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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

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 07/08 NOVEMBER 2026

COMING WEEK'S MASSES
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am,
10.30am, 6.00pm
3.00pm Filo Mass

WEEKDAYS
Mon: 9.30am
Tue: 9.30am
Wed: 7.30am
9.30am
Thu-Fri: 9.30am
Sat: 10.00am & Baptisms
All preceded by the Rosary

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

PARISH PRIEST
Fr Confidence Masvosva
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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

THE L.A.M.P YOUTH EVENT
'Change starts with you'

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 and priests from our Diocese.
Please bring along two or more non-perishable goods.
For sign up scan QR code.
See Poster in the Foyer.
All volunteers will be contacted shortly with assigned jobs. Thank you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY2027

"Take Courage! I have overcome the world" Jn 16:33

It is time to take courage and join Bishop Greg and the young people of the Diocese of Sale as we embark on our journey to Seoul for World Youth Day 2027!
Diocese of Sale is inviting young people aged 16 years to 35 years to be a part of this pilgrimage.
If you wish to attend as either a pilgrim or a small group leader, Expressions of Interest are now OPEN and will close on Friday Dec 4. Register at https://www.cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul

MEMORIAL MASS: Held in memory of those we have lost. Tuesday November 17 at 7.00pm. If you are able to attend, please feel free to bring a photo of your loved one to be displayed during this special Mass.



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA
2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass – Dec 7
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 – Dec 6

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 7.00pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY
Thursday 7.00pm PSC

MEDITATION SESSIONS
Resumes in February

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: Fr Brendan Lane, Fr Vincent McGillicuddy OMI**,** Rejina Abeysinghe, Sidney Karan, Mary Sebastian and all those who died recently and for Cyril D'Souza, Antonio Todisco, Edith Moreira, Magi Elizebath, Jaisy Tomy, Barbara Blume, Patricia Bailey, Angela Cursio, Victor Bertoncello, Cora Wood and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Ricardo Cabrera, Gloria Leonardo, Marlene Rico, Sandra Walker, Marion Fletcher, Anna Tekin, Maurice Rowland, Maureen Dalai, Harry Cullen, Marielle Steinhage, Rex Clair, Heath O'Loughlin, Josie & Bobby Richardson, Michael Trottor, 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, Ivor Silvapulle.
[Names will be removed after one month, unless advised]

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

MILITARY ORDINARIATE COLLECTION: Will be taken up this weekend.

CUPPA AFTER MASS: After 9.00am Mass has been cancelled this month.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS: Due to the busyness of the coming season meetings will resume in February 2027. It is beneficial to continue the practice of meditating daily to enjoy the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5: 22-23).

PIETY: God's Word $25.00, Columban Calendar $10.00, 'The Way of the Heart' Advent Daily Reflection $5.00. All are available at the Parish Support Centre or the Piety Stall.

ADVENT: Precedes Christmas and is a time of hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It offers us an opportunity to prayerfully commemorate the birth of Jesus, to become more aware of God's presence in our everyday lives.
Advent Groups will begin the week of Monday November 23. If you would like to join or feel able to lead a group, please contact the Parish Support Centre. We will advertise groups dates and times once we have leaders.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Is available for collection in the foyer.

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 December 7, 12.00pm-2.00pm.

FOUND: Two silver chains, if they belong to you contact Parish Support Centre.



VOICES IN CELEBRATION: Concert will be held November 29 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the stadium. This afternoon of music and community will raise much-needed funds for our new sound system. Bookings can be made via TryBooking or the Parish Support Centre. See poster for details.

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

Special congratulations to
Mariagorretti Ceron & Joseph Puvaneswaran
who are celebrating
50 years of marriage this week.
We wish them God's continued blessings.



GIVING TREE: Will be up from the weekend of November 21/22. Gifts can be placed under the Christmas tree until December 06/07 to enable early distribution of gifts. As there is a lack of gift choices for teenagers SVDP has suggested gift cards or movie vouchers for this age group. Thank you. Please do not wrap presents.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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

CCR DAY OF RENEWAL WITH BISHOP GREG: Are you spiritually exhausted, seeking deeper/inner peace, or longing for a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit? Come and join us for a powerful day of prayer, praise, and transformation at this year's Renewal Day with Bishop Greg.
Our theme is: "Come and Be Filled," inspired by Jesus' Beatitude: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6). Come empty and leave overflowing with God's grace, love, and spiritual gifts.
Saturday, November 14, 10.00am-3.30pm at St Michael's Church Traralgon.
For more information: please contact Cathy (Traralgon Prayer Group Leader: 0432588195); Lindsay (Diocesan CCR Chair: 0432375391); or Anushka (Diocesan CCR Sec: 0436961111).

175 YEARS OF FAITH & HERITAGE IN YARRAM: Join the Parish of Yarram in celebrating 175 years of Catholic life across Gippsland. Bishop Greg Bennet will join Fr Darren Howie and diocesan clergy to celebrate a special Anniversary Mass at 11.00am on Sunday, November 15 at St Mary's Church, Commercial Road, Yarram.
Following Mass, all are welcome in the St Mary MacKillop Hall for light refreshments, a brief local history talk, an exhibition of historical memorabilia, and school tours. RSVP: Sue at suebenc57@gmail.com with any dietary requirements. More details: https://tinyurl.com/5n77pu6y

FAITH IN ACTION: Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

REFLECTION: Nick Brodie - Leo's Lens
'To welcome a person means to integrate them as if they were part of one's own family,' Pope Leo says, 'offering them the opportunity to develop their gifts, abilities and sensibilities, but also to enter into the life of the household.' While we all must attend to the oil in our lamps, we must also ensure others have opportunity to do likewise.
We live in an epoch of what the Pope characterises as 'unprecedented encounter between peoples and cultures.' This period, he says, 'calls us to rediscover our roots in new and creative ways, while at the same time listening carefully to others.'
As part of that, the Pope encourages us to reflect on how we are called to serve each other for the good of all. 'We need to commit ourselves to patient dialogue,' he says, 'to show courage in negotiation and to be willing to give up some positions for the greater good of peace.'
The Pope wants us to be true to our deepest values, open to the needs and gifts of others. In doing so, we become the illumination the world needs right now. The lamp we can light is that of kindness and compassion, humanity and common sense. Perhaps we can start by topping up the oil of welcome.

REFLECTION: Greg Sunter - Living the Gospel - Living in hope
A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6: 12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.