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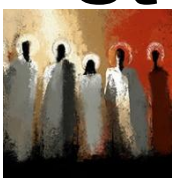
St Michael's Parish Good News



PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE: 121-123 High Street, Berwick 3806 Ph: 9707 1355
WEB: www.stmichaelsparish.org.au **FACEBOOK:** fb.me/StMichaelsBerwick
Hours: Mon-Tue: CLOSED, Wed & Fri: 9.00am-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.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

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

ALL SAINTS, YEAR A, 31 OCTOBER / 01 NOVEMBER 2026

COMING WEEK'S MASSES
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm

WEEKDAYS
Mon: 9.30am
7.00pm
Tue: 9.30am
Wed: 7.30am
9.30am
Thu-Fri: 9.30am
Sat: 10.00am
All preceded by the Rosary

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 8.30am - 9.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

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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

JUBILEE YEAR of ST FRANCIS PRAYER

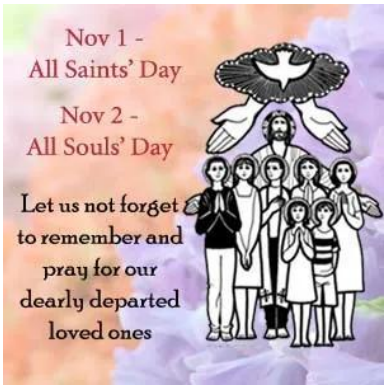
Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.
You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.
You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.
In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAYS

All Saints Day on November 1 is marked as a day to remind the Christian faithful that they are in communion with all who have gone before them. We especially remember all saints and martyrs during Christian history.

All Souls Day celebrated on November 2 has become a day more focused on all the dead. It emphasizes "the Christian belief in bodily resurrection and eternal life".

Mass will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm.
Blessing of the Graves at Berwick and Harkaway Cemetery will be after 9.30am Mass. Legion of Mary will lead a Walking Rosary through Berwick Cemetery.



THE L.A.M.P YOUTH EVENT

At St Michael's School Stadium, Saturday, November 21, 11.00am-4.00pm, followed by Mass, celebrated by Bishop Greg and concelebrated by Fr Confidence.
For sign up scan QR code.
See Poster in the Foyer.

All volunteers will be contacted shortly with assigned jobs. Thank you. Archangel Youth are looking forward to a great day!!!

MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA
2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass – Nov 8
3rd Sunday after 10.30am – Nov 15

RCIA
Wednesday 7.30pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY:
1st Sun of each month from 10.00am

FILIPINO MASS
3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – November 15

INDONESIAN MASS
1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – Nov 7

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 7.00pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY
Thursday 7.00pm PSC

MEDITATION SESSIONS
Resumes in February

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: Sidney Karan, Mary Sebastian, Ernest Sedgwick, Amali Raj and all those who died recently and for Cyril D'Souza, Thomas Burns, Chandu Ignatius, Bernard Linden, Lynda Turbiak, Geoff Hall, Maria Montagnese and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Ricardo Cabrera, Gloria Leonardo, Marlene Rico, Sandra Walker, Marion Fletcher, Anna Tekin, Maurice Rowland, Maureen Dalai, Harry Cullen, Marielle Steinhage, Rex Clair, Heath O'Loughlin, Josie & Bobby Richardson, Michael Trottor, Veronica Ogilvie, Mary Clarke, Danielle Tobin, Hilda Newstead, Elmo Silvapulle, Betty Guerin, Jeremy Fahie, Marie Restituto, Maureen Donnelly, Jackie Otoole, Judith Van Es, Rita Rowland, Brian Homewood, Mary Hughes, Ivor Silvapulle.
[Names will be removed after one month, unless advised]

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Max & Billie Sear, Adelie Cruz, Amelia Turner, Varaidzo Sadomba and Frances Tuck 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.

PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE: Will be closed on Monday November 2 and Tuesday November 3.

MILITARY ORDINARIATE COLLECTION: Will be taken up next weekend.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS: Due to the busyness of the coming season meetings will resume in February 2027. It is beneficial to continue the practice of meditating daily to enjoy the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5: 22-23).

PIETY: God's Word $25.00, Columban Calendar $10.00, 'The Light' Advent Daily Reflection $5.00. All are available at the Piety or Parish Support Centre.

ADVENT: Precedes Christmas and is a time of hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It offers us an opportunity to prayerfully commemorate the birth of Jesus, to become more aware of God's presence in our everyday lives.
Advent Groups will begin the week of Monday November 23. If you would like to join or feel able to lead a group, please contact the Parish Support Centre. We will advertise groups dates and times once we have leaders.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Is available for collection in the foyer.

JUNIOR YOUTH: Our first meeting was a great success and the next meeting will be on November 6 at 6.30pm in the Parish Support Centre.

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY: This 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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: *"Take Courage! I have overcome the world"* Jn 16:33
It is time to take courage and join Bishop Greg and the young people of the Diocese of Sale as we embark on our journey to Seoul for World Youth Day 2027! Diocese of Sale is inviting young people aged 16 years to 35 years to be a part of this pilgrimage. If you wish to attend as either a pilgrim or a small group leader, Expressions of Interest are now OPEN and will close on Friday December 4. Register at https://www.cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP: Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed our recent get-together. Meetings will now be held on the first Monday of each month. Next meeting November 2, 12.00pm-2.00pm. Newcomers welcome.

FOUND: Two silver chains, if they are yours contact Parish Support Centre.

VOICES IN CELEBRATION: Concert will be held November 29 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the church. This concert will raise much-needed funds for our new sound system, so please keep the date free.

RAFFLE: Please contact the Parish Support Centre if you can help us out with donations for a raffle to support our sound system.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROSTER: The roster will be prepared shortly for December. As several long-term ministers are stepping down, **new volunteers are greatly needed.** Training will be provided. To serve in this ministry or update your availability, please contact Geraldine at the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

VACUUMING ROSTER: Will be prepared shortly to begin in December. If you would like to join this ministry or your availability has changed, please let Geraldine know at the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY RETREATS: 'Breakthrough" November 18 – 21 see flyer in foyer. All are welcome.

REFLECTION: Greg Sunter

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained-glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.
Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate on this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

Scriptural context – Kingdom Attitudes
Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.

Living the gospel – Calling on the Saints
Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

Have you thought? – Making Saints
Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has 'made' a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is *recognise* a person as a Saint, not *make* them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING: Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.