

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH LANE COVE

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 11 February, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Riverview, Greenwich, Linley Pt, Northwood*

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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

St Michael's Lane Cove
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass: 9.30am
Sunday Evening Mass: 6.00pm
Mon-Thu, & Sat 9.15am
Friday 12.00noon

Our Lady Help of Christian's Chapel
(72 Greenwich Road, Greenwich)
Sunday Morning Mass: 8.00am
Weekdays Mon-Sat: 8.30am

Dalton Memorial Chapel, Riverview
(In the grounds of St Ignatius College,
Tambourine Bay Rd, Riverview)
Sunday (during school term only) 7.30am

CONFESSION TIMES (PARISH CHURCH):

Saturdays: 8.45am - 9.10am
5.15pm - 5.45pm
Sundays: 9.00am - 9.25am
5.30pm - 5.55pm

From The Parish Priest...

Sydney Catholic Schools' 'Back to Parish' program, encouraging more involvement in Sunday Mass, will be implemented in 2024. Each colour house at St Michael's school will be assigned two Sunday morning masses to lead. We will be seeking to give each child in the house a role at the Mass.

On Sunday February 25 at 6pm we will have a Commitment Mass for those making their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2024. The Commitment Mass will be followed by pizza and fellowship for the kids, and information for parents about how the program works. Students in Year 3 and above who are baptised Catholics are welcome to register.

During the Sunday morning mass in school term we send the smaller children to the parish hall at the start of Mass to celebrate the liturgy of the word in the hall at their level. We are always in need of more helpers and leaders for this ministry (Children's Liturgy). Please let us know if you can assist! The roster for children's liturgy volunteers for this weekend and next weekend will now appear on the back page of the bulletin.

We have almost 400 Catholic children attending the 3 public primary schools in our parish, and fewer than 20 volunteers to teach them. For many of these children, they will only ever hear about God or be taught to pray by a catechist. Helpers are also needed as well as catechists. Contact the parish office if you can assist.

Conversations with Catholics is a program to help parents get comfortable in Church and to discuss sharing their Faith with their kids. Here's what one participant from last year's program had to say:

"I learnt so much more than I anticipated over the 4 weeks program. I am grateful for this opportunity as we connect within our community and build friendship along the way. We learn and grow our journey of Faith at our own pace to support our children at home. The tour of our Church guided by Fr Sam was the highlight for me. I recommend other parents who are seeking to grow their Catholic faith to participate in future program."

Alarmingly, one of the big gum trees at the rear of the property has been dropping sizeable branches lately. An arborist came on Friday 9 Feb to assess and trim the trees. Let's continue to pray for the safety of our parishioners. **The parish car park will be closed this Friday 16 February, 2024** for further works on the gum trees for safety.

On Monday 12 February, possibly Tuesday 13 February, plumbers will be at work at the front of the Parish House excavating to clear a severely blocked line. Callers will be directed to the side entrance on those days as the front of the building will be a work site and therefore unsafe for pedestrian access.

Lastly, Cailen Geraghty would like to meet and pray with other young women during Lent. She thinks a Tuesday or Wednesday night might suit. Please make yourself known to the parish office and she will be in touch.

Fr Sam Lynch.

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First Reading (Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46)

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7)

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

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**
- But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my
offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord,
have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 7:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mark 1:40-45)

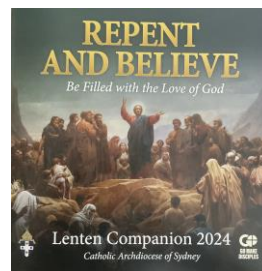
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent

Parish Church, 7.30pm

Confessions, 7.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

"Could you not watch with me one hour?"

(Matthew 26:40)



Monday	8.00am-9.00am
Tuesday	8.00am-9.00am
Wednesday	8.00am-9.00am
Thursday	7.00pm-8.00pm
Friday	11.30am-12noon

What's On at St Michael's

Sun 11 Feb, 7.30am	Sunday Morning Mass <i>Dalton Chapel, Riverview (Jesuits)</i>
Sun 11 Feb 10.20am	Men's Group Sausage Sizzle Join us for a sausage sizzle after Sunday Mass, all welcome. Men of the parish are warmly invited to get to know the members of the Men's group and learn about their activities.
Wed 14 Feb, 9.15am	Ash Wednesday School Mass St Michael's Church
Wed 14 Feb, 10am	Legion of Mary Meeting, Parish Hall
Wed 14 Feb, 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Evening Mass St Michael's Church
Wed 14 Feb, 7.30pm	No Adult Catechesis, owing to Ash Wed
Thu 15 Feb, 7.00pm-8.00pm	Adoration & Benediction, St Michael's Parish Church
Fri 16 Feb, 7.00pm-7.30pm	Lenten Confessions, St Michael's Parish Church
Fri 16 Feb, 7.30pm-8.00pm	Stations of the Cross St Michael's Parish Church
Sun 18 Feb, 7.30am	Sunday Morning Mass <i>Dalton Chapel, Riverview (Jesuits)</i>
Sun 18 Feb, 9.30am 10.20am	McGuire House School Mass St Michael's Parish Church Parish Morning Tea Led by our School community
Tue 20 Feb, 7.00pm	St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting Parish Hall
Wed 21 Feb, 10am	Legion of Mary Meeting Parish Hall
Wed 21 Feb, 7.30pm	Adult Catechesis: Baptism & Confirmation; Parish Hall
Thu 22 Feb, 9.15am	Year 5 Class Mass St Michael's Church.
Thu 22 Feb, 9.40am	Parents & Parishioners Morning Tea Parish Hall
Thu 22 Feb, 1.30pm-3.00pm	Conversations About Catholics <i>A gentle introduction to Catholic beliefs and practices led by our Family Educator</i> Parish Hall
Thu 22 Feb, 7.00pm-8.00pm	Adoration & Benediction, St Michael's Parish Church
Fri 23 Feb, 7.00pm-7.30pm	Lenten Confessions, St Michael's Parish Church
Fri 23 Feb, 7.30pm-8.00pm	Stations of the Cross St Michael's Parish Church
Sun 25 Feb, 7.30am	Sunday Morning Mass <i>Dalton Chapel, Riverview (Jesuits)</i>
Sun 25 Feb, 6.00pm	1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass St Michael's Parish Church

Lenten Penance

Catholics are required to do some act of Penance on all the Fridays of the year. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, we all were required to abstain from meat on Fridays (Fish on Fridays!). Now, we can each decide how to observe Penance in our own lives.

Penance is an action that we take by which we show God that we are sorry for sins, our own and potentially also the sins of others. Christ offered his life for sins on the Cross. In doing penance we imitate him and join him in making reparations to God for sins.

Penance may take the form of 1). Prayer 2). Fasting or 3). Almsgiving. "Almsgiving" might take the form of doing some good deed (eg visiting someone lonely) or of actually giving money to the poor. Fasting might consist of abstaining from something (eg no coffee on a Friday), or of having less to eat that day (eg skipping lunch). Self-denial of this type is "prayer of the senses".

The Church still insists that we are all bound to Fast and Abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday (14 Feb)** and **Good Friday (29 March)**. All Catholics aged between 18 and 60 (who are not impeded by ill health, eg diabetes) are required to fast (ie eat less, eg, two meals rather than three). All Catholics aged 14 and over are obliged to abstain from meat.



Welcoming New Families to our Parish.

Roughly once a month in 2024, those who are asking to have a child baptised in our Church will be asked to join us at Sunday Mass.

Parents will present their children to the assembly of the Faithful, asking for Baptism for their children, and promising to raise them in the practice of the Faith.

After Mass, I ask other parish families who regularly come to Sunday Mass to take the lead in welcoming the new families, extending hospitality to them, and sharing with them your own experience of raising your children in the Catholic Faith.

My hope is that a good number of Families will be willing to assist with this important ministry so that any one family need only assist with this 2 or 3 times a year. If you would like to join the parish Baptismal Ministry Team, please let the office know!

We commence on Sunday February 25, 2024.

Children's Sacraments at St Michael's Lane Cove

When	What	Who
TERM ONE	FIRST RECONCILIATION	Children Year 3 And Above
TERM TWO	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Children Year 3 And Above
TERM THREE	CONFIRMATION	Children Year 6 And Above
TERM FOUR	BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN	Unbaptised children aged 7+



Our sacramental programs include classroom work (for our St Michael's School students), online videos and quizzes, Sunday Mass, 3 hands on catechesis sessions after Sunday Mass with fellowship and community time. Register online.



Conversations About Catholics

Listening to Families,
Answering Questions &
Helping your children to discover
more about their Faith.

Session One
Thursday, 22 February
1.30pm – 3.00pm
Parish Hall



Become a Catechist!

If you could spare just 40 minutes per week on a Tues, Wed or Thurs during school hours throughout the school term we could use your help! We are looking for volunteers to be teachers and helpers in our 3 public schools to teach Catholic Scripture. We have 380 Catholic children who may only ever learn about God from our catechists. All training and materials are provided. Please call or email the parish office to let us know you're interested! (9427 2034).

St Michael's Church Liturgical Roster

	This Week	Next Week
6pm Vigil Mass		
Reader:	Emmilyn Belaro	Mark Galvin
Server:	Paul McGregor	
9.30am Mass		
Reader:	Liz Cashman	Anne Yap
Server:	Edith Lam & Evangeline Hee	Paul Chua
Children's Liturgy:	Sophie MacIntosh	Victoria Coorey
CL Assistant	Idalia Butler	Alexandra A.
CL Assistant:	Caroline Hobbs	Elizabeth Jones
6pm Mass		
Reader:	M-L Eliatamby	Mike Dal Maso
Server:	Andrew Spillane	

In Our Prayers and Masses, we remember:

Our loved ones who are sick:

Eugenia Kwok, Br Elijah Joseph, Margarita Dumlaio, Damian Wyld, Diane Fountain, Perri Hallet, Richard Martin, Roque Langkay Jnr., Ann Ryan, Rebecca Shields, Bishop Peter Ingham, Jeanette Sharp, Eszter Kalotay, John Tesoriero, Pam and Paul Lenehan, Mary Ng, Vanderlita Alves, Tony Devery, Patricia Breen.

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Tony Macken, Rick Eardley, Jean-Claude Etienne Deleflie, Val Oberle, Tony Macken, David Gardener, Huang Lai Ching, Benedict Oei, Richard Boehning.

Anniversaries of our deceased loved ones:

Mary M. Mogan, Gilbert Batbatan, Tony Thistlewood, Eugenio Avila jnr., Berta Montano, Mary Casar, Michael Casar.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810

safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.