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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 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 16/17 NOVEMBER 2024

MASSES

SUNDAY

Saturday vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am,
10.30am, 6.00pm
3.00pm Filo Mass

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)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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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-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.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven. End of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.



ADVENT

Is the season that precedes Christmas.

We enter a time of hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Advent and Christmas offer us the opportunity to prayerfully commemorate the birth of Jesus, to become more aware of God's presence in our everyday lives.

Advent groups begin the week of: Monday December 2 at 7.30pm.

Tuesday December 3 at 12.00pm.

Friday December 6 after 9.30am Mass.

Please let the Parish Support Centre know if you would like to join.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To everyone celebrating in November.



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA

2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass

RCIA Thursday 7.30pm

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – Nov 17

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – Dec 7

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday 10.30am - 1.00pm PSC

Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

MENS LEGION

Wednesday 7.00pm PSC

JUNIOR LEGION: No meetings currently

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 at PSC Resumes 2025

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 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: Audrey Cairns, Lucy Honey, Patrick Bardot and all those who died recently and for Alec Owen, Michael Shave, Jimmy Vamben, Lindsay Sauterelle, Fifi Ravaton, Cyril Benoit, Leslie Lawrence, Margaret Kelly, Alan Spreckley, Mary Nolan, Jim Favero and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Margaret Chisholm, Angela Constanzo, Rosa Constanzo, E'John Biscocho, Cedric Wilson, Endy Kavanagh, Betty Guerin, Colin Goldsmith, John Daly, Nathaniel Byers, Kerrie Stock, Tanya Clarke-Murphy, Pete Spance, Virginia & Robert Potts, Carmel Stephens-Mullins, Marilu Collins, 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]

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Frederick Waltham, Ethan Persoons, Charles Ebrao and Amelia Knight baptised recently. We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS: If you have recently joined our parish we invite you to record your name and details in the white folder in the foyer, so that we can contact and welcome you and share all our parish offers.

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

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

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED: To assist the grandmother of a parishioner who is visiting from India from November 30 until December 20. Contact the Parish Support Centre if you can help.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS: On Dec 14 in the stadium after 6.00pm Mass. Any individuals or groups that would like to join contact Peggy on 9707 4072.

MILITARY ORDINARIATE COLLECTION: \$820.30 was donated, thank you for your generosity.

PIETY: God's Word, Columban Calendar, 'The Light' Advent Daily Reflection. All books are available at the Parish Support Centre or Piety Stall.

PET MASS: 6.00pm Saturday December 7 in the school grounds.

JUNIOR CHOIR MEMBERS: If there are any Primary or early Secondary age children who would like to join a small group to sing 2 Christmas songs at the Narre Warren North Carols by Candlelight, Sat Dec 14, please see Angela after 10.30am Mass this Sunday or contact her on 0418 357 224.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Noise Level: Please remember that we are in a Sacred Space and respect other parishioners and keep your chatter to a minimum during and after mass.

Parking: We have had more complaints from our neighbours, please obey the street signs and DO NOT park over driveways. You will be booked.

Leaving before end of mass: It is very disruptive as well as disrespectful to leave mass before the final blessing. Please refrain from coming late and leaving early.

Equipment: Please **DO NOT** touch the heaters or sound system, as often after they have been tampered with we need to call technicians to fix them, at a cost to the church, as we are unable to correct them. They are set at appropriate levels for our church.

Doors: Please leave the doors closed as the wind causes leaves in the foyer and the heater/cooling system does not function at its full capacity.

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For Parents Who Have Lost a Child.

“Let us pray that all parents mourning the death of a child find support in the community and receive heart’s peace from the consoling Spirit.”

DIOCESE OF SALE POSITION: A qualified accountant is required to assist the Diocesan Business Manager in the day-to-day financial operations of the Diocese and its associated entities. This is a permanent part time role of 30 hours per week with flexible days to be negotiated. The salary for the successful candidate will be based on experience, education and skill level. Applications will be open until 5.00pm Monday November 25. Further information see the Positions Vacant section of our website <https://www.cdsale.org.au/job-vacancies> or contact Mary Winter (Diocesan Business Manager) by email at maryw@sale.catholic.org.au

CARITAS AUSTRALIA’S LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL: Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. www.caritas.org.au/lebanon or 1800 024 413

INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION: Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation. A seasonal study of Old and New Testament passages drawn from our common lectionary alongside some of the great Advent Themes. This will be held from 10.00am - 3.30pm on November 29. Morning tea and a light lunch will be served. Cost - \$25.00per person. RSVP by November 22. Venue: The Abbey, Raymond Island. Bookings essential to: info@theabbey.org.au See flyer.

"HE LOVED US": POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL ON THE HUMAN AND DIVINE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS CHRIST: Pope Francis’ fourth encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us"), explores the tradition and ongoing relevance of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This powerful message calls for a renewal of authentic devotion, reminding us of the tenderness of faith, the joy of service, and the fervour of mission. To read the encyclical click <https://tinyurl.com/24ju4vwh>

REFLECTION – Greg Sunter

The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week’s passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

Historical Context – 70 CE

In 66 CE a Jewish revolt against Roman occupation began in Caesarea and soon spread to most of the country. By the year 68 the sheer weight of Roman numbers had stamped out a lot of the rebellion. The leaders of the revolt rallied again in Jerusalem and in the year 70 the Roman armies laid siege to the city for several months. Finally, Titus, the emperor Vespasian’s son, led an assault on the city and the Romans ransacked and burnt the entire city. The treasures of the Temple were looted and the Temple itself – the very centre of Jewish religion – was destroyed. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world.

Living the Gospel – People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn’t the case. Today, as in Mark’s time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: Daniel 12: 1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **R.**

R. Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

