

# ***Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church***

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*"Come to worship  
Go to proclaim"*

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**3rd May, 2020**

**4th Sunday Easter - Year A  
(Good Shepherd Sunday)**



## **FIRST READING:**

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

**Acts 2:14, 36-41**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**PS 22:1-6. R.v.1**

## **SECOND READING:**

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Peter 2:20-25**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Jn 10:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*

*I know my own sheep and mine know me.*

*Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL:**

**John: 1-10**

I am the gate of the sheepfold

# St. Michael's Parish Notice

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

My dear people of God,

I hope that you are all well and safe. The current situation is not so pleasant and thus people are facing many difficulties. For us as Catholics, the difficulty is that we cannot physically participate in the celebration of the Eucharist which is the source of our lives, security and happiness.

I will stand with you and for you in this time of pandemic. Be assured of my daily prayers with the offering of the Eucharist for you all. In any necessary circumstances that you may need my presence, please ring the parish's office and leave a message. If there is no one to answer your calls, you may contact me, in case of emergency, on my private number 0434 240 013. May God bless and keep you safe.

Rev. Fr. Phan Nguyen

“Even if the church doors remain closed and I can’t participate in the Holy Mass, I will not be distressed. Because, the Blessed Trinity dwells within me! God took residence in my heart when I was baptised into the Church, the Body of Christ. Today when my heart longs for His precious Body and Blood, when I miss Him terribly the Lord consoles me from within, “Child don’t be sad. I am here, with you, within you. I am the infinite One. I’m beyond space and time, I am still close I can hear you, I can fill you. Now when your heart deeply misses the Holy Mass and receiving my Body and Blood, understand that you can always receive me in Spiritual Communion. When you desire and pray thus, I come to you the same way as I have come before in the Holy Communion. You continue to remain my own. Yes, you still belong to me.”

## **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.”

You can honour your Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online

(<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>).

## **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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)

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



### **St Joseph the Worker**

St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar.

The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary.

The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.

“March 19 has been the most commonly celebrated feast day for Joseph, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "*St. Joseph the Worker*". Pope John Paul II says “Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God,” .Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.

### **May - the Month of the Rosary**

The word Rosary comes from the Latin word *rosarium*, which means rose garden or garland of roses. When you pray the Rosary it is like taking a peaceful walk through Mary's rose garden . A garden filled with beautiful, fragrant roses.

White roses represent Joyful Mysteries. (Mon, Sat)

Yellow roses represent Light Mysteries. (Thurs)

Red roses represent Sorrowful mysteries. (Tue, Fri)

Golden roses represent Glorious mysteries. (Sun, Wed)

In the year 1208, Mary appeared to St Dominic in a vision. She wanted people to meditate on the life of Jesus as they pray. The Rosary was a powerful instrument that brought peace and understanding in St Dominics' time. During this time of the COVID19 Pandemic, Pope Francis has urged us to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home, especially in the month of May.

### **Good Shepherd Sunday**

No matter what “wolf” comes our way, we must know of the unwavering support of the Divine Shepherd. And when we can see that love in the support of others, we are doubly blessed. It's hard to be there for those who need us when they need us. It's hard to be faithful in all things and to never turn our back in the face of fear. Jesus offers His love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same commitment to one another. Let us imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others.

Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

*Lord, I thank You for Your unwavering support of me as my Shepherd. And I thank You for those who act as Your instruments of this deep love and commitment. Help me to fulfil my role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in my life. May I never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Mass Times:**      **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm  
                                  **Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm  
                                  **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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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



### **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!