

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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21st February, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent - Year B

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent at 7pm

FIRST READING:

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Genesis 9:8-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Ps 24:4-9.R. cf. v. 10

SECOND READING:

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Peter 3:18-22

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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MT 4:4

GOSPEL:

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Mark 1:12-15

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 †Annamkuty Johnson
Tue 7.30am †Vince Hage
Sun 10am: †Thomas Clancy

Special Intentions: Sat 20th 5pm Laura D'Arcy,
Wed 24th 6pm Justine Francesca Adrianto

Baptism

We welcome **Mahlia Joelle Scott** and her family to her Baptism this Sunday.

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 square metre 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 14/2/21

1st Collection: \$505.40, 2nd Collection: \$302.80, Planned Giving \$325.00

Thank You for your generous support.

Piety Stall

New Stock has arrived in our Piety Stall. Please come and visit.

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.

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.

History of Lent

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. The word *Lent* itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*, meaning "Spring." Historians agree that the 40-day period before Easter, known as Lent, emerged shortly following the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. St Ireneus (c. 130 - 202), in a letter to Pope St. Victor, mentioned a dispute about the number of days for the pre-Easter fast. He references the idea of a fast lasting 40 days before Easter. The number "40" has always had special spiritual significance regarding preparation. On Mount Sinai, preparing to receive the Ten Commandments, "Moses stayed there with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights, without eating any food or drinking any water" (Ex 34:28). Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai). Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before he began his public ministry.

Lent was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism and a time of penance for grievous sinners who were excluded from Communion and were preparing for their restoration. As a sign of their penitence, they wore sackcloth and were sprinkled with ashes. This form of public penance began to die out in the 9th century, and it became customary for all the faithful to be reminded of the need for penitence by receiving ashes on their foreheads on the first day of Lent—hence the name Ash Wednesday. Over the years, Lent has become less strict in almost every western tradition. In the Catholic Church: only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are kept as Lenten fast days. The well known "fish on Friday" tradition began in the United States in 1966 when the Pope affirmed the abstinence from "flesh" on Fridays. In every tradition, however, the act of "giving something up" has remained strong. For all of these changes, the tradition of Lent is still largely recognizable to what it was nearly 2,000 years ago. However, the emphasis on penitential practice and almsgiving remains, and many Catholics also observe a meatless fast on Fridays during Lent. .

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 - 21st February

<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

Next weekend - 28th February

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) L Paquin, J Paquin	(C)	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) G Diab, Andy H	(R) A Burke, T Trujillo	(C)	(M) Thomas W
<u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner	(R) S & R Williams	(C)	(M) M Sarmiento

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

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 Thank you!