

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 03/04 OCTOBER 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 - 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>

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 FRANCIS of ASSISI FEAST DAY, October 4

St Francis was the son of a wealthy merchant and grew up surrounded by luxury. In his youth, he enjoyed an active social life, attended many parties, and developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors and nature. After experiencing several visions, he abandoned his hedonistic lifestyle and devoted himself to Christianity.

Regarded as one of the most dedicated followers of Jesus' teachings, Francis rejected worldly possessions and chose a life of humility. He gave up his inheritance, often slept outdoors or in caves, and wore a simple tunic secured with a rope around his waist.

As his spiritual mission developed, Francis attracted followers, rebuilt churches, assisted the poor, and proclaimed the sanctity of all life. His belief that every creation of God, human, animal, or inanimate, deserved respect contributed to his reputation as a lover of nature. He was recognized as St Francis in 1226, two years after his death. The Season of Creation finishes on his Feast day. St Francis is the Patron Saint of Animals and Ecology.

SHINE A LIGHT: Throughout October, our parish joins with Shine a Light to raise awareness and stand in solidarity against Domestic and Family Violence.

In this first week, our reflection focuses on "Nurturing Good Fruit," inspired by this Sunday's Gospel. Just as a well-tended vineyard yields a rich harvest, we are each invited to cultivate kindness, mutual support, and dignity within our homes and parish family. When we nurture one another with patience and care, we build a community where everyone can truly thrive.

You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



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 – Nov 7

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: Robert Cullen, Nicola Zappia, James Movaes and all those who died recently and for Doreen Petersen, Chris Singh, Jill Coote, Irene Fewster, Laurence Hodgkison Cameron, Kevin Burke, Ann McKenna, Thelma Weerasekera, Camillo Torelli and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

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

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.

THE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS: The next session will be held on Tuesday October 6, from 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Michael's Parish Support Centre. The Feast day of St Francis of Assisi is on October 4 and as we are commemorating him this year, the meditation will focus on St Francis and his message for us in our times. Please register if attending so that we can organise the evening effectively. All are welcome.

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.



PARISH SOCIAL GROUP: We have some interest already from last week's suggestion and will begin Monday October 12 from 12.00pm-2.00pm in the Parish Support Centre. Lunch will be provided. So come along for a chat and start planning the future of the group. It's not too late to sign up, see signup sheet in the foyer.

THE CHOSEN SCREENING: Early access event of Season 6 Episode 1, October 20, 7.00pm in the Parish Support Centre. Light supper provided before screening begins. Limited space, please register with the Parish Support Centre.

ANOINTING MASS: October 27 at 10.30am. This Mass is offered for all those in need of any healing of the body or mind. Followed by light refreshments in the Parish Support Centre. If you would like to attend call 9707 1355 or email associate@stmichaelsparish.org.au

SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Concert Fundraiser for our sound system will be held November 29 in the church, details to follow soon.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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. October 14, 7.00pm at St Patrick's, Pakenham. Book at trybooking.com/DOZKU by October 4. 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. Information/Bookings: 0409 183 676 or Website: wwme.org.au

THE RITUAL AND THE REASON: Exploring The Parts of The Mass. Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Come and learn what we do and why we do it, from the Sign of the Cross to the Final Blessing, so we can listen, respond, and be transformed by God's presence. Sessions at Our Lady Help Of Christians: Saturday October 10, 10.00am-3.00pm and St Michael's, Traralgon: Saturday, October 17 10.00am-3.00pm. Register at cdsale.org.au/events or newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

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.

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.

PRAYER TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Loving God,

We thank you for inviting us to end domestic violence in our community.

We ask for your wisdom, courage, and guidance.

We pray for a society where all people are safe in their homes and close relationships,
where each person is respected, in their equality and dignity.

We pray for all those affected by violence, that they may find safety and healing.

We pray that all women, men and children will find a place and life free from violence,
and children will be cared for in nurturing, protective and supportive ways.

We pray for young men and women, that they may find models of respectful relationships and reject the violent
and demeaning images of manhood and womanhood current in our society.

We ask for the courage to confront the causes of domestic violence, including the prevalence of violence in
our society, any abuses of power, and the unequal positioning of women in the community.

We pray for right and just relations between all people,

so that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms.

We long for the time you have promised, when violence is banished, women and men are open
to being loved and loving others, children are protected, and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Adapted from Catholic Social Services Victoria Domestic Violence Parish Kit

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
R.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.