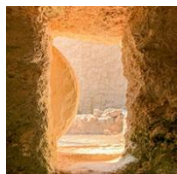


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# St Michael's Parish Good News



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

WEB: [www.stmichaelsparish.org.au](http://www.stmichaelsparish.org.au) FACEBOOK: [fb.me/StMichaelsBerwick](https://fb.me/StMichaelsBerwick)

Hours: **Mon/Fri CLOSED**, Tue 1.00pm-4.30pm, Wed 9.00am-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](mailto:secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au)

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR C 20 APRIL 2025

### COMING WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday vigil: 6.00pm

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

### WEEKDAYS

Tue-Sat: 9.30am

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

Fr Paul Zaher  
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### SECRETARY

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### PRESBYTERY

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Phone: 9769 7430

### 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/](https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsBerwick/)

#### CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

[www.sale.catholic.org.au/professional-standards2](http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/professional-standards2)

#### KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 or

[kidshelpline.com.au](http://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.

*Fr Paul, together with the Parish staff,  
wish all our parishioners a  
Safe, Happy and Holy Easter.*



**THANK YOU:** To all those who have helped in any way with the Palm Sunday and Easter Liturgies, from making crosses, sourcing palms, setting up the stadium, assisting with ministries, singing, playing music or volunteering in any capacity. We truly appreciate your willingness to help.

**Extra special thanks to Trevor Shields for our beautifully hand-painted 2025 Paschal Candle.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To everyone celebrating in April



## **MEETINGS**

### **MONTHLY CUPPA**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after 9.00am Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 10.30am Mass

### **RCIA**

Thursday 7.30pm

### **FILIPINO MASS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3.00pm – April 20

### **INDONESIAN MASS**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – May 3

### **LEGION OF MARY**

Saturday 10.15am - 1.00pm PSC

Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

### **MENS LEGION**

Wednesday 7.00pm PSC

**PRAYER GROUP:** Monday 2.30pm

Zoom 829 9519 6798

### **ROSARY FOR PEACE**

Monday 1.45pm Church

### **SVDP CONFERENCE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC

### **CBS BIBLE STUDY**

Resumes April 24

### **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:** Elizabeth Meade, Leith Drake and all those who died recently and for Gerry Rappinett, Joseph Valladares, Winifred Setunge, Nelson Setunge Shelagh Sweeney, Nicholas Sweeney, Petronella Neumair, Valerie Dooley, Claude Bertuzzi, Margaret McKeown, Hendrika Driessen, Ella Hancock, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS:** Pat Deeker, Fr Brendan Lane, Debbie Sladden, Adam Voyer, George Fokchak, Mario De Costa, Doreen Buck, Nathaniel Byers, Pope Francis, Nick Bowden, Betty Guerin, Colin Goldsmith, Jeremy Fahie, Gill Vissenga, Kath Angrave, Pam Nelson, Antony LaRive, Carmel Stephens-Mullins, Ivor Silvapulle, Joan O'Shea, Chris Olejarz.  
[Names will be removed after one month, unless we are advised otherwise]

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

## **A MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL:**

To my faithful parishioners of St Michael's, Berwick, it has been a blessing serving as your Parish Administrator, so with great delight I have the wonderful fortune of telling you that I have been granted permission to continue doing so till the end of the year. I have witnessed tremendous growth in this parish and with more certainty of my position I will be able to bring in more initiatives such as starting a youth group and will take much pleasure in collaborating with you. I look forward to this ongoing journey to building the Kingdom of God in our community and working with you in our mission as God's people. May the Spirit of Christ's Resurrection be with you this Easter Season and the joy of Christ fill your hearts. Yours in Christ, Father Paul Zaher.

**REINTRODUCING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD:** As of Holy Thursday, the Sale Diocese will distribute the Blood (not wine) from the chalice. Offering both the Body and Blood of Christ will continue thereon at all weekend Masses. Please note that in regard to child safety it will be the parents' responsibility to prevent their children from receiving the Precious Blood if that is their decision. Furthermore, we would like to remind you that it is also the parents' responsibility to ensure the children who haven't yet received their First Communion, from taking the Body and Blood of Christ. The general norm for someone who is not receiving the Blessed Sacrament is to indicate this to the minister by placing their arms crossed with hands on opposite shoulders.

**THANK YOU:** Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.



**FAIRTRADE:** Keep in mind all year around when buying chocolate, tea and coffee to look for the Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance logos, this is one way to help stop the slavery. Look for these logos and know that farmers receive fair prices that covers workers' wages.

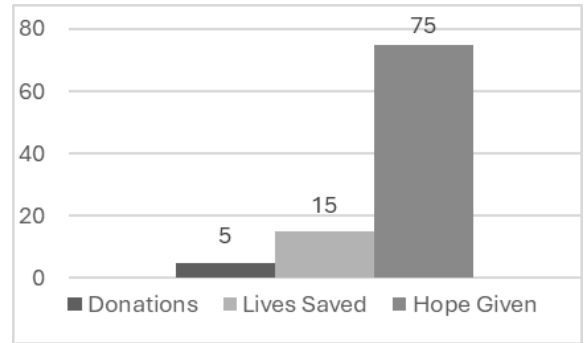
**TO HELP CATHOLICS CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR:** A website has been launched by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Please visit <https://pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/>

**STAY UPDATED ON DIOCESAN EVENTS:** By visiting the Diocesan Events Page. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. Visit: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events>

**THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION:** Let us pray that the technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crisis of our times.

### **MARCH BLOOD BANK DONATIONS:**

In the Papal Bull for the Year of Hope, Pope Francis wrote that "Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital." St Michael's did this by making three donations during March bringing the annual total to 5. Through its blood donation team, St Michael's has given life to up 15 sick people and Hope to an estimated 75 people this year. Here we can see how small, simple actions build up to provide great amounts of hope.



**MARIAN MOVEMENT FOR PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS AND LAY MEMBERS RETREAT:** Will be held at the St Clement's (Redemptorist) Retreat Centre at Galong NSW from August 18-22. The retreat is open to all Priests, Religious and Lay Members. Further information see flyer.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Engaging Your Faith online presentations from \$25.00 per session. Further information and to register: [ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

**ST AGATHA'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** Welcomes all to join with them if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year on Saturday 31st May at 11.00am Mass for a special blessing. Please contact the parish office with your details on 03 5996 1985 or email [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)  
The Parish is hosting quite a few events during May, see flyer.

**BILLINGS LIFE:** Has moved to Mont Albert and provide face to face consultations by appointment on Mondays and Thursdays. More information: 9802 2022 or [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life)

**JOURNEYING WITH MARY:** May is the month of Mary who has a special place in the hearts of the faithful. It is therefore fitting that we pay special attention to her and to her role in the history of salvation. Join others from around the diocese in a special 'Zoom' gathering, on May 7, as we celebrate Mary's significance through Art, Music, Song, Private Reflection, Scripture and Prayer. Led by Jane Mitchell and Mike Hansen.  
To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/45ftdsu>

**THE ART OF THE ASK:** Overcome the fear of inviting and step out with bold faith by learning practical strategies that make invitation second nature. Join Michael Harvey, founder of *Back to Church Sunday*, for a powerful online event, on May 8, that will equip you to break through fear and embrace a culture of invitation. Drawing from decades of experience, Michael will challenge us to rethink evangelization and rediscover the simple, transformational act of inviting. Register at <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

### **YEAR OF JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:**

Jubilee of Workers on May 25 at St Mary's Cowes.

Jubilee of Families & Grandparents on May 31 at St Agatha's Cranbourne.

Jubilee of Lay Ministers and Leaders: All Lay Ministers and Leaders, in the Diocese of Sale, are invited by the communities of St John's, Trafalgar, and St Jarlath's, Yarragon, to St John's on Sunday June 15 from 2.30pm. 'Cuppa and conversation to follow'.

Further details for all celebrations to come.

### **REFLECTION - Nick Brodie**

The joy of Easter, Pope Francis reminds us, is a call 'to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others.' Like the women finding the tomb empty and telling the disciples, or Peter running to the tomb when he heard the news, we are called to respond to the message with action! We are meant to become bearers and sharers of hope: He is Risen!

As the Pope suggests, sometimes this means that we have 'to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord.' We need to be open to being changed.

'A Christianity that seeks the Lord among the ruins of the past and encloses him in the tomb of habit', the Pope declares emphatically, 'is a *Christianity without Easter*.' Every year, therefore, we should take up anew this opportunity to follow our Lord with joyful hope. Each Easter is an opportunity to proclaim Christ Risen in our own time and place.

'Let us make Jesus,' the Pope says, 'rise again from all those tombs in which we have sealed him.' Let us embrace this Easter opportunity for 'encountering him today as the living God who desires to change us and to change our world.' Let us proclaim the Resurrection by what we do next.

# EASTER VIGIL

**First Reading:** Genesis 1: 1 – 2:2

*God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Second Reading:** Exodus 14: 15 – 15: 1

*Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

**Third Reading:** Isaiah 55: 1-11

*Come to me and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

**Epistle:** Romans 6: 3-11

*Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12

*Why look among the dead for someone who is alive.*

**Communion Antiphon**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.



## EASTER SUNDAY

**Entrance Antiphon**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 10: 34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3: 1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12

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**Communion Antiphon**

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