

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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23rd February, 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A

Ash Wednesday Masses: 26th February

Masses at 9.15am (School Mass) & 7pm.

There will be no Holy Hour.

FIRST READING:

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13,R.v.8

SECOND READING:

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Corinthians 3:16-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.*

Alleluia

GOSPEL:

Love your enemies.

Matthew 5:38-48

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Mona Massoud, Amanda & Stephano Guidone, Joe, Steve Delgado-Reves.

Mass Intentions: Sat 5pm † Juventino & † Carmen Delgado (Anniv)

Baptism

We welcome **Xavier Richard Hamer** and his parents to his Baptism this Sunday

Marriage

Congratulations and God's blessings on Albert Suryadi and Monica Lam as they celebrate their Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this weekend (Sat 22nd Feb 2020) in our parish.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Collection

1st Collection: \$808.15, 2nd Collection: \$374.00, Planned Giving \$305.00

Thank You for your generous support.

Foley Gardens

Newly renovated 2-bedroom unit now available in Foley Gardens Retirement Village.

Unit 8 OPEN FOR INSPECTION ON Sunday 23rd FEB, 2020 from 11am –12 Noon.

A Representative from **RJ O'Shea (Managing Agent)** will be on hand to discuss terms and conditions. **Please enter by pedestrian gate at 5-7 Gwea Ave, Daceyville.**

Contact Tina on 9540-4650.

Project Compassion 2020:

Money boxes will be available in the foyer to take home, fill up and 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.

Rev. Graham Charles Fullick Ordination

Congratulations to our long standing Parishioner **Rev. Graham Charles Fullick** who will be ordained to the Priesthood on 22nd February, 2020 at Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West at 10am. All Welcome.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Option 1:

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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 or by email on safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support & discuss the options you have available to you.

Option 2.

Contact the Parish via 9349-1292 and please speak to Myrna Sarmiento or Fr Phan who will provide support and guidance.

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



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 6th March, 2020**. 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.

Lentan Observance

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, *must be* observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other 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 - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.

(b) self-denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to 'give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.

(c) helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Lent lasts from ASH WEDNESDAY (26TH FEBRUARY) to the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (9TH APRIL). On GOOD FRIDAY and, if possible on HOLY SATURDAY until THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between **Ash Wednesday, 26th February, and Trinity Sunday, 7th June, 2020. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.**

Origin of Ash Wednesday

The practice of putting ashes on one's forehead has been known from ancient times. In the Nordic Pagan Religion placing ashes above one's brow was believed to ensure the protection of the Norse god, *Odin*. This practice spread to Europe during the Vikings conquests. This laying on of ashes was done on Wednesday, the day named for Odin, Odin's Day. Interestingly enough, according to Wikipedia, one of Odin's names is Ygg, which means ash in Norse. The liturgical use of ashes originated in the Old Testament times. Ashes symbolized mourning, mortality, and penance. In the Book of Esther, Mordecai put on sackcloth and ashes when he heard that King Ahasuerus of Persia wanted to kill all of the Jewish people in the Persian Empire (Esther 4:1). Job repented in sackcloth and ashes (Job 42:6). In the 5th century B.C., after Jonah's preaching of conversion and repentance, the town of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, and the king covered himself with sackcloth and sat in the ashes (Jonah 3:5-6). In the Middle Ages (eighth century), those who were about to die were laid on the ground on top of sackcloth sprinkled with ashes. The priest would bless the dying person with holy water, saying, "Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return. In the early Christian church, there were only 36 days of fasting (excluding Sundays). In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday in Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, an imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the desert.

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

On Public Holiday Monday, Tuesday or Thursday: 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

Volunteers Roster:

This weekend - 22nd February

Vigil: (A) J Haggart, A Yap (R) G Guerrero, Hartanto W (C) M Vassallo (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) G Diab, Andy H (R) G Guerrero, C Yong (C) I Koeswanto (M) P Low

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) K Tjipnur, S Newman (C) C Goncalves, K Wong (M) K Chandra

5pm: (A) Mark S (R) M Kenyon, Jordan L (C) J Irawan (M) Myrna S

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) L Hart (Sun, 10am) C Gunawan

Counters: Lisa & David Paquin

Next weekend - 29th February

Vigil: (A) J Haggart, A Yap (R) J Spora, M Vassallo (C) L Paquin (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) G Diab, Andy H (R) T Trujillo, Joann Pinto (C) A Burke (M) P Low

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) H Edge, M Lam (C) M Lam, N Liman (M) K Chandra

5pm: (A) Mark S (R) S Williams, S Doyle (C) J Irawan (M) Myrna S

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) S Wijaya

Counters: Joe De Andrade, Ben Yong

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 Thank you!