



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH LANE COVE

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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

Mary Help of Christians Chapel
(72 Greenwich Road, Greenwich)

Sunday Morning Mass:	8.00am
Weekdays Mon-Sat:	8.30am

Dalton Memorial Chapel, 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

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 1 December, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

Farewell from Fr Sam...

Being Irish on both sides of my family, I suppose I should expect to have a special relationship with *Murphy's Law* (ie "what **can** go wrong, **will** go wrong"). In this case, the news of my impending move to another role got out a few days before the Archbishop announced his decision publicly, and before I was able to announce it to you myself.

Archbishop Anthony has appointed me as the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Vicar General assists the Archbishop in the day to day running of the Archdiocese. It's a very involved role that will require my whole attention, and so I will not be in parish ministry from the end of 2024.

I will finish up at St Michael's on the first Sunday after Christmas, and then will be moving out to my new digs to get myself ready to start in my new role in the second week of January, 2025.

Happily, we have Fr Mark Anderson already well and truly in place at the parish who will very capably take over, and indeed, has already taken on much of the pastoral care of the parish over the last several weeks. The Archbishop has not yet made a decision about who will replace me as parish priest, but in the meantime, I know you will be in safe hands with Fr Mark.

Although I am sorry to leave you all (especially so soon!), I am also very grateful to God and to all of you for the wonderful 3 years I did get to spend with you. Lane Cove is full of warm, welcoming and generous people who are keen for opportunities to give back, contribute and build up a vibrant parish community. That fact has made my time here an absolute joy and a complete pleasure.

Over the coming weeks leading up to Christmas, I will be spending a fair bit of my time preparing for my new role, and so Fr Mark will continue to take on much of the day-to-day activities of the parish. However, there will still be ample time for me to say farewell to you all and thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be your pastor. Thanks be to God!

Congratulations to our new Parish Choir!

Last Sunday morning the renewed parish choir sang at their first parish Mass, and I think I can say we were all greatly impressed! Special thanks to Christine, Lanneke and Pascal for leading the choir and getting them sounding so wonderful! Whereas there are currently about 20 members of the parish choir, there is room for plenty more!

The choir will initially be focusing their efforts on the major liturgical feasts to ensure that solemnities in the Church's calendar are celebrated with the joy, enthusiasm and deep reverence that they should be celebrated. I know all the choir members have put a lot of energy and time into preparing to lead us in the sacred music for our feasts, and I thank you all very sincerely on behalf of the whole parish for your wonderful service. We're all looking forward to Christmas!

Keen singers will also enjoy our annual *Carols in the Canopy* presented by the combined churches of Lane Cove on Sunday 15 December.

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1)

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2)

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 84:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 21:25-28. 34-36)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

‘Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Nativity Pageant & Children’s Choir

Pageant: children required to be in Yr 1+

Sun 8/12, 3pm - roles & rehearsal

Mon 23/12, 4pm - full dress rehearsal

Tue 24/12, 5pm rehearsal, 5:40 Nativity Pageant
6pm Mass

Contact: caroline@alsaker.com.au

Pageant Choir: children required to be Yr 2+

Rehearsal: Sat 21/12 - 3:00-4:00pm

Pageant : Tues 24/12 - 5:40pm; Mass at 6:00pm

Contact: admin@lanecoveparish.org.au

Flyers are available in the Church - full details

**YOUNG
ADULTS**
Group

AGES 18-35

1ST THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH
6:15PM
PARISH HALL

We are excited to announce that our parish will hold a young adults Catholic study group, each month we will present on a topic about the Catholic faith. Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Register using the QR code.



What's On at St Michael's

Sun 1 Dec 7.30am	Sunday Morning Mass Final for 2024 <i>Dalton Chapel, Riverview (Jesuits)</i>
Sun 1 Dec 9.30am 10.20am	Yellow House Mass St Michael's Parish Church Parish Morning Tea St Michael's Parish Hall
Tue 3 Dec 7.30pm	St Vincent de Paul Society Mtg St Michael's Parish Hall
Wed 4 Dec 10am	Legion of Mary Mtg St Michael's Parish Hall
Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm	Symbolon (Adult Enquirer Program) #15 Prayer, On Earth as it is in Heaven St Michael's Parish Hall
Thu 5 Dec 6.15pm- 8.30pm	St Michael's Young Adult Group St Michael's Parish Hall
Thu 5 Dec 7pm-8pm	Adoration and Benediction St Michael's Parish Church
Sat 7 Dec 4.30pm	Choir Rehearsal St Michael's Parish Church
Sun 8 Dec 7.30am	**School Holidays no Mass Riverview**
Sun 8 Dec 9.30am 10.20am	Baptism Presentation Mass St Michael's Parish Church Infant Baptism Preparation St Michael's Parish Hall
Sun 8 Dec 3pm	Rehearsal – Nativity Pageant St Michael's Parish Church
Wed 11 Dec 6pm	Year 6 Graduation Mass St Michael's Parish Church
Thu 12 Dec 7pm	Adoration and Benediction St Michael's Parish Church
Thu 12 Dec 8pm	St Michael's Men's Group St Michael's Parish Church
Fri 13 Dec 9.15am	St Michael's End of Year Mass St Michael's Parish Church
Sun 16 Dec 7pm	Carols in the Canopy "The Canopy", Lane Cove Town Square

Saints & Feast Days this Week

Tue 3 Dec (Memoria)	St Francis Xavier <i>(One of Australia's patron saints still, St Francis Xavier was a 16th century Jesuit missionary priest who prodigiously spread the Gospel in India, Japan and China. He died exhausted from his efforts on the island of Shangchwan).</i>
Wed 4 Dec (Opt. Mem.)	St John Damascene <i>(Sometimes called "the last of the Church Fathers" this 8th century monk was known for his prodigious theological writings known for their clarity. He fought Iconoclasm, a heresy that forbid sacred art).</i>
Sat 7 Dec (Memoria)	St Ambrose <i>(A remarkable 4th century bishop and theologian he is known for the beautiful hymns that he wrote for the Divine Office many of which are still in use, and for the conversion of the man who would later be known as St Augustine of Hippo.)</i>



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Our St Michael's Lane Cove St Vincent de Paul Conference members with your support continue to make a real difference in the lives of needy people. We thank you for your generous support.

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ON GENDER, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

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Christmas Mass Times

St Michael's Parish, Lane Cove



Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24th December)

St Michael's	Nativity Pageant	5.40pm
	Children's Mass	6.00pm
	Vigil Mass	8.00pm
Riverview Chapel	Vigil Mass	7.00pm

Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th December)

Greenwich Chapel	Morning Mass	8.00am
St Michael's	Carols (Parish Choir)	9.10am
	Morning Mass	9.30am

Carols in the Canopy

The combined Churches of Lane Cove invite you and your families to come and sing Christmas Carols in the Canopy this year:

Sunday, 15 December, 7.00pm

St Michael's Church Liturgical Roster

	This Week 1/12	Next Week 8/12
6pm Vigil Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Liz Cashman	James Rodgers
<i>Server:</i>	Paul McGregor Sean Geraghty	Paul McGregor
<i>Organist:</i>	Chris Moriarty	Chris Moriarty
<i>Cantor:</i>	Claire Burrell - McDonald	Claire Burrell - McDonald
9.30am Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Yellow-McQuoin	Anne Yap
<i>Server:</i>	Paul Chua Avangelina Hee	Edith Lam Avangelina Hee
<i>Organist:</i>	Trevor Garland	Mel Waters
<i>Cantor:</i>	Josie Ryan	Anita Kyle
Ch. Lit. Leader	Ruth Boccola	Janelle Ho
Ch. Lit. Assistant	Karen McCleary	Maggie Yang
Ch. Lit. Assistant	Lorraine Dooley	Maria Maciejewska
6pm Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Karina Gobbo	Mike Dal Maso
<i>Server:</i>	Pinzone & Azars	Pinzone/ Azars/ Elvey
<i>Organist:</i>	Chris Moriarty	-
<i>Cantor:</i>	Josie Ryan	-

(Please SMS Fr Sam if you can't make it on the day)



Christmas at the Cathedral

Come and see the Christmas light show at St Mary's Cathedral. Bring the kids, make a night of it! Don't forget to go into the Cathedral, light a candle and say a prayer for peace in our troubled world whilst there!

Thursday 12 Dec – 5.30pm to 10.30pm

& Every night until

Wednesday 25 Dec – 5.30pm to 10.30pm

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

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Thursday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Friday 11.30am-12noon

In our Prayers and Masses, we remember:

Our loved ones who are sick:

Lynne Duncan, Paul Ippolito, Adelaide Magdalang, Christine Oberle, Connie Roper, Tony Dawson, Christopher Mogan, Margarita Dumlaog, Perri Hallet, Richard Martin, Roque Langkay Jr., Rebecca Shields, Eszter Kalotay, Pam and Paul Lenehan, Mary Ng, Vanderlita Alves, Tony Devery, Patricia Breen, Margaret Price.

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Henry Pang, Susan Rademeyer

Anniversaries of our deceased loved ones:

Kath & Allan Lewis
Pat & Edward Cunningham, Eugenio R. Avila Jr, Eduardo Rincon Carusso

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.