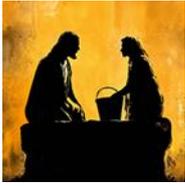


St Michael's Parish Good News



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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, 7/8 March 2026

COMING WEEK'S MASSES

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

WEEKDAYS

Tue: 9.30am
Wed: 9.30am
Communion Service
Thu: 9.30am
Followed by Adoration
Fri-Sat: 9.30am
Preceded by Divine Mercy and Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am
5.15pm

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Confidence Masvosva
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Diana Bernal

Pastoral Team Member

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PRESBYTERY

119 High Street, Berwick
Phone: 9769 7430

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>



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.



Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes or envelopes.

Sponsor the Parish Staff who are taking up the challenge to walk daily on
<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/BerwickSuperWalkers>

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

HOLY THURSDAY: April 2

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3

Stations of the Cross: 10.00am St Michael's School Stadium

Passion Service: 3.00pm St Michael's School Stadium

HOLY SATURDAY: April 4

Easter Vigil: 7.30pm

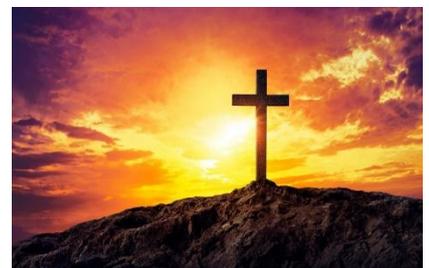
EASTER SUNDAY: April 5

Mass: 7.30am

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA

2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass-

Cancelled

3rd Sunday after 10.30am Mass-March 15

RCIA

Wednesday 7.30pm

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – March 15

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – March 7

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday 10.00am – 12.30pm PSC

Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

MENS GROUP

Wednesday 7.30pm PSC

PARISH ROSARY:

Monday 2.30pm

Zoom 829 9519 6798

SVDP CONFERENCE

2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 7.00pm PSC

MEDITATION SESSIONS

1st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC

March 3

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 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: 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: Shannon Garrett, Peter Southorn,

(Funeral St John's Catholic Church Mitcham 11.00am, March 12) and all those who died recently and for Joe Andrade, John Histon, Ahimi Kulasekera, Alice Verhellen, Catherine Talbot and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Solange Duivenvoorden, Bobby Cullen, John Hodgson-Williams, Colin Goldsmith, Robert Addison, Maureen Donnelly, Joan O'Shea, Adam Finlay, Mario D'Costa, Samantha Kirchner, Rita Rowland, Graeme Hall, Rob Nelson, Maureen Dalai, Dianne Devries, Nathaniel Byers, Jeremy Fahie, Ann Kroon, Kath Angrave, Betty Guerin, Julia Torelli, Gill Vissenga, Anthony Morril, Ivor Silvapulle, Carmel Stephens-Mullins.

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

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

CUPPA AFTER 9.00AM MASS: Cancelled this month.

PARISH PROJECT SPECIAL COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous donations. We have raised \$ 1,808.30.

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Thatcher Yates, Eliannah Kolambahewage, and Rosie Elijah baptised recently. We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Will be held March 19, 4.30pm. There will be more dates closer to Easter.

We are still in need for more Altar Servers on Sunday Masses at 7.30am and 6.00pm. Training will be provided. See times above.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: For children in Grade 6 or above who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and feel ready, may receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment is essential at St Michael's Parish Support Centre:

March 10: 2.00pm-5.00pm

March 11: 5.00pm-7.00pm

March 12: 9.00am-12.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion enrolments open June 15.

EASTER:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Tuesdays after 9.30am Mass and Fridays at 7.15pm.

PALM SUNDAY / EASTER ROSTERS: If you would like to help with any of the ministries, please add your name to the rosters in the foyer.

PALM SUNDAY GREENERY: We require cut pieces of palms/olives/other suitable greenery for blessing on Palm Sunday. If you are able to help please bring them in a box, already pre-cut, so as parishioners can collect them before Mass. We will need them by Friday March 27. Please let the Parish Support Centre know if you are able to help.

ALTAR OF REPOSE: We are seeking donations of white flowers and assistance in setting up. Please place in the buckets in the church on Wednesday April 1. If you are unable to purchase flowers, but would like to contribute towards them, please hand it to the priest, or drop into the Parish Support Centre.

GOOD FRIDAY: We are looking for young adults and youth from Year 7 and above to join our annual animated depiction of the Stations of the Cross at 10.00am. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Support Centre. Practice times to be advised.

GOOD FRIDAY READERS: We are looking for young parishioners (Grade 4 and above) to Read, Commentate and Altar Serve during the Passion. Please contact the Parish Support Centre. Practice times to be advised.

KEY TO PERSONAL RENEWAL: On Friday, March 13 at 7.45pm, after Stations of the Cross, at St Micheal's church, for a time of Praise and Worship and sharing of the word by Colin Calmiano.

AGEING AND AWAKENING-LIFE'S SURPRISING GIFTS: Growing old is a unique experience, one we share with many others in society today. It is a time of life that both challenges and benefits us, a time that invites us to grow personally as we manage changes such as retirement, having more time and fewer demands, and experiencing physical and psychological limits. The ageing process is enriched if we take stock of our lives and take charge of how we might live now and into the future. Three two-hour sessions invite participants in their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's to explore the many aspects of growing older in today's Australia.

St. Patrick's Parish, Pakenham, 10.00am-12.30 pm, Tuesday April 14, 21, and 28.

Register: Parish Centre 59417315 or parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

For more information, see the flyer in the church foyer

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Do you feel overwhelmed by the demands of a busy world? Join facilitator Chris Roga at the Heart of Life: Centre for Formation & Spirituality for a day dedicated to the "prayer of the heart". Date: Saturday March 21, Cost: \$90.00. Register at: Visit the Heart of Life website. See flyer.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER OPEN DAY: Will be held at both the Berwick and Officer Campuses on Saturday, March 21 between 10.00am - 2.00pm. Register your interest at: www.stf.vic.edu.au

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

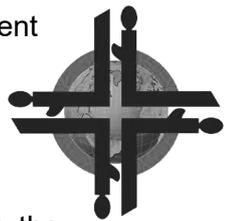
WALK WITH MARY - Combined Society of Mary: St Patrick's Cathedral, 2.00pm prayers, Mass and city procession. Sunday March 15. See brochure in the foyer

FAMILY ENRICHMENT AUSTRALIA: Invites you to join our Pre-Adolescence Course, designed to equip you with practical tools and fresh confidence for this important stage. See flyer for more details. Scan the QR code to register. We look forward to journeying with you. When families thrive, communities flourish.

LENTEN CHARISMATIC RETREAT: "Return to Me with All Your Heart" – Joel 2:12 Will be held at St Agatha's Cranbourne on March 26, 6.30pm-9.00pm with Fr Francis Otobo. All are welcome. See flyer.

COME AND SEE: Are you discerning a call to ministry? You are invited to an afternoon of storytelling and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others on a similar journey and hear firsthand accounts from priests about their lives and their unique calls to ministry. Sunday March 15, 3.30pm-5.00pm at St Agatha's Parish Hall. As the scripture reminds us, "the harvest is plentiful". Come and see where your path may lead.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: held on Friday March 6 is an ecumenical prayer movement developed from a Christian women's perspective as a creative response to issues of concern around the world. The motto of the World Day of Prayer movement is *Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*. This year's focus was the Women of Nigeria. St Michael's Berwick will host this day of prayer in 2027.



The symbol for World Day of Prayer was developed by the women of Ireland and adopted as the international logo in 1982. Its design is made up of arrows converging from the four points of the compass, persons kneeling in prayer, the Celtic cross, and the circle, representing the world and our unity through all our diversity.



Beloved family of God,

I cannot believe a whole month has already passed since I arrived here. I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for your genuine warmth, hospitality, and profound kindness I have experienced in the past weeks. Your dedication to this parish and your active participation in our Masses and ministries is truly inspiring. I have felt welcomed not just as your priest, but as a member of your family as your son. I am truly blessed to be here and am excited for all that we will continue to build together in faith. This is just the beginning of many blessings to come. Allow me to say this, you are in my heart and precious in the eyes of God. The love and unity I experience is amazing. Forward ever and backwards never. Thank you for your prayers and support.

With gratitude, Fr Confidence.

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.