Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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"Come to worship Go to proclaim"

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7th February, 2021

Sunday of the Word of God - Year B
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Thur 11th Feb - Our Lady of Lourdes
ASH WEDNESDAY 17th Feb
Mass Times 9.15am (School Mass), 7pm

FIRST READING:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146:1-6, R. v. 3

Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

SECOND READING:

Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia

He bore our sickness,

and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

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.

Rosary

Rosary is said before morning Mass at 7.05am on Tuesday and Thursdays.

COVID-19 update

The NSW Government has announced a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions on churches, which are in place this weekend. Places of worship will be allowed to have one person per four-square-metres with no maximum cap. This change only affects St Mary's Cathedral and a few larger churches that are larger than 1,200m2. Masks will still be mandatory at places of worship.

Masks are still compulsory and NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule. Up to 300 people can attend funerals and weddings, providing a four square metre rule is observed.

QR codes are compulsory for churches to ensure there is a record kept for all attendees. However in cases where you have parishioners unable to use a QR code, the parish must keep an electronic record of that person's name and contact details.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Our Covid-19 Safety Plan (copy available in Church) states:

- 1. All must be aware of content of Safety Plan.
- 2. Those with Flu symptoms must not enter the Church.
- 3. Sanitizing hands and registration strict requirement in order to come inside the Church.
- 4. Congregational singing prohibited.
- 5. Required sanitization of the seats before and after mass.
- 6. Holy Communion on hand. Keep 1.5m distance when receiving communion.
- 7. Social distancing 1.5 apart (only 100 seats). Please sit on every second Pew where signs are placed.
- 8 Strict prohibition of gatherings after the mass, in the foyer or outside the door of the Church.

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.



Collection w/e 31/1/21

1st Collection: \$593.50, 2nd Collection: \$298.50, Planned Giving \$235.00 Thank You for your generous support.

Please keep Vince Buchan in your prayers as he is very sick. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Lenten Observance- ASH WEDNESDAY 17th February, 2021

- 1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, *must be* observed on <u>Ash Wednesday and Good Friday</u>. 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 (17TH FEBRUARY) to the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (1ST 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, 17th February, and Trinity Sunday, 30th May, 2021. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Lunar New Year - GONG XI FA CAI

"Gong xi fa cai" (恭喜发财) in Mandarin Chinese means "congratulations on the fortune." "Chúc mừng năm mới" in Vietnamese means Happy New Year.

Lunar New Year is the happiest holiday season in Asia, and is full of fun activities.

People seem to compete with each other in doing New Year shopping, decorating their own houses, and preparing plenty of festival food. Lunar New Year (also known as Spring Festival) 2021 falls on February 12th (Friday), and the festival will last about 15 days in total. 2021 is the Year of the Buffalo/Ox. according to Chinese zodiac. It is the longest Chinese holiday and causes the largest human migration in the world, as families unite for New Year's Eve dinner. The day before the Spring Festival is dedicated to cleaning. This day is to sweep the bad luck away and make room for the good. Celebration decorations are mostly in red. This is because red in Chinese culture is the symbol of happiness, wealth and prosperity, and can ward off evil spirits and bring good luck. These red decorations are to the festival what Christmas trees are to Christmas. The Chinese New Year ends with the Lantern Festival. According to Lotto, the luckiest Chinese Zodiac is the Rat.

Lunar New Year was always a great time of celebration with family.

Lunar New Year Food: Top 7 Lucky Foods and Symbolism. Fish — an Increase in Prosperity, Chinese *Dumplings* — Wealth, Spring Rolls — Wealth, Glutinous *Rice* Cake — a Higher Income or Position, *Sweet Rice Balls* — Family Togetherness & *Longevity Noodles* — Happiness and Longevity.

Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am

Weekday: Monday:

Tuesday: 7:30amWednesday: 6:00pmThursday: 7:30amFriday: 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 - 7th February

Vigil:(A) Hartanto, A Yap(R) F Hogan, G Guerrera(C)(M) Thomas W8am:(A) G Diab, Andy H(R) Sr Bern, T Long(C)(M) Thomas W10am:(A) N Jenner(R) Dolby S, Jordan L(C)(M) M Sarmiento

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Next weekend - 14th February

Vigil:(A) Hartanto, A Yap(R) F Hogan, M Vassallo(C)(M) Thomas W8am:(A) G Diab, Andy H(R) F De Andrade, G Guerrera(C)(M) Thomas W10am:(A) N Jenner(R) Jonathon K, A Doyle(C)(M) M Sarmiento

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) J Busutil (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

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