

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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14th February, 2021

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

ASH WEDNESDAY 17th Feb

Mass Times 9.15am (School Mass) & 7pm No HOLY HOUR

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent at 7pm

FIRST READING:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2,5,11. R. v. 5

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING:

Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LK 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Amanda & Stephano Guidone , Joe, Steve Delgado–Reves, Anita Ruiz & Blanca Jose Vargas Family, Joseph Haggar, Vince Buchan, Nada Vucetic.

Mass Intentions: Sat 5pm: †Mary Masache,
Sun 8am: †Vince Hage
Sun 10am: †Anthony Jahja

Rosary

Rosary is said before morning Mass at 7.05am on Tuesday and Thursdays.

COVID-19 update

The NSW Government has announced a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions on churches, which are in place this weekend. Mask wearing in church is no longer mandatory but “encouraged” where social distancing is not possible. Congregational singing is still not permitted for indoor Masses and choirs are limited to five people. An unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that a one person per two metres square rule is observed. Up to 300 people can attend funerals and weddings, providing a two square metre rule is observed. The Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible. While the changes mean that advance bookings for Masses will no longer be required in most parishes, churches could remain open for private prayer. A record of attendees still must be kept for contact tracing purposes. QR codes are compulsory for churches to ensure there is a record kept for all attendees. However in cases where you have parishioners unable to use a QR code, the parish must keep an electronic record of that person's name and contact details.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Our Covid-19 Safety Plan (copy available in Church) states :

1. All must be aware of content of Safety Plan.
2. Those with Flu symptoms must not enter the Church.
3. Sanitizing hands and registration strict requirement in order to come inside the Church.
4. Congregational singing prohibited.
5. Required sanitization of the seats before and after mass.
6. Holy Communion on hand. Keep 2 square meters when receiving communion.
7. Social distancing .
8. Strict prohibition of gatherings after the mass, in the foyer or outside the door of the Church.

Sanitizing Church

Please could you take a wet wipe located at back of Church and wipe your seat and back of chair when you enter the Church. Bins located at back of Church. Thank You.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial integrity office at (02) 9390-5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

*Please observe silence in God's house.
Please turn your mobile off or put it on silent.*



Collection w/e 7/2/21

1st Collection: \$508.25, 2nd Collection: \$264.35, Planned Giving \$415.00

Thank You for your generous support.

Project Compassion 2021:

Money boxes will be available in the foyer to take home, fill up, & to return after Easter. Project Compassion raises funds which help provide opportunities to people in vulnerable communities in Australia & overseas. Using a holistic approach, training & employment are provided which concentrates on social, economic & spiritual development.

Lent is from Ash Wednesday (17th February to Holy Thursday (1st April).

Abstinence from meat, & fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year & have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. Days of Penance: on all Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: a) prayer – eg. Mass attendance; family prayer; Stations of the Cross...b) self-denial – eg. not eating meat, sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family...c) helping others – eg. special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Parish Ministry Rosters:

The new rosters are due to start at the beginning of **April**. Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Ministries should contact the Parish Office by **Fri 5th March, 2021**. Anyone wanting to alter or resign from their current ministry should also inform the office.

A Big Thank You to all ministers for your continued support and commitment.

Feast of St Valentine – 14th February

St. Valentine, was a Roman priest who was martyred during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. The Emperor made a law that soldiers could not marry with the theory that this made them better in war. St Valentine secretly married couples, so husbands would not have to go to war. He also aided Christians being persecuted by Emperor Claudius II. After his arrest, he prayed and cured the blindness of the daughter of the judge who sentenced him to jail. The Judge broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates, including St Valentine. St Valentine refused to renounce Christianity, and was willing to accept his fate. He was beaten, stoned and then decapitated. On the day of his execution, he left the Judge's daughter a note signed, "Your Valentine." He was executed on 14th February. This is why St Valentine became the Patron Saint of love and Bees. Honey is representative of love as well as bees, which are obviously symbols of pollination (or procreation). The aphrodisiac properties of honey are thought to lie in the regulation of hormones, something the ancients knew intuitively. They would give newlyweds a bottle of mead, which is an alcohol originally brewed from honey. This is why we have the term, "honeymoon," for those who've been just married. Relics of St. Valentine can be found all over the world. A flower-crowned skull of St. Valentine can be found in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. Fr. John Spratt received a gift from Pope Gregory XVI in 1836 containing a "small vessel tinged" with St. Valentine's blood. This gift now stands placed in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland.

May your Valentine's Day be filled with abundant blessings.

Mass Times: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
Weekday: **Monday:**
 Tuesday: 7:30am
 Wednesday: 6:00pm
 Thursday: 7:30am
 Friday: 9:15am

2nd & 4th Saturday: 9:30am (Southern Cross Hostel)

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:15pm – 5:45pm
Saturday: 4:15pm – 4:45pm



Contact The Presbytery

Parish Office Hours: Thurs & Fri 9:00am to 2:30pm

Holy Hour: Wednesday, 5:00pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment.

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Volunteers Roster:

This weekend - 14th February

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| <u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap | (R) F Hogan, M Vassallo | (C) | (M) Thomas W |
| <u>8am:</u> (A) G Diab, Andy H | (R) F De Andrade, G Guerrero | (C) | (M) Thomas W |
| <u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner | (R) Jonathon K, A Doyle | (C) | (M) M Sarmiento |

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) J Busutil (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Next weekend - 21st February

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| <u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap | (R) F Hogan, G Guerrero | (C) | (M) Thomas W |
| <u>8am:</u> (A) G Diab, Andy H | (R) J Pinto, Joann Pinto | (C) | (M) Thomas W |
| <u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner | (R) Sr Terie, H Edge | (C) | (M) M Sarmiento |

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

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 Thank you!