



St. Michael's Church
125 High Street, Berwick 3806

The St Michael's Catholic Parish acknowledge the Bunurong People; the traditional owners of the land upon which our buildings stand and we are committed to achieving Reconciliation.

PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE:

121-123 High Street, Berwick
Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri: 9am-3pm
Wed: 9am-2pm
Phone: 9707 1355
www.stmichaelsparish.org.au

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Jeff Kleynjans
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Tara Bau
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RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 10.00am-10.30am
5.30pm- 5.45pm
Also possible by appointment, please ring the Parish Support Centre.

EXPOSITION
Mon: 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Wed: 10.00am - 11.00am

BAPTISM
Every 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday at 11.45am.
Bookings can be made after attending the baptism preparation program.

MARRIAGES
At least six months notice requested.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
16 Scanlan St. Berwick, Phone: 8794 2400

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
73 Ridgemont Drive, Berwick
Phone: 9702 1466

ST. BRIGID'S SCHOOL
25 Bayview Road, Officer, Phone: 5943 2447

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE
Beaconsfield Campus Phone: 9707 3111
Berwick Campus Phone: 9702 6588
Officer Campus Phone: 5943 3600

The Good News

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)
2/3 DECEMBER 2017

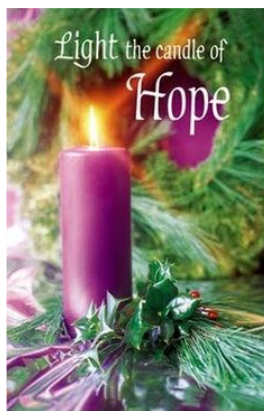
MASSTIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am
Sunday: 10.30am
Sunday: 6.00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 7.00pm
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.30am
9.30am St Catherine's
Saturday: 9.30am



Advent is a season observed by Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming". The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Western church. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolize eternal life. Four candles stand in the circle and each one represents one of the four Sundays of Advent. In the centre of

the circle there maybe a fifth candle, the Christ Candle, which is lit on Christmas Day.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Thursday 21st December at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve
Sunday 24th December

6.00pm at St Francis Xavier Stadium
(4 Beaconsfield Ave, Beaconsfield)
7.30pm in the Church
9.00pm in the Church
Midnight in the Church-Carols from 11.30pm



Christmas Day
Monday 25th December

9.00am in the Church
10.30am in the Church
6.00pm No Mass

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP LINES

Safe Steps - 1800 015 188 safesteps.org.au
No To Violence Mens Referral Service - 1300 766 491 8am-9pm
Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm Saturday-Sunday
Multi Cultural Centre Against Family Violence-1800 755 988

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Betty Bemrose, Lisa Paine who died recently. And for John Falzon, Frances Cassar, Antonia Falzon, Loretta Waterfield, Elisabeth Nieuwesteeg, Suzette Gleeson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT:

Jamie & Maria Tierney, Trevor Wishart, Sione Hehea, Stanislaw Tekin, Ira Silvapulle, Joy Goodie, Sonia Kelly, Patrick Taylor, Cedric Wilson, Sr. Joy Hanrahan, Gordon Clark, Kevin Jackson, Kevin Clarke, Victoria Bonicelli, Maria Colina, June Gameau, Teresa Kelly, Dorreen Buck, Neville White, Therese Quinn, Eliza Jayalath, George Falzon, Jeremy Fahie, Ryan Devane, Angelica Tan, Ciara Nelson, Annabelle Wallace, Aldo Petrini, Brittany Long, William Mcann, Emelda Moore, Sonia Rowstron.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Congratulations to Catherine Lay who recently received this sacrament.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

COMMUNITY OF THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF GOD: Meet Mondays, 12.30-3.00pm in the Parish Centre. Divine Office, prayers, discussion & cuppa.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet Tuesdays, 10.00am to noon in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

RCIA: Meet Tuesdays, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Wednesday at 7.30pm.

EXPOSITION: Mon: 7.00pm- 8.00pm
Wed: 10.00am-11.00am

ROSARY: Recited before weekday masses.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP: Friday morning (after mass) in the Parish Centre, all welcome.

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD: Meet every Friday, from 7pm, in the church.

CUPPA AFTER MASS: After 9am & 10.30am masses this Sunday in the Parish Centre.

ROSTERS: As we are preparing the rosters for next year please advise the Parish Centre of any **changes**. Your contact details will be included to allow for 'swapping.' **Please note:** if you are rostered as a Lector you are required to be either Reader or Commentator. Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Christmas lunch at Kilgerron on Tues Dec 12. Cost \$32.50. Cars leaving St Michael's at 11.30am. Info: Michael 8786 9983 or John 9702 1928.

AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: Everyone is invited to a presentation and discussion on this year's social justice statement, "*Everyone's Business – Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy*" with Prof Paul Smyth, University of Melbourne. Wednesday December 6 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre. Bring a friend!

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS: Please add your name to the list, in the foyer, if you would like to help.

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Collection will be taken up next weekend.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE**ST ELIZABETH'S, DANDENONG NORTH:**

Dec 11 - Jan 12. Wilson Fernandez has been creating his stunning nativity scenes for the past 13 years and they are regarded as one of Australia's best nativity displays. Viewing times: After Mass or by appointment. Details: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or parish office on 9795 6217. Web: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:

The Festival is an energetic celebration hosted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney. We will welcome Matt Maher as our international guest. December 7 - 9. More info or to register visit: www.acyf.org.au. See flyer.

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS: Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need. When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Order Global Gift cards online at: www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413.

POSITION OF SACRAMENT CO-ORDINATOR – OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, NARRE WARREN:

This role will be 4 days per week. Suitable applicants can forward their resume via email olhc@olhc.org.au addressed to The Parish Priest, 496 Princes Highway, Narre Warren by 3.00pm on Thursday December 7 2017. Please contact the Parish Office on 9704 7935 for a position description.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Will be sold at Akoonah Park Market, or by order on 0418 557 988 and delivered. Proceeds to Friends of Ermera, East Timor. See flyer.

ROMAN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Ecumenical study group to be held at Pakenham Baptist Church, 1 Bentley Crt. Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Info: Garcia 0407 530 077, www.bsfindernational.org

ORGAN: Free to a good home the old organ from the original St Michael's church.

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION IN 2018:

Offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Contact 9890 3771 to make an appointment. Fee Help available. Classes start Feb 26 2018, www.ytu.edu.au

PARKING NEAR THE CHURCH: Please observe the restrictions as indicated. Do not block the church or the neighbour's driveways.

ROSTERS 2/3 DECEMBER

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC	PIETY
6.00PM SAT	Brian Crockett Kimberley Lobo	Bev Kuster, Bernie & Lorraine Ludekens, James McKee, Angelo Michael, Terry McKertish, Carolyn Johnson	Carolyn Johnson
9.00AM SUN	David Newman Paula Rebeiro	Josie Mastroianni, Julie Torelli, Jacqui Morgan, Isobelle Morgan, Natalie Morgan, Munro Family	Ester Peregi
10.30AM SUN	Margaret Clayton Anne Finlay	Michael & Joan O'Shea, Jenny Prince, Michael Tomkins, Sandra Walker, Miryam Prasetyo, Dianne Wilkinson	Lynn Cabarrubias
6.00PM SUN	Emma Jelavic	Joe Marsiglio, Vince Pezzanite, Gail Hall, Nanda Jaymanne	Maria Crestani

9/10 DECEMBER

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC	PIETY
6.00PM SAT	James McKee Derek D'Souza	Maree Raftery, Corry Van Diemen, Bev Kuster, Liz Hansen, Cesar Guajardo, Jenny Benbow	Liz McGrath
9.00AM SUN	Michael Russo Brenda Russo	Paula Rebeiro, Bruce & Carol Scott, Stephen Rochecouste, Mary McGrath, Clare Tuohy, Worland Family	Mary McGrath
10.30AM SUN	Ben Shields Beth Martin	Andrew Bacon, Bill & Margaret Clayton, Tara Bau, Mary Clarke, Rachael Brown, Judy Burmas	Fran Quinn
6.00PM SUN	Macreadie Family	Kathy Boynes, Elizabeth Morgan, Joe Marsiglio, Paul Crestani,	John Isailofski

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER: 8/9 December: Maureen Hester, Corry Van Diemen, Bruce & Carol Scott

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 9.00am Simone and Gabby Stipkovic 10.30am Rachel Brown

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Collection: (Presbytery/Priest Support) \$2,089.70
2nd Collection/Planned Giving (Church/Parish Expenses) \$2,134.00

CARE OF THE SICK: If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like Holy Communion brought to them please advise us on 9707 1355.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS: If you have recently joined our parish, we ask that you record your name and details in the white folder in the foyer, so that we can contact you and make you welcome.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME: Channel 10 at 6.00am Sun and every day at 10.00am on the Foxtel Aurora channel 173 or can be viewed on the website. [http:// www.mfyah.com](http://www.mfyah.com) or daily at 9.30am on <http://www.dbb.org.aulindex.cfm>

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS DECEMBER 10

This week on the Journey, Fr Richard Healy shares his reflection from the Gospel of Mark, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from The Abbey, and encourages us to believe The Good News; Pete Gilmore reminds us of a God of the details in his Living the Gospel segment. Some great music this week too! Put it all together and you have an inspiring show full of faith, hope, love and life. Tune into LIFE 103.9 FM Sunday 10am or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

*After all is said and done,
more is said than is done.*

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.
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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Readings for next week:

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8