

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 25/26 OCTOBER 2026

COMING WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday: 6.00pm

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

WEEKDAYS

Mon: 9.30am

Tues: 9.30am Cancelled
10.30am (Anointing Mass)

Wed: 7.30am
9.30am

Thu-Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 10.00am

All preceded by the Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Confidence Masvosva
confidence.masvosva@cdsale.org.au

SECRETARY

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PRESBYTERY

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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

SHINE A LIGHT: This week's theme, "Love Your Neighbour," comes from the heart of the Gospel, where Jesus teaches that love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable. Loving our neighbour as ourselves begins in the warmth of our own homes and parish community. When we choose patience, listen with empathy, and uphold the dignity of those around us, we put love into real practice and create spaces where everyone feels secure, valued, and cherished.

Shine a Light Liturgy on October 30 at 7.00pm. Please wear white.



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

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Fr Hilarion Fernando OSB to our parish for his three-month holiday, he came on Wednesday October 21 and will be helping us until the end of the year. During his stay, Fr Hilarion has kindly offered to celebrate Holy Mass on Mondays, providing an additional opportunity for our parish community to come together in prayer and worship.

Let us extend a warm welcome to Fr Hilarion and keep him in our prayers, wishing him a peaceful, refreshing, and blessed stay among us.

With prayerful best wishes,

Fr Confidence

PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE: Will be closed on Monday November 2 and Tuesday November 3.

MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA

2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass – Nov 8
3rd Sunday after 10.30am – Nov 15

RCIA

Wednesday 7.30pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st Sun of each month from 10.00am

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – November 15

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 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 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: Ernest Sedgwick (Fun Wed Oct 28 at 11.00am), Amali Raj, Georgina Nieuwesteeg, Joan O'Shea, Kath Angrave, Grace Gardner, Leodigaria Lamdim, and all those who died recently and for Dominic Botlero, Dalton Williams, Ethel Nicholas, John Hughes, Anna Horvath, Louise Hughes, Ariyawathi De Costa, Desmond Melrose, Kerry Nunn and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: As we conclude our First Holy Communion Masses this weekend please continue to pray for our young people. May this day be their step towards a life-long love of the Eucharist. Thank you to everyone who assisted, with special thanks to our Sacramental coordinator, Diana Bernal, who did a tremendous job.

BLESSING: For those preparing for and undertaking upcoming exams, this weekend October 24 and 25.



All Souls Day

ALL SOULS DAY: Mass will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm. Blessing of the Graves at Berwick and Harkaway Cemetery will be after 9.30am Mass. Legion of Mary will lead a Walking Rosary through Berwick Cemetery.

YOUTH NEWS

ARCHANGEL MEETING: November 1, details to be advised.

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

Thank you to those who attended the meeting, updates to come.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: Gathering around the theme "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33), young people from across the diocese are invited to be part of this unforgettable pilgrimage of faith, fellowship, and community with millions of Catholic youth from across the globe.

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 see flyer or contact the Parish Support Centre if interested.

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP: Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed our recent get-together. Meetings will now be held on the first Monday of each month. Next meeting November 2, 12.00pm-2.00pm. Newcomers welcome.

VOICES IN CELEBRATION: Concert will be held November 29 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the church. This concert will raise much-needed funds for our new sound system, so put it in your diary today. Tickets will go on sale next week!

RAFFLE: Please contact the Parish Support Centre if you can help us out with donations for a raffle to support our sound system.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROSTER: The roster will be prepared shortly for December. As several long-term ministers are stepping down, **new volunteers are greatly needed.** Training will be provided. To serve in this ministry or update your availability, please contact Geraldine at the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

VACUUMING ROSTER: Will be prepared shortly to begin in December. If you would like to join this ministry or your availability has changed, please let Geraldine know at the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

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.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL MANGO FUNDRAISER: Is on again this year. Orders to the school, can be placed over the phone, by **Monday October 26**, cost \$35.00 per tray. See flyer.

MISSION SUNDAY: \$1,914.35 was donated, thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. Please keep this impactful work in your prayers. If you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you for your ongoing commitment.



To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission catholicmission.org.au/united or 1800 257 296

WALK WITH MOTHER MARY: St Patrick's Pakenham, October 31 beginning with 9.30am Mass. See flyer.

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. Saturday October 31, St Patrick's Church, Pakenham. Mass & Holy Hour Commencing at 9.30am. All are warmly welcome to join us in prayer.

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY RETREATS: 'Breakthrough' November 18 – 21 see flyer in foyer. All are welcome.

SCHOOL CORNER

Celebrating 30 Years of St Catherine's Through Song!

On Thursday 8 October, our students enjoyed a very special day as we welcomed Drew Lane from Butterfly House Music to St Catherine's to celebrate our school's 30th anniversary.

Drew worked with students across all year levels in engaging music workshops, sharing his passion for music and helping bring our whole school celebration to life. A highlight of the day was the launch of our new school song, *Our Faith Is Our Strength*, proudly performed by our very own school choir.

Our new song captures the faith, sense of belonging and shared values that make St Catherine's such a special community. It reflects our journey over the past 30 years and our commitment to living out our faith each day. Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztiCg-MMgYo>

We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful to everyone who helped make this milestone celebration such a memorable occasion for our school community.

Celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the year 4 students who celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation last term and to those who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend. Over the coming weekends, we look forward to celebrating with our students and their families as they continue to receive the Sacrament First Holy Communion. These are significant milestones in our students' faith journeys, deepening their relationship with Jesus and strengthening their connection to our Catholic faith.

We extend our sincere thanks to St Francis Xavier College for their ongoing support and partnership in nurturing our students' faith and helping form them as young people who live out the teachings of Jesus. We keep all students preparing to receive this sacrament, along with their families, in our prayers. May these special occasions be filled with joy and help our students continue to grow in faith and experience God's love in their lives.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: Exodus 22: 20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. “If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. “If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”’

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made

you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

First Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12