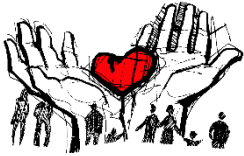


# St Michael's Parish Good News



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

**WEB:** [www.stmichaelsparish.org.au](http://www.stmichaelsparish.org.au) **FACEBOOK:** [fb.me/StMichaelsBerwick](https://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](mailto:secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au)

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B 04/05 MAY 2024

### MASSSES

#### SUNDAY

Saturday vigil: 6.00pm

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

#### WEEKDAYS

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

#### RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am -10.30am  
5.15pm - 5.30pm

#### EXPOSITION (Blessed Sacrament)

Cenacle Prayer until 10.30am  
(Subject to change)

#### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Jeff Kleynjans: [jwk2511@gmail.com](mailto:jwk2511@gmail.com)

#### FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away

Tue: 9.00am St Brigid's

Wed: 10.30am Meeting

Thu: 9.30am St Catherine's  
11.30am Graveside Service

Fri: 12.00pm Meeting

#### ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Paul Zaher  
[paul.zaher@cdsale.org.au](mailto:paul.zaher@cdsale.org.au)

#### PRESBYTERY

119 High Street, Berwick  
Phone: 9769 7430

#### SECRETARY

Dorota Shields (Safeguarding Officer)  
Geraldine Martin  
[secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au)

#### PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Peggy Harvey  
Phone: 9707 4072  
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#### SACRAMENT CO-ORDINATOR

Tara Bau  
[sacraments@stmichaelsparish.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stmichaelsparish.org.au)

#### 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/](https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsBerwick/)

##### CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

[www.sale.catholic.org.au/professional-standards](http://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.

### WHAT IS MYSTAGOGIA?

Mystagogia, is an old Greek term that means 'teaching/ learning/ interpreting the mystery of God working in our lives.'

What does Mystagogia mean for our former R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates, who have now completed their Sacraments of Initiation? This means that they can now journey together with all the baptised, discovering God and building up their relationships with God and His people.

What does Mystagogia means for the rest of us? As Baptised Catholics, it is our duty to further our relationship and understanding of the mysteries and the love of God, as well as helping others along the way, in particular, by assisting those newly baptised.

What is the time period of Mystagogia? Although Mystagogia is the period from our baptism till the day we leave this Earth, we focus on the Easter period (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost), as the new members embrace what it means to be with us, and part of this great faith.

**MYSTAGOGIA MASS:** Bishop Greg Bennet will celebrate this Mass at St Thomas the Apostle church, Clyde North on May 11 at 6.00pm. A fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. This year's RCIA participants, sponsors, families, team members and parishioners are invited. Please bring a plate to share.



## **MEETINGS**

**MONTHLY CUPPA** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after

9.00am Mass May 12

**RCIA** 7.30pm

### **FILIPINO MASS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3.00pm May 19

### **INDONESIAN MASS**

1<sup>st</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.

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](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

(Concerned adults can call for advice)

**PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:** John Mullins, Billy McCann, Joseph Taranino, Antonio Solinas, Claude Bertuzzi, Sr Frances Cody OCDM, Thaddeus Ogbuka, (Fr Edwin's father), Bill Egan and all those who died recently and for Elmer Pre, Francesca & Marius Michael, Angelo Giroto, Hilda Taylor, Paulos Moolan, Rosemary Zaher, Percival Waterfield, Ethan Devine, Marcelle Nemorin, Chandrapala De Costa, Rosemary Dabeesing, Bruce Scott, Len Scanlon, Patrick Talbot, Gary Seear and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS:** Fr Andrew Wise, Fr Bernard Buckley, 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, 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.

**TRANSPORT TO MASS NEEDED:** For a parishioner who lives in Harkaway and usually attends 10.30am Mass, flexible re time if necessary. If you can help, please contact the Parish Support Centre.

**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, held on Saturday's at 4.30pm, in the Parish Support Centre. Prayer, Catechesis, and activities.

**EUCCHARISTIC & VACUUMING ROSTERS:** Will be prepared shortly to begin in June. If you would like to assist with either ministry or your availability has 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](mailto: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.

**THE PARISH POOR BOX - A BOON FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED:** Is located next to the piety stall and provides a chance for ALL parishioners to support local families in need. Donations received are used by our parish. St Vincent de Paul Conference to provide important items for family members food from our pantry, petrol and food vouchers, assistance with power bills, school uniforms etc. PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY!!

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2024:** That seminarians, men and women religious, will grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** When Jesus says, "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:9-17) there is no room for violence of any form. Yet many in our communities experience the pain of physical violence, control, and manipulation. Feigning ignorance, or enabling such violence is clearly wrong and cowardly. We pray that we and our community may always stand with victims and survivors of domestic violence.

For information: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/sal>

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

**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](mailto:andria.vanotterloo@rivercrest.vic.edu.au) or [Cheryl.lees@rivercrest.vic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:berwick.sv.pres@svdp-vic.org.au)

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL:** Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support. Damage to infrastructure has impacted access to food, water, healthcare services, and even banking. Sudan now teeters on the edge of a famine. The Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference has raised concerns "the international community has forgotten the Sudan crisis" and called on the Caritas network across the world to "engage their respective governments, donors, and the wider international community to urgently pick up and advocate for the needed resources to avert the looming famine." Donate online [www.caritas.org.au/sudan](http://www.caritas.org.au/sudan) or 1800 024 413

**ENGAGING YOUR FAITH:** Nine stand-alone online seminar sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of CTC 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: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

**REFLECTION** - Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**The Word of the Lord.** Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **R.**

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 4: 7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**The Word of the Lord.** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.