

St Michael's Parish Good News



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

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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. 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



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 25/26 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-Sat: 9.30am

All preceded by the Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10.00am

5.00pm

PARISH PRIEST

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PRESBYTERY

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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Centre

MARRIAGES

At least six months' notice requested

FACEBOOK:

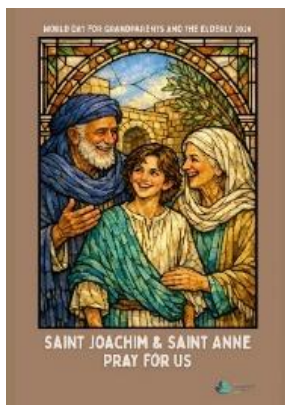
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CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

[https://www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding](https://www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding-resources)

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WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, July 26, and honours the parents of Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. They are celebrated as a model of Christian marriage and family.

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.

Theme for 2026: **"I will never forget you"** (Isaiah 49:15)

Loving God, please fill the hearts of our Grandparents and elderly with peace and joy, and reward them abundantly for the blessings they bring to their families and all of us here at St Michael's.

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.

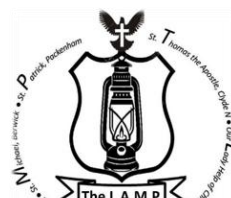
This commitment is made in the spirit of Christ's teachings and on behalf of the Bishop, clergy, staff and volunteers who serve in our parish.

It is an offence 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 found on St Michael's or the Diocesan websites. Copies are also available on the table in the foyer. Due to the length of the document, we advise you to read it on the Diocesan or St Michael's websites. 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.

THE L.A.M.P YOUTH EVENT: All young parishioners from Year 7 and above, please keep **November 21** free!!! St Michael's Archangel Youth Leaders are working hard on the program and it will be a day with Praise, Worship, Games, Activities, Food and Fun!! More details to follow.



MEETINGS

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

3rd Sunday after 10.30am Mass – Aug 16

RCIA

Wednesday 7.30pm

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

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – August 16

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

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

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Mary Rapinett, Lois Trevaskis, Dilberto Torres, Rita Breen and all those who died recently and for Joseph Talbot, Anna Suriano, Glenn Firth, Cyril & Edwige Lapierre, Lionel Martin, John Sebert Anthony, Cresencia Espaldon, Basil Fernando, Carmel Flynn, Anka Kish, Shane Tuck, Jameson O'Reilly, Fowzil Hussain, Klementyna Bryl, Rosa Miler, Tecla Cauzzo Beverley Quinn, Marcial Guillen, Branko Levak 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]

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Darcie Coco, Sheppey Finn, Fred Manelski, Lana Pretty and Maisie Fogarty baptised recently. We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

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

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY: Next Sunday from 10.00am until 10.30am Mass in the adoration area. Prayer is gentle, private and confidential. Just come, no booking needed, we would love to pray for you.

ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP - 'Archangel Youth': There will be a 'Youth Mass' on August 2 at 10.30am followed by a BBQ to raise funds for our L.A.M.P. Youth Event later in the year. We are encouraging all young parishioners to attend and help with running this Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS: It is with great joy that we would like to acknowledge that one of our parishioners, Rose Josephine Chong, was Professed into the Order of Secular Franciscans (ofs) over the weekend. It is a very special occasion as the Pope has declared this The Year of St Francis of Assisi, and the Franciscan order was founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209. They are dedicated to the ideals of poverty, charity, and simplicity, living out the Gospel while serving the poor, the marginalized, and all of creation.

HEATING IN THE CHURCH: Has been repaired so hopefully it will keep us warm. **PLEASE DO NOT** touch the control or adjust the temperature. Thank you.

THE WELCOME GROUP MINISTRY: Helps create a warm, caring environment where parishioners and visitors feel seen, and connected within our parish community. Volunteers are needed at all Masses, especially the 6.00pm Sunday Mass. No special skills are required, just a willing heart and a desire to serve. If you are called to help others feel at home in our church community, please email Tina at associate@stmichaelsparish.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Available in the foyer for collection.

CATHOLICCARE APPEAL: Will be taken up next weekend. CatholicCare is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

READERS ROSTER AND PIETY STALL ROSTERS: Were emailed this week. Rosters are available in the foyer for those without an email address.

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

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.

'MAKE HASTE' YOUTH EVENT: Jesus Youth is running a teens program "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Saturday August 8, 10.00am-4.30pm at Christ Our Holy Redeemer Parish, Oakleigh. \$12 (Lunch included) Registrations are essential to assist with catering and event planning.

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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 Saturday 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."

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

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.



POPE BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers,
grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

I will never forget you – Isaiah 49:15

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: Kings 3: 5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more
to me
than silver and gold. **R.**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

R. Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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: 44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.