

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: **CLOSED**, 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

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 26/27 SEPT

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 - 9.45am

5.00pm - 5.45pm

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>

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

By Pope Francis, from the encyclical *Laudato Si*

All Powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

**Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.**

**Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters,
harming no one.**

**O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten
of this earth, so precious in your eyes.**

**Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and
not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.**

**Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.**

**Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we
journey toward your infinite light.**

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

Dear Family of God,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for making our Family Day such a wonderful and memorable success.

As your Priest, I am deeply grateful for the remarkable effort, generosity, and passion shown by our parish community. Every contribution, whether of time, talent, resources, food, finances, or practical assistance, played an important part in making the day possible. I sincerely thank everyone who worked behind the scenes as well as those who served and supported us on the day.

I am especially grateful to the organizing team and to all those who gave generously of their material contributions. Your generosity enabled us to provide a joyful and welcoming celebration for everyone.

To all who attended, thank you for coming and being part of our Family Day. Your presence, participation, music, dances, smiles, laughter, and fellowship brought the celebration to life. It was a great joy to see families, friends, young and old, coming together as one parish family.

Days like this remind us that our parish is not simply a place where we worship, but a community where we support one another, share our gifts, and grow together in faith and friendship.

May God bless each one of you and your families abundantly for your generosity and support. Thank you for making our Family Day such a beautiful expression of our parish family.

With prayer and heartfelt gratitude, Fr Confidence

MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA

2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass – Oct 11

3rd Sunday after 10.30am – October 18

RCIA

Wednesday 7.30pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st Sun of each month from 10.00am

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – October 18

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

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: Bernard Coyles, Peter Marshall and all those who died recently and for Czeslawa Nitek, Pat Sweeney, Theo Rabot, Helen Slattery, Benny Dabraio, Gamini Fonseka, Winston Chester, Giovanni Pietropaolo, Zacharias Kf and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Billy Cornwall, Eli Appleton, Aurelia Yumang, Emilia Tsui-Po, Donald and Philippa Mayes baptised recently. We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

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

PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE: Will be **closed** on Tuesday, September 29 due to unforeseen circumstances. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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.

L.A.M.P COLLECTION: \$1,808.90 was donated, thank you for your generosity in supporting the youth.

YOUTH NEWS

ARCHANGEL MEETINGS: October 4 meeting after 10.30am Mass, in the PSC.

JUNIOR YOUTH: We are excited to offer a Junior Group 13–17-year-olds!!!

First meeting Friday October 23 at 6.30pm. Parents must stay for this meeting, as we need forms filled in etc.

We ask that our young parishioners come with ideas on what they would like their meetings to be. Hope to see you all there. Please spread the word!!!!

THE L.A.M.P YOUTH EVENT: At St Michael's School Stadium, Saturday, November 21, 11.00am-4.00pm, followed by Mass, celebrated by Bishop Greg and concelebrated by Fr Confidence.

For sign up scan QR code. See Poster in the Foyer.

L.A.M.P Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets to help on the day are in the foyer.



SUGGESTION FOR OUR PARISH? from Fr Tony:

Is there a need for us to provide an opportunity for parishioners to socialise and meet regularly during the day?

Small group to meet from 12 noon to 2.00pm on a weekly basis. Not that you need to turn up every week, but there is merit in keeping up the continuity.

Some suggestions for meetings:

There might be opportunity to enjoy lunch together (warm up a quiche or prepare and share sandwiches).

Discussions on such issues as AI and maybe crafts and hobbies, and perhaps even religion. (Have an expert in on topics of interest to the group).

There is a TV screen available – watching a documentary on SBS on demand or Netflix. Some of these are well worth watching.

There could also be the possibility of occasionally going on a bus trip. Outings such as the Tulip Farm, Rhododendron Show, or a trip to Bendigo etc.

The main aim would be for the group members to stay connected and get out of the house for a while. This could be a support group for those who are either isolated or would like a company on regular basis, particularly for older parishioners or retirees. Sign up sheet in the foyer.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT: Navigating the Unseen – Women Leading with Resilience. 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 and faith. Oct 14, 7.00pm at St Patrick's, Pakenham. Book at trybooking.com/DOZKU by Oct 4. See flyer.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY: 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, 27 September 2026
The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children." To help celebrate this special day, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed online resources including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews.

Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026>

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.

BEYOND THE WEDDING THRESHOLD: A Survey for Catholics in the First Decade of Marriage. The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a study into the experience of married Catholics. The results will help inform the development of pastoral responses and resources. If you married in the last 10 years and at least one spouse is Catholic, please provide valuable insights to their work by completing this short survey about your marriage? Answers are anonymous and confidential. <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS: "A prayer today... A shepherd tomorrow..."

Come and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life across our diocese. Sunday, October 11, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Foster. Holy Hour 10.00am-11.00am followed by Mass at 11.00am. Saturday October 31, St Patrick's Church, Pakenham. Mass & Holy Hour Commencing at 9.30am. All are warmly welcome to join us in prayer.

AGEING & AWAKENING - LIFE'S SURPRISING GIFTS: Will be held at St Patrick's Pakenham weekly from October 13-27, 10.00am-12.30pm. Growing old is a unique experience, one we share with many others in society today. It is a time of life that both challenges and benefits us, a time that invites us to grow personally as we manage changes such as retirement, having more time and fewer demands, and experiencing physical and psychological limits. Three two-hour sessions invite participants in their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's to explore the many aspects of growing older in today's Australia. Cost \$10.00 per session. Register at 5941 7315 or parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au For more information, see flyer.

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.

18TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE BABIES: On Saturday, October 10 at 1.00pm at Treasury Gardens. Please call Gerardine 0425 751 297 for more details, flyers in the foyer.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*

In the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released its latest Social Justice Statement, *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*. 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, access resources, and watch the launch recording, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yc3m9d2v>

SEASON OF CREATION: The symbol pictures water flowing from the Temple of God - at first a tiny stream which grows deeper and deeper and as it does so it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems.

Through living water comes healing, but in order to receive new life we too must step into the water and also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation. If we choose to step into the true living water, we can contribute to a more just and life-giving world for the entire human family as well as for non-human creation.



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

'...and everything will live where the river goes.'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider

the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.