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St Michael's Parish Good News



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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. 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C 22/23 FEBRUARY 2025

COMING WEEK'S MASSES SUNDAY

Saturday vigil: 6.00pm

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

WEEKDAYS

Tues-Sat: 9.30am

All preceded by Divine Mercy and Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am -10.30am

5.15pm - 5.30pm

EXPOSITION (Blessed Sacrament)

Wednesday: 10.00am - 11.00am

Cenacle Prayer (**Subject to Change**)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Centre

MARRIAGES

At least six months' notice requested.

FACEBOOK: St Michael's page, website or www.facebook.com/StMichaelsBerwick

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

www.sale.catholic.org.au/professional-standards

KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 or

kidshelpline.com.au

(Concerned adults can call for advice)



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.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Over 2 days 220 delegates, representing all parts of the Diocese, gathered to pray, listen, and to have dialogue together, asking the Holy Spirit to guide them in determining what we need to do to become a more synodal, Christ-centred and missionary Diocese. Working towards a plan for the next 5 years Berwick Parish delegates - Chris O, Liz O, Geraldine N, Chris R, Tara, Fr Paul and representatives from SFX, John and Kevin, and from St John of God, Lisa and Rhonda, certainly felt the Holy Spirit at work in the room. The Mission Council will begin putting a 5 year plan together, but we can, however, begin bringing action to our parish now.



"May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world, Wind and Fire for one another".



The L.A.M.P: Saturday March 1, 12.00pm – 7.00pm
with Mass at 6.00pm @ St Agatha's School Hall
Cranbourne. Cost \$5.00. Reconciliation available.

A day of prayer, reflection, worship and fun amongst our Diocese's Catholic Youth! (Ages 12+). For more information, please see the flyer in the foyer or call Dominic Rode on 0403 045 161.



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA

2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass

3rd Sunday after 10.30am Mass

RCIA

Thursday 7.30pm

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – March 16

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – March 1

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday 10.15am - 1.00pm PSC

Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

MENS LEGION

Wednesday 7.00pm PSC

JUNIOR LEGION: No meetings

currently

PRAYER GROUP: Monday 2.30pm

Zoom 829 9519 6798

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Monday 1.45pm Church

SVDP CONFERENCE

2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 7pm PSC

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 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 - 1pm

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

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Therese Kearney (Funeral February 25, 11.00am), Sr Julie Ogbole SON and all those who died recently and for Eileen Tuck, Jacqueline Philogene, Carlton Smith, Nicholas Bertoncello, George Kanayankal Enza Galante, Maria Van Es and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Mario De Costa, Pam Nelson, Ann McKee, Colin Goldsmith, Antony LaRive, Nathaniel Byers, Cedric Wilson, Jeremy Fahie, Betty Guerin, Elmo, Carmel Stephens-Mullins, Elvira Racelis, Virginia Potts, Silvana Bernaudo, Kath Angrave, Chris Olejarz, Joan O'Shea, Pete Spance, Tanya Clarke-Murphy, Nick Bowden, Michelle Wright, John Daly, Ivor Silvapulle, Gill Vissenga, Donald Burns, Kerrie Stock.

[Names will be removed after one month, unless we are advised otherwise]

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Sadhbh Schneider, Bailey and Max Coonan baptised this weekend. We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses, on March 5, will be at 7.30am, 9.30am and 7.30pm.

LENTEN PROGRAM: If you are interested in leading or being part of a Lenten Group, please call Peggy on 9707 4072 so that the resource can be ordered.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Is available for collection in the foyer.

STAY ALERT: Please be mindful of valuables left in your car. We have had some cars broken into recently during mass and want our parishioners to be safe.

PARISH PROJECT COLLECTION: Over the past four years we have had a builder who diligently maintains the roof of the church and we have become aware that we have various roof leaks. As they cannot be fixed we are requiring a new roof. We are therefore having a few collections over the year to assist with the cost. At the moment we are in the process of obtaining some quotes. A collection will be taken up this weekend to go towards this project.

OLD BLESSED PALMS: May be left in the foyer in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

MONTHLY CUPPA: Has been running successfully after the 9.00am Mass on the second Sunday of the month. If anyone would like to assist with this ministry, please contact the Parish Support Centre.

There has been a group offer to run a monthly cuppa on the third Sunday after the 10.30am Mass beginning next month. Obviously, helpers would be welcomed.

MEASURING HOPE: During the Year of Hope, St Michael's parishioners are invited to donate blood and join the **St Michael's Parish Berwick Team** by using the teams tab on the website www.lifeblood.com.au or in the app.

Parish donations will be counted and reported monthly in the Good News.

LAUDATO SI: Is a document that gives Hope. During the year parishioners are invited to read a portion of the document. There will be discussions monthly with the first meeting being on paragraphs 1 to 26, on February 27 at 7.30pm in the church. Laudato Si is freely available at www.vatican.va under the Encyclicals tab or the book can be purchased through Pauline Books.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: February Intention is: *'That the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life'*.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOUP VAN: Are you keen to volunteer to make a significant impact in our local community? St Vinnies Soup Van services 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 from the van 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. Further info: Barb on 0425 843 156 or Jo on 0419 566 146.

OPEN DAY: St Francis Xavier College, March 22, 10.00am-2.00pm at Berwick & Officer campuses. Register your interest at www.sfx.vic.edu.au

ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Aims to provide a link between Parish Priests, Principal, teachers and parishioners in relation to the provision of Catholic education in the parish communities and promote community development by fostering strong inter-relationships between the parishes and the school. If you would like to be involved or more information contact Rosalynn Rechichi: rrechichi@sfx.vic.edu.au

WEEKEND LENTEN RETREAT: At St Thomas Apostle, Clyde North, Saturday and Sunday March 8 & 9. More information Parish Centre 5998 0947, Jon 0411 381 924, Emma 0418 918 787

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL MINISTRY: At OLHC on March 8. See flyer.

LENT 2025 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES: Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Each day you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is free, to sign up go to: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: The Jubilee Year 2025 is a special year of grace, inaugurated by Pope Francis who has chosen the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". Pope Francis encourages us to focus on how our faith requires us to care for our communities, reflecting the importance of social justice. If you would like to read about Jubilee go to: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **R.**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.