Jenkins, Director of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne, he will offer some insights into how we might find and celebrate the sacred in today's increasingly fragmented and secular world. Cost: \$30 adult, \$15 student (18 and under), \$100 for a group of five (includes light refreshments). Enquiries: Suzanne Hermon at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or [evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@cam.org.au). Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/BELFB>

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The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday, 12 October 2019 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to Sister Veneranda Myuku of the Franciscan Sister of Charity, working at the IKOMBO EPILEPTIC CENTRE for the poor in the Mahenge Diocese of Tanzania. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

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March for the Babies Rally Saturday, 12th October at 1pm from Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring Street & Wellington Pde, East Melbourne a two minute walk from Parliament train station. A peaceful rally to defend the rights of unborn babies and their mothers against the 2008 Abortion Law Act.

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**Women in the Early Church: Implications for today**—The Parishes of the Boroondara Deanery invite you to an afternoon of reflection held at St. Dominic's Parish Centre on the 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm followed with afternoon tea at 4pm. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Rosemary Canavan who is Academic Dean of Catholic Theological College and Senior Lecturer in New Testament. Her main area of research is the Pauline letters especially the Letter to the Colossians. For more information, see the flyer on the notice board in the church.

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