

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 CLOSED, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 10/11 MAY 2025

COMING WEEK'S MASSES

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

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: **Cancelled**

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-standards2

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.

WE HAVE A NEW POPE!

Pope Leo XIV greets the faithful and the world invoking peace and pledging to work for a united Church faithful to Jesus and to the Gospel.

POSITION VACANT ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons with ministry and parish experience for a position within the Pastoral Team. The position is open to either a Pastoral Associate or a Pastoral Worker in a part time capacity with a minimum of 3 days per week. The successful candidate will work in a collaborative ministry with the Parish Administrator and the Pastoral Team, in delivering the mission and pastoral care of the parish community within the teachings of the Catholic Church. Please forward your applications by May 16 to the Parish Support Centre

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL ROLE MODELS

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to put yourself -
tiny, needy and helpless -
into the nurturing and watchful hands
of a human mother.

Since then, every act of mothering,
both physical and spiritual,
in every time and every corner of the world
recollects Mary's.

Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our
mothers and mother figures today.

Bless these women, that they may be
strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA

2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass **May 11**

3rd Sunday after 10.30am Mass

RCIA

Thursday 7.30pm

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – May 18

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – June 7

LEGION OF MARY

Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm PSC

Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

MENS GROUP

Wednesday 7.00pm 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

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: Bill Kleynjans (Fr Jeff's father - Rosary 11.00am, Funeral 11.30am, Monday May 12 at St Agatha's, Cranbourne), Sheila Blaney and all those who died recently and for Bill Murphy, Antonio Solinas, Edith Corrie, Philomena McFarland, Constance James, Francesca Michael, Marius Michael, John Thomson, Silman Perera, Chandrapala De Costa, Terence Aberneithie, Annick Nemorin, Mary Quintra and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Amed Dalai, Frank Rossi, Ann Nichols, Mary-Ann Folan, Fr Brendan Lane, Adam Voyer, Doreen Buck, Debbie Sladden, Georges Fokchak, Nick Bowden, Betty Guerin, Colin Goldsmith, Jeremy Fahie, Kath Angrave, Antony LaRive, Nathaniel Byers, Ivor Silvapulle, Chris Olejarz, Carmel Stephens-Mullins, Pam Nelson, Joan O'Shea, Gill Vissenga.

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

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Patrick & Finley Hayes, Oliver & Daisy Smith, Jayden Larive, Goldie Gargana and Amelia Tuiloma baptised recently.

We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

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

PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE CLOSURE: On Monday May 12 to attend a funeral.

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION: Will be taken up this weekend.

PARISH BBQ: Thank you to St Michael's Men's Group for organizing our BBQ last weekend. If you wish to join the Men's Group, contact Parish Support Centre.

REFLECTION ON THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Fr Elio Capra SDB will be presenting this informative talk. All **adult parishioners** are invited and parents/guardians of children receiving the sacrament this year are also strongly encouraged to attend. At St Michael's School Stadium on May 15 at 7.00pm.

Register at www.trybooking.com/DAAXK See flyer.

LEGION OF MARY: Will be holding a recruitment drive on May 17 & 18 at all Masses. Founded in Dublin, Ireland, the Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association within the Catholic Church, dedicated to prayer, spiritual growth and service to others through Our Lady. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about its' mission and to consider becoming part of this ministry. Members will be available after each Mass with information and to answer questions. We warmly invite you to stop by and have a chat—we'd love to meet you.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Meditation is an ancient form of prayer which aims is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and rest in the presence of God. Groups will be held at the Parish Support Centre from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Tuesday 20 May What is Christian Meditation?

Tuesday 27 May John Main's Guidance and Rediscovery

Tuesday 03 June The Roots of our Tradition

Tuesday 10 June The Wheel of Prayer

Tuesday 17 June Leaving Self Behind

Tuesday 24 June The Fruits of Meditation

All welcome to try this form of prayer, free admission.

To book: secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au or call the Parish Support Centre.

MYSTAGOGIA MASS: Will be held on June 1 at 2.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. With refreshments afterwards (please bring a plate). Those newly baptised along with those received into full communion in the church are asked to attend, with their Sponsors, parish members, families, and Team members. Bishop Greg Bennet will be the Celebrant. Please let Peggy know by May 23, if you will be attending.

TRINITY FAMILIES' COLLECTION: We have raised \$818.65. Thank you.

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.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE PRODUCTION: Chicago Teen Edition, will be held at the Beaconsfield Campus. Performance dates and times: May 15 at 7.00pm, May 16 at 7.00pm, May 27 at 1.00pm & 7.00pm. Tickets: Student/Seniors \$20.00 Adult: \$25.00. Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYWYG>

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
The Parish is hosting quite a few events during May, see flyer.

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.

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.

MAY IS TRADITIONALLY DEDICATED TO MARY: With the month being seen as a time to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus, and seek her intercession. Contrary to misconceptions, we do not worship Mary but rather we honour her.

REFLECTION – Greg Sunter

Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the *Good Shepherd*. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights.

Scriptural context – The Father and I are one

The final sentence of today's passage has Jesus declaring, 'The Father and I are one.' It seems a fitting way to finish the gospel reading for liturgical use in the Easter season. However, the passage in John's gospel continues on. Immediately upon hearing these words, the listening crowd grab rocks and are about to stone Jesus to death! They were horrified by his apparent blasphemy – claiming to be one with God. Such a bold declaration of oneness with the Father was no doubt used by the gospel writer to try to eradicate emerging questions about the divinity of Jesus.

Have you thought? Why John?

As there is no Year of John the gospel is read during the Easter season and at other specific feasts and seasons. As the synoptic gospels focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, the theological and metaphoric nature of John's gospel is much more suited to the post-resurrection season of Easter.

Gospel Focus – Eternal life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10: 27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

