

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 04/05 JULY 2026

COMING WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am,

10.30am, 6.00pm

WEEKDAYS

Tues: 9.30am

Wed: 7.30am

9.30am Communion Service

Thu-Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 9.30 Mass & Baptisms

All preceded by the Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: **No Reconciliation**

5.00pm

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Confidence Masvosva

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PRESBYTERY

119 High Street, Berwick

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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Centre

MARRIAGES

At least six months' notice requested

FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/StMichaelsBerwick/

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding>

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THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



Is for adults who would like to become full members of the Catholic Church. This usually occurs at the Easter Vigil, a ceremony which is a highlight of the Church calendar.

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a Catholic, come along to one of our Inquiry Nights, Wednesday July 8 or July 22 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Inquiries: 9707 4072 or 9707 1355.

INTRODUCING ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP - 'Archangel Youth'

18-35-year-olds. Youth Mass will be celebrated on July 5 at 10.30am. Our young parishioners will come together to learn, grow, and support one another. Through fellowship, community service, leadership activities, and fun events, they will strive to build strong friendships while making a positive impact at St Michael's. Please keep them in your prayers.



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Is celebrated on the first Sunday of July across Australia. It marks the beginning of NAIDOC Week and provides a dedicated time for the whole community to come together, honouring the rich cultural heritage, spirituality, and ongoing contributions of Australia's First Nations peoples.

ONE PEOPLE, ONE LAND PRAYER

Adapted from the song by Monica Brown

God, this land is an ancient land and bears a vast and rugged face.

Its spirits deep, haunting and free, it calls to you, it calls to me.

We find your soul within its depths and make of it our homeland true.

There is a people, an ancient people,

whose spirits rest deep in this land.

Their dreamtime myth, story and faith, make this land a sacred place.

They seek of all a true embrace, that reconciles all that we are.

From distant shores many have come

to find their home in this great southern land.

A place where the spirit yearns and seeks to unite us all.

This is our land and we are its people.

A nation free to realise its dream

It is a dream that's for all who dwell in this land.

We pray we can live as one people, one people in one land.

We ask this in your name.

Amen

MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA 2nd Sunday after
9.00am Mass - July 12

3rd Sunday after 10.30am Mass - July 19

RCIA

Wednesday 7.30pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY: First
Sunday of each month from 8.30am.

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm - July 19

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC - August 1

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday 10.15am - 11.45am PSC
Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

MENS GROUP

Tuesday 7.30pm PSC

PARISH ROSARY:

Monday 2.30pm

Zoom 829 9519 6798

SVDP CONFERENCE

2nd Tuesday of the month 4.30pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 7.00pm PSC Resumes July 16

MEDITATION SESSIONS

1st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC
July 7

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY

Friday 7.15pm

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY

16 Scanlan Street, Berwick

Phone: 8794 2400

ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY

73 Ridgmont 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.

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 Baptist Church

- 7.30pm / 8.00pm

MOBILE PANTRY VAN: 1st & 3rd Tue

Narre Warren IGA - 11.30am-11.45am

Hampton Park Baptist Church

- 12.00pm-12.30pm

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: 8.00am - 9.00pm,

Sat-Sun: 9.00am - 6.00pm

MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST

FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1800 755 988

WAYS Emergency Accommodation:

9703 0044 or after 5.00pm 1800 825 955

LIFELINE: 13 11 14

BEYOND BLUE: 1300 22 4636

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

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Teresa Loyola, Jim Breen, Helen Fyfe, Guito Benoit, Cecelia Edwards, Alexander Restituto, Roselyn Schulter, Nicholas Couronne, Emilin Rebelo and all those who died recently and for Joseph O'Loughlin, NJ John, Mario De Cinque, Bert Bardini, Anton Sinkovic, Angelo Bau, Regina Hawthorne, Lina Butler, Mary Jackson, John Meurs, Leslie Douglas, Doris Grech, Annie Allen, Cristoforo Li Donni, John Allen, Steven Baran and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Fr Tad Ziolkowski, Marielle Steinhage, Marie Restituto, Joan O'Shea, Robert Cullen, Danielle Tobin, Hilda Newstead, Mary Hughes, Rex Clair, Ann Kroon, Mary Clarke, Jackie Otoole, Anna Tekin, Maureen Donnelly, Betty Guerin, Rita Rowland, Jeremy Fahie, Kath Angrave, Ivor Silvapulle.

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

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

HEATING IN THE CHURCH: We are aware there is an issue with the heating and have arranged for it to be checked and serviced. Please do not adjust the settings or the temperature. Thank you for your patience.

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY: This Sunday from 8.30am until 9.00am Mass in the adoration area. Prayer is gentle, private and confidential. Just come, no booking needed, we would love to pray for you.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Collection will be taken up next weekend. Your generous offerings directly support the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministry, providing vital assistance to those suffering from war, poverty, and natural disasters around the world.

COLLECTORS: Diocesan Safeguarding procedures require us to collate names and details for all our volunteers, including regular collectors during Mass. Please write your name and details on the form in the sacristy. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN - CONSULTATION PROCESS 2026:

Thank you to all parishioners who have collected the forms, please return as soon as possible by placing them in the box in the foyer or returning them to the Parish Support Centre. Forms are available on the website or use the QR code.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: Will meet on Tuesday, July 7, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at St Michael's Parish Support Centre. Centring Prayer, a practice similar to but distinct from our usual Christian Meditation, will be introduced. All are welcome.

SAFETRAC TRAINING: Is a requirement of the Diocese for all volunteers. Please check you emails (spam as well) to see if you have received the link to complete the training. All those who have an outstanding training will be contacted shortly. Please contact the Parish Support Centre with any queries.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: Extra volunteers are **urgently** needed. Please consider whether you are able to help and if so, contact the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

ROSTERS: For all Ministries are on display in the foyer. Please check them regularly, and if you are unable to assist on your allocated date, **it is your responsibility to swap with someone else.**

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Every second Saturday 3.30pm - 5.00pm and every third Monday 4.30pm - 6.00pm of the month. Upcoming dates July 11 and 20. Thank you to all that help with this ministry.

SCHOOL GROUND PARKING: Please remove your vehicle from the School Grounds after 10.30am Mass quickly, as the gates will be locked at 12.00pm. The school lets us use their car park during Mass times, however for security and safety of the school grounds we need to lock the gates after Mass. Thank you.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: "Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST: Is currently offering scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity - promoting faith enhancement, social justice, and pastoral care. If you are looking to strengthen your skills and serve your community, you are encouraged to apply. Closes Friday July 31. Information & Application Forms: uacpallottines.au

MARY MACKILLOP - A SAINT OF OUR TIME: Explore St Mary MacKillop's legacy and learn how to draw inspiration from her life to make a difference today. Venue: Online Thursday, August 6 7.00pm-8.00pm. Registration: cdsale.org.au/events or 5614 5163 or newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

FOOTSTEPS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA & MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: A spiritually enriching pilgrimage to Italy, visiting Rome, Siena, Assisi, Lanciano, Rotondo, and Medjugorje, walking in the footsteps of the saints, and drawing inspiration from their lives, witness and enduring legacy in the very places where they lived and served. September 18 - October 2. Limited Seats. Bookings 8839 6615 or pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au See Flyer.

ST CARLO ACUTIS FIRST CLASS RELIC: Julu16 - July 28, 10.00am-3.00pm at Magnificat House, 456 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne. The First-Class Relic is available for veneration daily. See flyer.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOP'S COFERENCE: Encourages Catholics to identify themselves in this year's Census on August 11. The Census, conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), is a "comprehensive snapshot" that reveals the changing economic, social and cultural demographics of the nation. National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPRI) director Trudy Dantis said data from the religion question was crucial to helping Catholic parishes, schools, dioceses and organisations understand their communities and plan for ministry and mission. Questions about Catholics in the Census can be directed to the National Centre for Pastoral Research by emailing ncpr@catholic.org.au.

SEASON OF CREATION: CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: To better understand what Pope Francis calls "integral ecology," and to explore how, as people of faith, we are called to care for the Earth - our common home - in practical ways, as both a spiritual and ethical responsibility join Fr Jeff Kleynjans online on Wednesday September 16 at 7.00pm-8.00pm. Register at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events/season-of-creation-care-for-our-common-home> QR or 5614 5163 See flyer.



SEAFARERS SUNDAY: On July 12 is a time to remember the world's mariners who endure extreme isolation, dangerous seas, and intense loneliness to transport the goods we rely on daily. National Director Fr Tony Cox SSC reminds us that because they work far from land, seafarers are often "invisible" and forgotten. Stella Maris Australia supports these workers by providing spiritual and material aid and advocating for their human dignity.

REFLECTION – by Nick Brodie

As Pope Leo XIV reminds us, wealth is increasingly 'concentrated in fewer hands, widening inequalities.' The result of this is stark. Entire regions 'lack the essential equipment needed to save millions of human lives,' he points out. This is an intolerable burden which Christians are called to face with honesty and charity.

As the Pope points out, a Christian response to social inequality includes supporting 'tax systems that lighten the burden on the weakest and ask for more from those with greater resources.' Through such mechanisms we can alleviate many woes.

This duty is not something we can postpone until we have a surplus with which to act generously. Rather, as the Pope explains, we are called to recognise that 'justice concerns every phase of economic activity, from resource acquisition to financing, and from production to consumption.'

Therefore, we have a responsibility to seek transparency and accountability in our economic systems. We are called to foster 'inclusion and access'. As the Pope says succinctly, 'every choice has moral consequences.' Christ calls us to see him as the lifter of burdens, certainly, but he also calls us to become uplifters too.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9: 9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the

Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23