

St Michael's Parish Good News



PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE: 121-123 High Street, Berwick 3806 Ph: 9707 1355

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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 05/06 SEPTEMBER 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](https://www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding-resources)

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CHILD SAFETY WEEK SEPTEMBER 6 – 12

"Every Conversation Matters, Shifting Conversation to Action."

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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.



Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all Fathers and Father figures
as they care for their families.
Give them strength, wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look up to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation. Amen

We honour all our Fathers and Father figures,
here with us and departed and wish them all God's blessings.

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 – Oct 3

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 8

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: Baby Kane Van Soest, Danny Sugunasekera, Victoria Macabuhay, Geoff Bostock, Frank Travete, Al B Baumann Pandan, Hubert Liebert, Kenneth Backlen and all those who died recently and for Christopher Chew, Janet Ferdinands, Hubert Jayamanne, Andrew Dabeesing, Mary Bugg, Margarita Molina, Luz Molina, Mary Kilgariff, Michael McKendry, Dragica Topolovec, Patricia Deeker, Doreen Phillip and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Veronica Ogilvie, Baby Leon, Rex Clair, Sue McVicar, Joan O'Shea, Elmo Silvapulle, Danielle Tobin, Heath O'Loughlin, Jenny Chevalier, Judith Van Es, Brian & Christine Homewood, Mary Hughes, Kath Angrave, Marielle Steinhage, Marie Restituto, Betty Guerin, Robert Cullen, Hilda Newstead, Maureen Donnelly, Anna Tekin, Jeremy Fahie, Rita Rowland, Jackie Otoole, 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.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Are always welcome! Servers are needed for Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am and 6.00pm Masses. Monthly training offered. Any questions please contact Tara associate@stmichaelsparish.org.au

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.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION:

The collection will be taken up this weekend with proceeds going towards the support of the sick and retired clergy of our Diocese. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. To donate go to <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation>

NEPAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up next weekend.

THE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSION: This Tuesday September 8 from 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Michael's Parish Support Centre. All are welcome.

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

YOUTH NEWS

Archangel Meetings: September 18, 6.30pm, Games and Pizza night at the Parish Support Centre.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: Are you 16 (01.01.2027) - 35 year-old? Would you like to attend WYD in South Korea (approx. dates July 30 to August 8, 2027). Please contact the Parish Support Centre if interested.

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.

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).

CONGRATULATIONS: To Gordon Hughes, who has been recently honoured by the St Vincent de Paul Society for 60 years of service, helping the most vulnerable in our community. Well done Gordon, great achievement!!



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

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 Sept 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.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: Jubilee of St 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. This sacred journey is not about physical distance, but a journey of the heart. 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.

Friday, October 2, 6.00pm – Transitus (*St Mary's, Bairnsdale*)

Saturday, October 3, 8.30am – Morning Prayer (*St Mary's, Bairnsdale*) 12.00pm– Jubilee Mass (*St Francis of Assisi, Benambra*) Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets (*St Francis of Assisi, Benambra*) - All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing following Mass.

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle (*Benambra Footyclub*) - Fellowship and food for all! *Please bring a plate to share.*

3.00pm – Conclusion (*Immaculate Conception, Omeo*). Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for final prayers and departure. To help the host parish at Benambra, (which is a small parish with about 10 parishioners) plan the sausage sizzle, if you are planning to attend register via the link: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi> The link provides full details about the pilgrimage schedule, route maps, sign-up forms, and future updates. See flyer.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT: Navigating the Unseen – Women Leading with Resilience.

Women from across the Diocese are invited to gather for an evening dinner and talk celebrating the strength, resilience, and expanding horizons of women in the mission of the Catholic Church.

Guest speaker Dr. Kim Daniels-Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University and member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication-will share insights on leadership, faith, and renewal. Wednesday, October 14, 7.00pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Pakenham. \$30.00 per person (includes dinner & soft drinks). Bookings are essential by October 4. Book at trybooking.com/DOZKU See flyer.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. November 6-8, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Friday 7.00pm – Sunday 4.30pm. Info/Bookings: 0409 183 676 or Website: wwme.org.au

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: October 12 - 27. Engaging Your Faith is a series of short online presentations. For more information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

SAFEGUARDING PRAYER

Gracious God,

Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection.

Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all.

We especially ask that the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care are protected.

Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts,

see with open eyes and speak out to ensure children and vulnerable adults are safe,
loved, respected, and cared for.

May we also pray for those who have been harmed.

Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal.

Lord, you call us to walk with integrity in the service of others.

May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility
to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities.

Guide us as we build a community that fosters everyone to flourish and be safe.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **R.**

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall

not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35