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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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Psalm Response:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ
Jesus.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 10:00 am Mass

St. Teresa of Jesus

Wednesday: 10:00 am Mass

Romans 2:1-11/Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: 10:00 am Mass

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Friday: 10:00 am Mass

St. Luke the Evangelist

Saturday: 6:30 pm Mass

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

gospel focus

Where are they?

"The other nine, where are they?" asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

Reflection

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

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WEEKEND ROSTERS

<u>This Weekend 12/13 October</u>	<u>Next Weekend 19/20 October</u>
<p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> 6:30 pm P. Mifsud, D. Marshall 9:00 am S. Pettenon, P. Walton, C. Barry 10:30 am B. Baker, V. Saldanha, A. Mackintosh, M. Weberruss,</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 Luke A, Jonathan MD & Justin W 9:00 am Julian S 10:30 am Raoul CB, Elyssa D & Dean D</p> <p><u>Children's Liturgy:</u> M. Fletcher</p> <p><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</p> <p><u>Linen Group Member:</u> E. Nicholls</p> <p><u>Morning Tea Host:</u> 6:30 pm Level 3/4 Mass 10:30 am</p> <p><u>Morning Tea PPC Member:</u></p>	<p><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> 6:30 pm B. Dubsy, G. Soriano 9:00 am R. Roussetty, G. Edwards, D. Marshall 10:30 am Y. Mallampati, T. Pendrey, G. Petrone</p> <p><u>Lectors:</u> 6:30 pm M. Marshall 9:00 am R. Bliss 10:30 am P. Shallue</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 Jeremy B 9:00 am Lauren E & Rachel M 10:30 am David S, Mark S & Kiara E</p> <p><u>Children's Liturgy:</u> M. Fletcher</p> <p><u>Communion to the Sick:</u> T. Pendrey, D. Kearney, G. Paolone</p> <p><u>Counters:</u> Team 2: B. Fogarty, P. Griffith</p> <p><u>Linen Group Member:</u> E. Nicholls</p> <p><u>Morning Tea Host:</u> 9:00 am 10:30 am Welcomers</p> <p><u>Morning Tea PPC Member:</u></p>

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

Recently Deceased: Paddy O'Halloran

Anniversaries: Gary Tapscott, Karl Fekete

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), Galina Vistokas, Marianne Van Tiff Allen

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 14 Oct	Social Justice Group Meeting in the Gathering Space at 7:30 pm
Tues 15 Oct	Prayer Group Meeting in the Gathering Space at 1:30 pm
Thurs 17 Oct	Confirmation Reflection Day
Thurs 17 Oct	PPC Meeting in the Parish Centre at the 7:30 pm
Fri 18 Oct	Friendship Group Meeting in the Gathering Space at 12:30 pm

On Saturday 19 October children from the parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop Denis Hart will confirm the candidates. Confirmation Mass will be at 1.45 pm. In preparation for the Sacrament the candidates have attended a Family Mass and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and met with Archbishop Hart. A Reflection Day for the candidates will take place on Thursday, 17 October. Please pray for the candidates and their families during this time.

There will be a **Special Collection** during all masses **next weekend** for **World Mission Sunday**.

Friendship Group will meet next Friday 18 October at 12:30 pm for the screening of "Ladies in Black", Refreshments will follow the movie. Please bring a small plate to share. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy will resume this weekend at the 9:00 am Mass. On Sunday, 27 October there will be a **Children's Liturgy Mass** at 9:00 am and all children will be preparing for this Mass this weekend and next weekend. All children and families are welcome!

Appointment of New Principal at St Michael's Parish School - It is with great joy to announce to the community that Meredith Bennett has been appointed as Principal of St Michael's Parish School Ashburton commencing January 2020.

Meredith is currently Principal of St Benedict's Primary School in Burwood and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to her role as Principal of St. Michael's. She was previously the Deputy Principal of St. Michael's. We welcome Meredith to our Parish as the new School Principal.

We also thank Marisa Matthys, our current Principal, for her excellent leadership throughout the last seven years and wish her every success in her new appointment as Principal in St Mary's Greensborough.

Parish Support Program (PSP) renewal – just back from holidays?

Thank you very much to those parishioners who have already returned pledge forms. We have now received 131 pledges including 17 new supporters. While this has been gradually building we are still a long way short of our target of 220 PSP supporters. In view of this and as we are aware some parishioners who have not responded have been away on holidays, we are extending the renewal period until next weekend to allow some time for further responses.

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. If you want to make a change – including if you need to update your credit card or debit account details - 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 this weekend or next weekend.

Parish Support Program (PSP) – Envelopes

For those newly pledged cash contributors and also a reminder for current cash contributors, that you can now collect your new sets of envelopes from the Gathering Space.

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/

2020 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.

Handel's Messiah: St Patrick's Cathedral

Tuesday 15 October, 7 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. This concert will feature Baroque Ensemble SONARE and Vocal Ensemble CANTUS NOVESIA from Germany, under the direction of Joachim Neugard, Director of Music and the cathedral in Neuss, Germany. Tickets: \$20 (no cons). Children under 15 free. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFXGN> or tickets available at the door.

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 resource visit, www.millionkidspraying.org.

Camberwell Chorale proudly presents *Verdi "Requiem"* on Sunday 20 October, 2.30 pm at Hawthorn Arts Centre. Few choral works have captured the public imagination in such a way as Verdi's Requiem, with soaring lyrical melodies, scintillating orchestration and extraordinary dramatic and emotional intensity! **Featuring** Lee Abrahmsen – Soprano, Kerrie Bolton – Mezzo Soprano, Michael Lapina – Tenor, Manfred Pohlenz – Bass, Douglas Heywood – Conductor & Camerata Orchestra. Tickets \$45 (Concession \$40, Students \$20). Phone (03) 9278 4770 or visit www.hawthornartscentre.com.au.

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 27th 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.

Men's Retreat - It's back! You're invited to a retreat run by the Men's Prayer Group at St Benedict's Parish, Burwood, at 7 pm from Fri 25 to Sun 27 October 2019 at St Paul's Missionary College Retreat Centre, Wantirna. Fr Bruno Carrera will lead us on the theme *To Whom Shall We Go?* Accommodation, meals, retreat all included for \$190! Places are limited, so to register, email Tony on t.collier3124@gmail.com 0456 732 782 or Michael on michaelpballek@gmail.com 0433 196 549.

Palms Australia - Mission Adventure on Sunday, 27 October & 10:30 am at Jenny Florence Room, Ross House, 247-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. 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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