

St Michael's Church

125 High Street, Berwick 3806

Parish Support Centre

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Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri – 9.00am to 3.00pm, Wed – 9.00am-2.00pm



THE GOOD NEWS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 24TH/25TH February, 2018



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes (available in the foyer) and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “A Just Future”, celebrating the Year of Youth.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can also donate by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

As Pope Francis said, “Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation.”



Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty. After joining the Deaf Development Program run by Caritas Australia's partner, Maryknoll Cambodia, his life was transformed and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday:	9.30am
Tuesday:	9.00am
	7.00pm
Wednesday:	9.30am
Thursday:	9.30am
Friday:	9.30am
Saturday:	9.30am

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 PRIEST:

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BAPTISM:

Every 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday at 11.45am in the church.

Bookings arranged only after attending the Baptism preparation program. Contact the Parish Support Centre for more information.

MARRIAGES:

At least six months' notice requested.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

16 Scanlan Street, Berwick

Phone: 8794 2400

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

73 Ridgmont Drive, Berwick

Phone: 9702 1466

ST. BRIGID'S SCHOOL

25 Bayview Road, Officer

Phone: 5943 2447

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

Beaconsfield Phone: 9707 3111

Berwick Phone: 9702 6588

Officer Phone: 5943 3600

OLD CHURCH HALL HIRE

Phone: 0439 206 229

CATHOLIC CARE: 1800 522 076**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP:****Safe Steps**-1800 015 188

safesteps.org.au

'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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Vincenta Dacalos, Caroline Awad, Veronica Obi, Christina Okeh (Fr Solomon's mother), Carlton Smith and all who died recently, and for Albert Van Es, Frances & Joseph Cassar, Joseph & Raymond Spiteri, Marijes Jimenez, Santiago Odan (Jr), Vernon Gregana, Rosita Meriado, Dan & Maureen Lynch, Mervyn Fernando, Pama & Vlaho Burmas and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER AT PRESENT IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT:**

Shannon Joseph, Victoria Bonicelli, Andrea Newman, Peter Quinn Snr, Marea Green, Barbara Kohli, Gill, Jill Coote, Trevor Wishart, Sione Hehea, Maria Colina, Sonia Kelly, Patrick Taylor, Cedric Wilson, Gordon Clark, Kevin Clarke, June Gameau, Teresa Kelly, Ryan Devane, Grace, Neville White, Therese Quinn, Eliza Jayalath, Angelica Tan, Brittany Long, Ciara Nelson, Annabelle Wallace, Aldo Petrini, William Mcann, Emelda Moore, Sonia Rowstron.

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10.00am – 10.30am

5.30pm – 5.45pm

EXPOSITION

Monday: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am – 11.00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent, in the Church on Thursdays at 10.00am and Fridays at 7.00pm.**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Will be held here at St Michael's on Fri, March 2 at 10.30am and 7.30pm. See flyer in the church.**PARISH PROJECT COLLECTION:** Will be taken up next weekend. Monies raised will go towards various projects, including the new carpet for the church, which will be installed shortly after Easter.**SAVE THE DATE:** As planning for the 2020 Plenary Council of the Church in Australia, gets underway, and as a way of introducing parishioners to the concept of Plenary 2020, Bp. Patrick O' Regan would like to host a meeting with the parishioners of St. Michael's, Berwick on **Wed March 7, 7.30-9.00pm.** Please keep this date free.**10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATIONS:**<http://www.natsicc.org.au/federal-apology---10th-anniversary.html>**GODSTART HELPERS NEEDED:** We require volunteers for card deliveries in your area. Please ring Parish Support Centre if you can help.**ST. ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH:** Pre-Easter Family Market. Sat March 3. See flyer.**COMMUNITY CLIMATE PETITION:** Parishioners who last year signed the petition sponsored by Caritas are advised that the petition for the La Trobe electorate was tabled in Parliament on Dec 4 2017. In total, petitions were collected in 110 Federal electorates, with about 30,000 signatures, and these are being tabled progressively. Many Parliamentarians have agreed to speak to the Parliament in support of the petitions and climate justice. Thanks for your support.**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness that brought you together. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2018 Melbourne dates: March 16-18, June 1-3, Aug 17-19 and Nov 9-11. Starts 7.00pm on Fridays, ends 5.00pm Sundays. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info/Bookings: Andre & Maria 0411 225 992 or www.wwme.org.au**CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY:** Sunday March 4, 9.00am-11.00am.

Meet at the corner of Princes Highway and Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, south of the tennis courts. Volunteers are needed to help clean up our Beaconsfield/Berwick area. Many hands make light work.

THE U.N. WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: Was celebrated on February 20. In 2016 Pope Francis added "Care for our Common Home" to both the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy. "On the Altar of the World" is a 2018 Lenten program reflecting on Lenten Sunday gospels and Laudato Si (Pope Francis' environmental encyclical).It can be found at <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/category/lent/>

If you have trouble downloading the program, please contact the parish office for a copy.

FEB 24/25	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 6.00pm	Derek D'Souza Francis D'Souza	Nymia Moss, Jenny Benbow, Gordon Hughes, Liz Hansen, Terry McKertish, Jamie Hansen, Cesar Guajardo
Sun 9.00am	Matt Johnson Anne Johnson	Jacqui Morgan, Isabelle Morgan, Natalie Morgan, Clare Tuohy, Stephen Rochecouste, Munro Family
Sun 10.30am	Jo Tomkins Stephanie Tomkins	Jenny Prince, Dianne Wilkinson, Michael Tomkins, Marita Sigg, Andrew Bacon, Tara Bau, Audrey Delaney
Sun 6.00pm	Kaveri Gunatilake Anushka Peiris	Vince Pezzanite, Joe Marsiglio, Hashika De Silva, Lal Gunatilake
PIETY STALL		CHURCH CLEANING MAR 02/03
Sat 6pm : Carolyn Johnson Sun 9am: Mary McGrath 10.30am: Judy Burmas Sun 6pm: Gail Hall		Emma Scalzo, Josie Ross, Maria Ryan, Maria D'Elia, Yolanda Vinen

MAR 03/04	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 6.00pm	Edwin Machado, Michaela Anderson	Michaela Anderson, Bev Kuster, Gordon Hughes, Liz Hansen, Jamie Hansen, Jenny Benbow
Sun 9.00am	St Catherine's Mass	Julia Torelli, Veronica Beavis, Bernadette Byrne, Marita Crilly, Kevin & Irene Fewster, Marita D'Elia
Sun 10.30am	Kyly Walker, Donna Glenton	Audrey Delaney, Justin Delaney, Sarah Johnson, Bill Murphy, Michael & Joan O'Shea, Miryam Prasetyo
Sun 6.00pm	Maria Crestani, Mario De Costa	Katherine Jelavic, Natasha Fox, Thomas Jelavic, Nanda Jaymanne
PIETY STALL		CHURCH CLEANING MARCH 09/10
Sat 6pm : Liz Hansen Sun 9am: Ester Peregi 10.30am: Audrey Delaney Sun 6pm: Maria Crestani		Penny Bacon, Julia Torelli, Shamini Jay, Hally Stellenberg, Lavonne Rodrigues

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st - Presbytery/Priest Support: \$2,734.20

2nd - Planned Giving (Church/Parish Exp): \$2,506.00

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 9.00am Phoebe Bourke
10.30am Rose Chong

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: Tuesday, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

FILIPINO MASS: Celebrated here on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Next mass, Sunday March 18 at 3pm.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Next gathering Tues March 13, at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Feel free to bring a friend. Call Michael: 8786 9983 or John: 9702 1928

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: Opus Dei run a **monthly** "mini-retreat", offering guidance in answering the call to holiness in everyday life. Women of all ages are most welcome - babysitting for kids also available. Monday March 5, 10.15am-12pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Next meeting Tues Feb 27 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CARE OF THE SICK: If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like the Eucharist 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.au/index.cfm>

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: In an effort to evangelise, as well as be more inclusive of other Christian denominations, St Michael's, with the assistance of CBSI Australia, will be holding interdenominational bible study classes (Genesis). Classes are held Thursday 7.00pm-8.30pm, (30 weeks) in the Parish Centre. See brochure for more info on CBSI www.communitybiblestudy.org

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS Mar 4: This week on the Journey, we continue to use the Gospel reflection from Wollongong Diocese Lenten program. Sr Hilda talks to us softly in her Wisdom from the Abbey segment, Marilyn Rodrigues, the Peaceful Parent reminds us of Bearing Our Daily Crosses. 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.

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



