

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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22nd August, 2021

21st Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B

Tue 24th Aug St Bartholomew (Feast)

Fri 27th Aug St Monica (Memorial)

Sat 28th Aug St Augustine (Memorial)

FIRST READING:

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R v.9

SECOND READING:

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Ephesians 5:21-32

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63, 38

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel :

John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

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.

Euthanasia Petition

Please sign this petition, calling on the Government to keep us focused on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal. <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect life nsw>

Live Streaming Masses

With the closure of churches and suspension of public Masses, many parishes in Catholic Archdiocese are now *live streaming* Masses online.

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Catholic Weekly

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

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.*



St Bartholomew

Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polymius, King of Armenia, to Christianity. Besides being listed as an Apostle, he is not otherwise mentioned in the New Testament, at least not under the name Bartholomew: many ancient writers, and Catholic tradition have identified Bartholomew as Nathaniel in the Gospel of John (John 1:45-51, and 21:2). Philip introduced Bartholomew to the Lord. When told that the Messiah had arrived and that he was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartholomew's response was, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" which prompted Jesus to say, "This man has no guile" (John 1:47); in other words, he speaks his mind. John's Gospel mentions Bartholomew as one of the Apostles to whom the risen Christ appeared at the Sea of Galilee after his Resurrection. Bartholomew is believed to have carried the Gospel to India, Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt, and Armenia. The remains of St. Bartholomew were transferred to two churches in Italy: Benevento and the Church of St. Bartholomew-in-the-Tiber in Rome. This saint's main symbol consists of three knives representing his gruesome death.

St Monica

Even though Monica was a Christian, her parents gave her away to a man named Patritius. Both he and his mother were pagans and had violent tempers. St. Monica endured this with patience and kindness, and her example eventually led to their conversions to Christianity. St Monica prayed constantly for her son, St. Augustine of Hippo. Augustine was a very gifted man who lived a life of lust and impurity, before converting to Catholicism. Throughout these years, she endured a tremendous amount of suffering. Augustine rejected her many times, but she continued to love, pray and nurture her son throughout his wayward time. St. Monica wept, prayed and sacrificed for her son for seventeen years. Her greatest desire in life was to see her son's conversion to Catholicism, and once this happened, she believed her purpose in life had been fulfilled.

St Augustine

Augustine was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living. Through the prayers and tears of his mother, St Monica he became one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He was baptized, became a priest and a bishop. He was a famous Catholic writer and a founder of religious orders. He practiced great poverty and supported the poor. He preached very often and prayed up until his death. His feast day is August 28th.

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

Baptisms: Sundays after the 10am Mass

Subject to further notice



POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Ministries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!