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St Michael's Parish Good News



PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE: 121-123 High Street, Berwick 3806 Ph: 9707 1355

WEB: www.stmichaelsparish.org.au **FACEBOOK:** fb.me/StMichaelsBerwick

Hours: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.00am-4.30pm, Tue 1.00pm-4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am-12.00pm

St Michael's Catholic Parish acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong People. We pay respect to all elders, past, present, and future, and we are committed to achieving Reconciliation.



Welcome to St Michael's Parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome at St Michael's Parish. Any concerns, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on 9707 1355 or secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B 27/28 APRIL 2024

MASSES

SUNDAY

Saturday vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am,
10.30am, 6.00pm

WEEKDAYS

Tue-Fri: 9.30am preceded by
Divine Mercy & Rosary.

Sat: 8.45am

RECONCILIATION

Sat: **Cancelled Due to Retreat**

EXPOSITION (Blessed Sacrament)

Cenacle Prayer until 10.30am

(Subject to change)

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Jeff Kleynjans: jwk2511@gmail.com

FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away

Tue: 1.30pm Meeting
3.00pm Meeting

Wed: 11.00am SFX Officer

Thu: Meeting All Day

Fri: Meeting Warragul

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Paul Zaher

paul.zaher@cdsale.org.au

PRESBYTERY

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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Centre

MARRIAGES

At least six months' notice requested.

FACEBOOK: St Michael's Parish page has updates and prayers, use the link on our website or www.facebook.com/StMichaelsBerwick/

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

www.sale.catholic.org.au/professional-standards



PARISH PRAYER

St Michael the Archangel,
patron of our parish, be with us as we strive
to be faithful to our Baptismal call,
to love God and our neighbours.
Spread your protective wings over us
and our entire parish.
Protect us from fear, lies and everything
that prevents us from experiencing
God's love for us in all its fullness.
Help us to always choose what is
good, right, and true and nurture within us
the courage, love, and respect
we need to face our fears
and to protect all of God's creation. Amen.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH WILL CELEBRATE THE '40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY' OF THE CHURCH WITH A PARISH RETREAT

BUILDING COMMUNITY- A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Emmaus Spirituality Ministry:

*Geraldine Naismith, Theresa Denny & Peter and Christine Webb:
Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA)*

Friday **May 3** Evening @ 7.00 – 9.00pm (Light Supper from 6.00pm)
Saturday **May 4** 9.30am finishing with Mass @ 6.00pm (Meal to follow)
(BYO Lunch to share)

Pope Francis:

'The Father, through the mission of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, involves us in a dynamism of communion and mission that moves us from the "I" to the "we" and places us at the service of the world.'

'...the charisms of the laity represent distinct gifts to the church from the Holy Spirit that must be called forth, recognised and fully appreciated.'

'Our synodal path shows the need for relational renewal and structural changes.'

Registration - Booking is Essential

www.trybooking.com/CRCFF



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA 2nd Sunday after

9.00am Mass May 12

RCIA 7.30pm

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm May 19

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC May 4

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday 10.30am-1.00pm

Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

JUNIOR LEGION: Sat 4.30pm PSC

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays 2.30pm

Zoom 828 3579 1262

SVDP CONFERENCE

2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY

Thurs 7.00pm PSC

REVELATIONS BIBLE STUDY

Fri 10.00am

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY

Friday 7.15pm

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY

16 Scanlan Street, Berwick

Phone: 8794 2400

ST. CATHERINE'S PRIMARY

73 Ridgemont Drive, Berwick

Phone: 9702 1466

ST. BRIGID'S PRIMARY

25 Bayview Road, Officer

Phone: 5943 2447

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

Phone: 9707 3111

SERVICES AVAILABLE

SHALOM WORLD: Catholic channel.

Access **SWTV** via

<https://www.stmichaelsparish.org.au>

CATHOLIC CARE: 1800 522 076

SVDP SOUP VAN THUR/SUN:

Narre Warren IGA-6.30pm / 6.45pm

Hampton Park Shops-7.30pm / 8.00pm

MOBILE PANTRY VAN: 1st & 3rd Tue

Narre Warren IGA- 11.30am-11.45am

Hampton Park Shops- 12.00pm-12.30pm

Cranb Lyall St Bus Stop-12.45pm- 1.00pm

Vinnies Welfare Assistance

Mon-Fri 1800 305 330

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP

ORANGE DOOR: 1800 319 354

Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732

Safe Steps - 1800 015 188

No to Violence: Men's Referral

Service - 1300 766 491

Mon-Fri: 8am-9pm, Sat-Sun: 9am-6pm

Multi-Cultural Centre Against Family

Violence - 1800 755 988

WAYS Emergency Accommodation:

9703 0044 or after 5pm 1800 825 955

Lifeline 13 11 14

Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

or chat online

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 or

kidshelpline.com.au

(Concerned adults can call for advice)

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Bill Egan, Sr Frances Cody OCDM, Brian McGrath, Thaddeus Ogbuka (Fr Edwin Ogbuka's father), Jennifer Palmer, Editha Polintan, Claude Bertuzzi and all those who died recently and for Nunzio Marolda, Billy & Mary McCann, Paul Giuseffi, Zofia Olejarz, Devasia Thomas, Josef Varadi, Joseph Kanja, John Vasko, Sebastian Nieuwsteeg, Brian Tobin and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Chris Olejarz, Tanya Clarke-Murphy, Harry Cullen, Maria Grajales, Greg Bolger, E'John Biscocho, Andrew Comport, Celia Dionisio, Jeremy Fahie, James McKee, Carmel Torre, Frances Watterson, Kath Angrave, Paul Mullins, Barbara Cullen, Dianne McGreal, Gill Vissenga, John Mullins, Donald Burns, Larry Rydquist, Michelle Wright, Ivor Silvapulle, Jack Visser, Frank & Cathy Long, Ray Waters, Mona Rogers, Glenn Rawlins, Bob Nolan, Tess Daly, Pat Deeker.

[Names will be removed after one month, unless we are advised otherwise]

GOOD NEWS: Notices required by 10.00am, Thursday. Thank you.

MIGRANT MASS: St Michael's will host this wonderful occasion for all our different cultures to come together and celebrate the diversity of our Diocese. On Sunday September 29 at 3.00pm at St Michael's Church, celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Jeff, Fr Paul and priests and deacons from our Diocese, followed by a sit-down function in the Stadium. If you would like to join in organising the event and showcase your country, please call the Parish Support Centre. We would like to have as many countries as possible represented: in food preparation, reading in your native language, cultural dancing and singing and general help on the day. There will be a sub-committee with a few meetings in the coming months (dates to be advised) to organise the running of the day.

Thank you.

JUNIOR LEGION: Welcomes any new members. Aimed at children from 6 to 12 years old and held on a Saturday at 4.30pm, in the Parish Support Centre. Prayer, Catechesis, and activities.

EUCCHARISTIC & VACUUMING ROSTER: Will be prepared shortly to begin in June. Many long-term ministers are unable to continue so your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Training will be given to ensure you feel comfortable with the role. If you are able to join this ministry or your availability has changed, contact Geraldine at the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

We only have a small number of volunteers for the vacuuming roster, so please consider volunteering, if you are available to help, or if your current circumstances have changed, contact Geraldine at the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

REVELATIONS BIBLE STUDIES: 'The Kingdom Yet to Come' by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith begins on May 3 with 10 Sessions. More info: gennysilvapulle@hotmail.com or Brian D'Oliveira mobile 0422 386 310.

MEMORIAL WALL: Is located on the external wall of the Church behind the Tabernacle. If you would like to order plaque forms are available in the foyer or contact the Parish Support Centre.

MYSTAGOGIA MASS: Will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet at St Thomas the Apostle church, Clyde North on May 11 at 6.00pm. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. The newly baptised and those received into full communion in the church are especially invited to attend, with their Sponsors, families, team members and parish members. Please bring a plate to share.

JOURNEYING WITH MARY: Diocesan Day of Devotion to Mary on May 11 at Our Lady Help of Christians, 9.15am-2.00pm.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: That the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: May 12, Adoration, Prayers, Procession, Mass, St Mary's East Malvern. Beginning at 1.30pm. See flyer.

PARENTS PRAYER GROUP: At Rivercrest on a Tuesday morning at 8.45am in the Reflections Café. Further info: andria.vanotterloo@rivercrest.vic.edu.au or Cheryl.lees@rivercrest.vic.edu.au All welcome.

ST VINCENTS SOUP VAN: Are you keen to volunteer to make a significant impact in our local community? St Vinnies Soup Van services the communities of Berwick, Narre Warren, Hampton Park, and Cranbourne by providing nutritious meals and compassion to those in need. We are currently recruiting volunteers to assist in either preparing and cooking meals and/or distributing meals and pantry items at our regular distribution stops. We operate out of the kitchen at St Francis Xavier College in Beaconsfield, distributing meals on Sunday and Thursday evenings and a pantry run fortnightly on Tuesdays. There is no greater reward than seeing the immense difference you can make to the lives of others who are in dire need, as witnessed on each and every soup van run. Please collect a pamphlet from the church foyer or email Jo: berwick.sv.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

DIGNITAS INFINITA ON HUMAN DIGNITY: Australian Catholic bishops have acknowledged the release in Rome of the document, *Dignitas Infinita*.

"Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter."

Media release and the full document visit cdsale.org.au/news

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH: Nine stand-alone online seminar sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff during May. These sessions are an ideal opportunity to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development. Cost: \$25 per session - General audience. More information click here to go to our website.

FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA: Celebrated on April 29. One of our Parish Primary schools is named after St Catherine who was the youngest of 25 children born of a wealthy Italian family in c1347. From a young age she devoted her life to prayer and is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue, which is her definitive work, and her prayers. Pope Paul VI declared her a doctor of the Church, along with Teresa of Avila. St Catherine was an important defender of the papacy. She is a patron saint of Europe and Italy and the patron saint of journalists, media and nursing.

Her most famous quote is: "*Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.*"

God of Wisdom

you made our sister Catherine burn with divine love
in contemplating the Lord's passion and in serving your Church.

With the help of her prayers may your people,
united in the mystery of Christ, rejoice forever in the revelation
of his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION – Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The vine is the lifeline for the branches. If branches are cut off from the vine, they die. Jesus is our lifeline and he often works through the people in our life.

Who do you know that acts as an emotional lifeline for you? Who gives you life and support and strength?

The Scriptures tell us that those who live in Jesus do good work and bear much fruit—apart from Jesus, we cannot do anything worth doing. Do you know people who clearly live in Jesus and are doing good work? What are they like? How do you know they are living in Jesus? What good work do they do? How can you be more like them?

Jesus says that if his words are living within us, whatever we ask for in prayer shall be granted. What does it mean to have Jesus' words living within us? If his words are truly living within us, then what would our prayer be like?

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 9: 26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.