

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 18/19 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: 9.30am & Baptisms

All preceded by the Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: **No Reconciliations**
5.00pm

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Confidence Masvosva

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SECRETARY

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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-resources>

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Is for adults who would like to become full members of the Catholic Church.

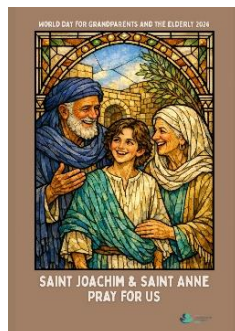
This usually occurs at the Easter Vigil, a ceremony which is a highlight of the Church calendar.

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a Catholic, come along to our Inquiry Night, July 22 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Inquiries: 9707 4072 or 9707 1355.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated next Sunday, on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The celebration of this day provides an opportunity for the Church to draw close to the elderly; to celebrate their unique role in our families and communities; and to reach out to those who may feel lonely or forgotten.

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the 2026 theme of -

"I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15).

SAFEGUARDING

Everyone employed or volunteering at St Michael's has a responsibility to understand the important and significant role he or she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of each person is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

This commitment is made in the spirit of Christ's teachings and on behalf of the Bishop, clergy, staff and volunteers who serve in our parish.

It is an offence for an individual to engage in paid or volunteer work without a valid WWCC (Working with Children Check) and a signed Code of Conduct. Our Diocese has established a Diocesan Code of Conduct that every volunteer will need to sign. The document can be read on the Diocesan website at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding-resources> or copies will be available on the table in the foyer. Due to the length of the document, we advise you to read it on the Diocesan website. There is a separate Declaration form that will need to be signed and these will also be available in the foyer. Please return the forms to the box provided by July 31. Thank you to all our volunteers that keep our church a great place to pray, grow, and belong. We are truly grateful for each one of you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
To everyone celebrating in July.



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA 2nd Sunday after
9.00am Mass – August 9

~~3rd Sunday after 10.30am Mass – July 19~~
~~Cancelled~~

RCIA

Wednesday 7.30pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY: First
Sunday of each month from 10.00am

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

MEDITATION SESSIONS

1st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC
August 4

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.

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

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Mary Rapinett, Lois Trevaskis, Dilberto Torres, Rita Breen, Anne Kroon, Joyce Boyd, Fr Tad Ziolkowski, Thelma Rajapaksha, Aaron Price and all those who died recently and for George Fokchak, Jehan Puvimannasinghe, Margherita Barker, Adolf Gonzalez, Odette Vamben, John, Mooryati & Henny Picauly, Steven Goldsmith and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Marielle Steinhage, Marie Restituto, Joan O'Shea, Robert Cullen, Danielle Tobin, Hilda Newstead, Maureen Donnelly, Mary Hughes, Rex Clair, Mary Clarke, Jackie Otoole, Anna Tekin, 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.

CUPPA AFTER MASS: Cancelled this Sunday.

ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP - 'Archangel Youth': There will be a regular 'Youth Mass' on the First Sunday of each month at 10.30am and we are encouraging all young parishioners to attend and help with running this mass. Our 'Archangel Youth' (18-35-year-olds) will come together to learn, grow, and support one another. Through community service, fellowship, leadership activities, and fun events, they will strive to build strong friendships while making a positive impact at St Michael's.

The Youth Group will also run fundraisers to help with the cost of L.A.M.P. events (Diocesan event), as well as World Youth Day in 2027.

It is a very exciting time for our Parish, not only for the 'Archangel Youth' but for the whole community. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: \$1,053.75 was donated, thank you.

SOCIETY OF ST PIUS X: The consecration of four bishops in the Society, that occurred without a mandate from the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV and against his earnest entreaty for the Society to retrace their steps. As a result, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith has exercised its authority and declared this to be a schismatic act. It means that the bishops who performed the consecrations and the four priests who were consecrated have been excommunicated. It also has implications for the members of the Society of St Pius X. Catholics are encouraged to remain in full communion with Pope Leo XIV and the wider Catholic Church. For some members of the community this means refraining from participating in Society of St Pius X ceremonies. Those who are affected by this situation or seeking guidance are encouraged to speak with their local parish priest. We keep Pope Leo XIV, those involved in the SSPX, and all who are experiencing confusion or distress at this time in our prayers.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter is available in the foyer, as well as copies of some frequently asked questions.

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 contact the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Every second Saturday 3.30pm-5.00pm and every third Monday 4.30pm-6.00pm of the month. Upcoming dates July 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.

RCIA DIOCESAN DAY: Clergy, RCIA Coordinators, RCIA teams and parishioners are warmly invited to an upcoming workshop that aims to deepen your understanding of the RCIA journey. Presented by Dr. Alice Youlden & Joan Robertson. At St. Joseph's Church, Warragul on Sat September 5 at 9.30am-2.00pm. See flyer.

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. Apply by 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, Lancia, Rotondo, and Medjugorje, walking in the footsteps of the saints, and drawing inspiration from their lives. Sept 18 - Oct 2. Bookings 8839 6615 or pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

ST CARLO ACUTIS FIRST CLASS RELIC: July 16 - 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 CONFERENCE: Encourages Catholics to identify themselves in this year's Census on August 11. 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 (NCPR) 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. For inquiries contact: 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 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: 5614 5163 or QR Code or <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events/season-of-creation-care-for-our-common-home> See flyer.



REFLECTION – Nick Brodie

'The Gospel', Pope Leo says, 'resounds where peoples meet.' Exclusion is not Christ's way – encounter is. The Gospel 'falls silent,' the Pope warns, 'when each person makes him or herself an island, avoiding contact and cutting off exchange.' We must never presume another person to be dandelion, unworthy to be counted among us. Individuals and groups may exclude themselves from the Church, but we are not called to exclude them. 'There is no love of God without love of neighbour,' the Pope reminds us, 'and there is no neighbour if I do not draw near.' We are called to help the wayward and lost, not reject them.

This also applies at a societal level, regarding those with beliefs or cultures different from our own. 'It is time', the Pope states emphatically, 'to recognise and affirm that religious affiliation must never become a reason for discrimination.' The Pope implores us all to 'give spiritual, cultural, legal, political and economic expression to the civilisation of love.'

We might not all be lawmakers, but we can take up this call. 'The parish, in particular,' the Pope added, 'should be a community where, guided by the Gospel, we learn to welcome, accompany and integrate one another in a spirit of communion.'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous
deeds,
you who alone are God. **R**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R**

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words and

God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13: 24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Reading: Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8: 28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52