

St Michael's Parish Good News



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

WEB: www.stmichaelsparish.org.au **FACEBOOK:** fb.me/StMichaelsBerwick

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 12/13 OCTOBER 2024

MASSES

SUNDAY

Saturday vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am,

10.30am, 6.00pm

WEEKDAYS

Tue-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)

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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-](http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/professional-standards)

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 CONSULTATION:

Consultation Phase 2 gatherings, looking to the future, will be held in the Parish Centre Oct 15 & 19 at 10.30am and Oct 15 & 23 at 7.00pm. Join us beforehand for a cuppa and a chat. These sessions are a look to our future and what you would like our Parish and Diocese to look like. Sign up sheets are in the foyer or call the Parish Support Centre to register.

We want to thank all who contributed to the first round. The Phase one report can be found at: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/assembly24-25>



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our mission.**
Diocese of Sale



COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 5 Fiorelli Blvd, Cranbourne East on Sunday, October 27, 3.00pm-4.30pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest, or simply want to come and enquire. It is an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. See flyer.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it"

Matthew 13:45

MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA

2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass Oct 13
in St Michael's School Stadium

RCIA Thursday 7.30pm

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – Oct 20

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – Nov 3

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday 10.30am - 1.00pm PSC

Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

MENS LEGION

Wednesday 7.00pm PSC

JUNIOR LEGION: Sat 4.30pm PSC

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 7.00pm PSC

TIMELINE BIBLE STUDY

Friday 10.00am (after Mass) 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 Ridgmont 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: Mark Cahill, Luz Bella Sison and all those who died recently and for Joseph Kodamullil, Kim Chan, Ray Armstrong, Ron Eastwood, Hendricus Henneman, Patrica Coue, Paula Bartelt, Frances Archer, Gus Blume, Anne Rutledge and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Martine Hibbert, Angela Constanzo, Rosa Constanzo, Cedric Wilson, John Daly, Endy Kavanagh, Colin Goldsmith, Nathaniel Byers, Pete Spance, Kerrie Stock, Betty Guerin, Tanya Clarke-Murphy, Marilu Collins, Virginia & Robert Potts, Paul Mullins, Carmel Stephens-Mullins, Joan O'Shea, Frances Watterson, Elvira Racelis, Kath Angrave, Joe Brunsdon, Chris Olejarz, Donald Burns, Silvana Bernaudo, Andrew Comport, Ivor Silvapulle, Nick Bowden, Jeremy Fahie, Michelle Wright, Gill Vissenga.

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

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

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Tyler, Zen, Skylar, Draken & Dreki Chamberlain and Elijah Ang baptised recently. We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Alexandra and Farzad who were married at St Michael's last weekend. We wish them every blessing in the years ahead.

CUPPA AFTER MASS: After 9.00am mass in the St Michael's School Stadium. All welcome.

MASS PARTS: Will be sung, except at 7.30am mass, so please wait. Thank you.

SCHOOL GROUND PARKING: Will be open for the 9.00am and 10.30am Masses only as they are not being used at the 6.00pm Masses. You are encouraged to take advantage of this area to avoid parking illegally or annoying the neighbours.

LOST PROPERTY BOX: Is overflowing so please check if anything belongs to you as all items will be donated shortly.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER & VACUUMING ROSTERS: Will be prepared shortly. If you would like to join this ministry or your availability has changed, contact Geraldine at the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

GOD'S WORD: \$22.00

COLUMBAN CALENDAR: \$10.00

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTION 'THE LIGHT': \$5.00

All books are available at the Parish Support Centre or Piety Stall.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY: Is celebrated in October. Please bring rosaries that you would like to donate to other parishioners and leave them on the table provided in the foyer.

Feel free to bring broken rosary beads as well and we will endeavour to find someone able to fix them and create a new rosary. Thank you.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY MEDITATIONS ON DOMESTIC HARMONY: Booklet is available in the foyer. If you miss out and would like a copy, please contact the Parish Support Centre.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: November 2 at 11.00am. Mass will be at the cemetery weather permitting.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Is celebrated on October 20 and invites Catholics worldwide to support the Church's mission work. Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," urging us to fulfill the Great Commission by sharing Christ's message globally. A collection will be taken up next weekend.

ROSARY FOR PEACE: Will now begin 15 minutes earlier at 1:45pm in the church on a Monday.

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Is available for collection in the foyer.

VICTORY IN CHRIST - THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY:

- October 15 St Thomas the Apostle Church, Cranbourne East at 7.30pm
- October 16 St Michaels Church, Berwick at 7.30pm. (Program in Sinhala)
- October 17 Sacred Heart Church, St Albans at 7.30pm.
- October 18, 7.30pm to 9.30pm & Saturday October 19, 1.30pm to 7.00pm, St Scholastica's Primary School Hall-348 Burwood Highway, Burwood.

ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH: Fete will be held on October 19, 9.00am-2.00pm. See flyer.

ST JOHN OF GOD FREE MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS: To be held at the Langmore Centre during October, which is Mental Health Month. Everyone is welcome to join but bookings are essential.

Topics: Menopause and Mental Health Wednesday October 16, 6.00pm-7.30pm, Caring for the Carer Wednesday October 23, 10.00-11.30am, New Parent Mental Health Monday October 28, 10.00am-11.30am.

More information and to book <https://www.sjog.org.au/langmorecommunityworkshops>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Is for married couples, it focuses on deeper communication skills and growing intimacy in our spousal relationships. November 16-17 in Trafalgar.

UPCOMING CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE EVENTS – OCTOBER:

Engaging Your Faith. A series of short online presentations on a range of topic in scripture, church and theology, pastoral ministry and spiritual life. For more information visit: ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/
Knox Public Lecture. This free annual public lecture commemorates the life and ministry of the College founder, James Robert Knox, Fifth Archbishop of Melbourne. Information: ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/knox-public-lecture/
CTC Seminar Saints Cyril and Methodius: The Encounter of Faith and Culture – History and Paradigm. Presented by Dr Birute Arendarcikas RSM. Free online and face-to-face seminar on Friday 11 October at 1.00pm.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS COURSE: Will be in two parts, Wednesday October 16 via Zoom and Saturday October 19 at Our Lady's Hall, Nicholson Street East Brunswick where a practical session will be given in each of the gifts. Registration is essential, you will not receive the link unless you have registered. A collection will be taken up on the Saturday to cover expenses. Register via email to centre@ccr.org.au, or call 03 9486 6544. See flyer.

MAGI PILGRIMAGES: Is offering a 16-day Pilgrimage of Hope, 22.04.2025 to 07.05.2025. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Turin, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive early bird price of \$8990 plus tips. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares, Local Transfers, Premium Hotels, all breakfast and dinners, Catholic priest and English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings, call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

REFLECTION – Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7: 7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4: 12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17-27

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

