

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

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 29/30 AUGUST 2026

COMING WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

WEEKDAYS

Tues: 9.30am

Wed: 7.30am

9.30am Communion Service

Thu-Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 10.00am

All preceded by the Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8.30am

5.00pm

PARISH PRIEST

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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



ST MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL FEAST DAY



Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a special family celebration.

After 10.30am Mass on September 20 in the St Michael's School Stadium.

The whole parish family is invited to come together in fellowship, friendship, community and fun. Come along to this special day and get to know your fellow parishioners.

See poster.

THE L.A.M.P YOUTH EVENT



At St Michael's School Stadium, Saturday, November 21, 11am - 4pm, followed by Mass, celebrated by Bishop Greg and concelebrated by Fr Confidence and clergy from Sale Diocese.

All young parishioners from 13 to 30 years old are invited to a Fun and Faith filled day. For sign up scan QR code.

Following in footsteps of St Francis of Assisi, we ask that you bring 2 or more non-perishable goods, that will be donated to John Mc Foundation (started by our own St Michael's parishioner to help our community).



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA

2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass – Sep 13

3rd Sunday after 10.30am – Cancelled

RCIA

Wednesday 7.30pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st Sun of each month from 10.00am

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – September 20

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – Sept 6

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 4.30pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 7.00pm PSC

MEDITATION SESSIONS

1st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC

September 1

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: Al B Baumann Pandan, Danny Sugunasekera, Hubert Liebert, Robert Glenton, Joyce Panther and all those who died recently and for Pat Paul, Neville Wright, Jamie Flores, Rita Macreadie, Jeannette Chew, Sam Dadreo, Mary Scanlon, Francis Leahy, Ena Nieva, Maurice Rose Meyer, Matthew Rogers, Victor Camilleri, William & Ellen Sweeney and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Elmo Silvapulle, Baby Leon, Rex Clair, Joan O'Shea, Danielle Tobin, Heath O'Loughlin, Jenny Chevalier, Judith Van Es, Brian & Christine Homewood, Mary Hughes, Kath Angrave, Marielle Steinhage, Marie Restituto, Robert Cullen, Hilda Newstead, Maureen Donnelly, Anna Tekin, Jeremy Fahie, Rita Rowland, Jackie Otooole, Betty Guerin, Ivor Silvapulle, Mary Clarke. [Names will be removed after one month, unless we are advised otherwise]

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

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA RELIC: Did you know that the parish possesses a first-grade relic of Mother Teresa, acquired and donated by a family in our parish? Roman and his Dad were doing some research about St Teresa of Calcutta and also learning about relics. They had a family trip to Italy planned and contacted the Missionaries of Charity in Rome about bringing back a relic to our parish which the Missionaries were happy to provide. The convent was at a beautiful church in Rome. However, Mother Teresa thought it was too extravagant for them so she has the chicken coops on the property renovated to be their bedrooms. Roman and his family got to see where Mother Teresa slept and shared in afternoon prayer with the nuns at the convent.

There was a special Mass when the relic arrived in Berwick with St Michael's Primary as well as some Sisters from Melbourne's Missionaries of Charity. This year we would like to honour St Teresa and this special relic. We will have the relic on display September 5, the Feast Day of St Teresa of Calcutta, at the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome.

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY: Next 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.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION: Supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and other clergy and deacons' wives in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for the next year will be over \$200,000. The collection will be taken up next weekend.

MISSAL & HYMNAL: Found recently, contact the Parish Support Centre.

THE WELCOME GROUP MINISTRY: Helps create a warm, caring environment where parishioners and visitors feel seen, and connected within our parish community. Volunteers are needed at all Masses, especially the 6.00pm Sunday Mass. Please email Tina at associate@stmichaelsparish.org.au

RCIA DIOCESAN DAY: Clergy, RCIA Coordinators, RCIA teams and parishioners are warmly invited to an upcoming workshop. At St Joseph's Church, Warragul on Saturday September 5 at 9.30am-2.00pm. See flyer.

YOUTH NEWS

Archangel Meetings: August 30, outing.

World Youth Day 2027: Parishioners from age 16 (01.01.2027) - 35 year-olds are invited to express their interest to attend the next WYD in South Korea (approx. dates July 30 to August 8).

Please contact the Parish Support Centre if interested.

SEASON OF CREATION: CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:

To better understand what Pope Francis calls "integral ecology," and to explore how, as people of faith, we are called to care for the Earth in practical ways, as both a spiritual and ethical responsibility. Join Fr Jeff Kleynjans online on Wednesday September 16 at 7.00pm-8.00pm. Register: 5614 5163 or QR Code or <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events/season-of-creation-care-for-our-common-home> See flyer.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

POSITION VACANT: St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne, gardening and property support. This role is to provide gardening and general maintenance work for the Parish grounds and properties. The position is part-time, 2 days a week 8.30am to 4.00pm. Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to parishoffice@stagathas.org.au by Monday August 31. Please submit a cover letter along with a current resume. For a copy of the job description please contact the parish office via email or directly on 03 95996 1985.

FIXED TERM WORLD YOUTH DAY PROJECT OFFICER: The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission. The Project Officer assists in providing project coordination, administrative, logistical, communication, stakeholder liaison, formation, risk and finance support for the Diocese of Sale World Youth Day 2027 pilgrimage. This position will commence at FTE 0.4 from Oct 2026 and full-time (FTE 1.00) from Jan 2027 through to Sept 2027. For further information regarding this opportunity or to submit your application please contact the Human Resources team via talent@doscel.catholic.edu.au Applications close Monday August 31 at 2.00pm

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi. For info: cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year. Together, we will travel to Benambra, nestled amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains - home to the only church in our diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi. Begins on Friday, October 2, 6pm at *St Mary's, Bairnsdale*, and concludes on Saturday, October 3, 3pm at *Immaculate Conception, Omeo*. All are warmly welcomed.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT – CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE: Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division in the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday. The bishops call on all faithful to help foster a more cohesive and peaceful Australia by cultivating a "culture of encounter" - choosing forgiveness over enmity, hospitality over isolation, and active listening across differences. To read the full statement visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yc3m9d2v>

SCHOOL CORNER

SCHOOL ART COMPETITION 2026 Primary and secondary students are invited to take part in Catholic Earthcare's Annual Art Competition, exploring the theme of 'Living Water'. Bishop's Award (primary and secondary Art supply vouchers will be awarded as prizes.). For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5bbjwamu>

ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

It has been a busy and joyful fortnight at St Catherine's Primary School. Our Prep students proudly celebrated their 100 Days of School, marking an important milestone in their learning journey with a day of fun, creativity and celebration.

Our Grade 2 students enjoyed an exciting excursion to the zoo, while our Grade 5 students visited CERES Environmental Park in Brunswick, where they explored sustainability, creation and caring for our common home. As part of our 30th Anniversary celebrations, our school choir is delighted to be working with Drew Lane from Butterfly House Music to professionally record a contemporary version of our school hymn, Our Faith Is Our Strength. This special project will honour our rich history while celebrating the faith-filled community that continues to inspire and strengthen St Catherine's.

REFLECTION BY NICK BRODIE:

In our own times, when the threat posed by climate change is becoming increasingly obvious, this passage asks us to look and act with openness to our sharing in God's plan. There is no mandate here for doing nothing and letting catastrophe happen. Ours is not a religion of sanctified fatalism or pious denialism. Ours is a faith which demands that we face reality, however scary it sometimes seems. We are people of hope.

Like Peter before us, Jesus calls every one of us to follow him. We can do that by renouncing our selfishness and, like Peter eventually did, getting over our denialist habits.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughingstock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name anymore. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12: 1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world

around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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.

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20