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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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12th February, 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Wed 22nd Ash Wednesday *School Mass 9.15am & 7.00pm.*

FIRST READING:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, R. v. 1

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING:

Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia

GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:17-27

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Joseph Haggar, Vince Buchan, Nada Vucetic, Eloise Fraser,
David Low & Jimmy Chandra

Mass Intentions: **Sat 5pm** *Desmond Wong (Very sick) &
Johanes Jackie Achmadsjah(Very sick)*
Sun 8am *Johanes Jackie Achmadsjah(Very sick)*
Sun 10am †Porfirio Delgado
Tues 7.30am †Victoriano Villacorta
Wed 7.00pm †Jose Gomes & *Terry Killalea (Very sick)*
Thur 7.30am †Claudio & †Carmen Delgado
Fri 9.15pm *Carmen Parodi (Very sick)*

Collection w/e 29/1/23

1st Collection: \$593.75, 2nd Collection: \$279.55, Planned Giving \$320.00
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HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND/OR ITALY **28th August - 19th September, 2023):**

Caesarea Maritime, Haifa; Mt Carmel; Nazareth Village; Basilica of Annunciation; Masada, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Mensa Christi, Capernaum, Sea Of Galilee, River Jordan(Yardenit); Cana of Galilee, Local Winery, Mt Tabor, Mt of Temptation, Caesarea Philippi; Mt Olives, Pater Noster, Chapel of Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, Blessed Virgin Mary's Tomb, Mount Zion, Bethany & Bethphage; Old City, Wailing Wall, Pool of Bethesda, Antonia Fortress, Via Dolorosa, Mount Calvary, Cenacle, St Peter in Gallicantu; Basilica of Nativity, Shepherds' Field, Ein Karem; Turin, Milan, Verona, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Loretto, Lanciano, Manoppelo, Rome.

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



Feast of St Valentine – 14th February

St. Valentine, was a Roman priest who was martyred during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. The Emperor made a law that soldiers could not marry with the theory that this made them better in war. St Valentine secretly married couples, so husbands would not have to go to war. He also aided Christians being persecuted by Emperor Claudius II. After his arrest, he prayed and cured the blindness of the daughter of the judge who sentenced him to jail. The Judge broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates, including St Valentine. St Valentine refused to renounce Christianity, and was willing to accept his fate. He was beaten, stoned and then decapitated. On the day of his execution, he left the Judge's daughter a note signed, "Your Valentine." He was executed on 14th February. This is why St Valentine became the Patron Saint of love and Bees. Honey is representative of love as well as bees, which are obviously symbols of pollination (or procreation). The aphrodisiac properties of honey are thought to lie in the regulation of hormones, something the ancients knew intuitively. They would give newlyweds a bottle of mead, which is an alcohol originally brewed from honey. This is why we have the term, "honeymoon," for those who've been just married. Relics of St. Valentine can be found all over the world. A flower-crowned skull of St. Valentine can be found in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. Fr. John Spratt received a gift from Pope Gregory XVI in 1836 containing a "small vessel tinged" with St. Valentine's blood. This gift now stands placed in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland.

May your Valentine's Day be filled with abundant blessings.

History of Shrove Tuesday 21st February

The name comes from the old word 'shriving', which means to listen to someone's sins and forgive them. In the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia and Canada, Shrove Tuesday has another name... *Pancake Day*! Traditionally during Lent, Christians would give up rich, tasty foods such as butter, eggs, sugar and fat, Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to eat them. Christians would go to church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their soul. In other words, they would be 'shriven'. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday (the start of the Lenten season). Pancake races are a Shrove Tuesday tradition. In this activity, people race each other whilst tossing a pancake in a pan. Today, pancake races are often organised to raise money for charity and help those in need. The history of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday originated way back in 1445, in the town of Olney in Buckinghamshire, England. A woman was so busy making pancakes that she lost track of time. When she heard the church bells ringing for the Shrove Tuesday mass, she ran as fast as she could to make it, and arrived still carrying her pancake in the pan! Pancakes have become such a popular Shrove Tuesday tradition that on this day, a whopping 52 million eggs are used in the UK alone! That's 22 million more than your average day. In other countries, Shrove Tuesday has different names. In France and some other parts of the world, the festival is called 'Mardi Gras', from the French phrase meaning 'Fat Tuesday'. Lots of cities around the world celebrate Mardi Gras with street parties featuring live bands, colourful parades, and elaborate fancy-dress costumes! Some of the world's largest and most famous Mardi Gras celebrations take place in New Orleans in the USA, Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and Venice in Italy.

Mass Times: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
 Weekday: **Monday:**
 Tuesday: 7:30am
 Wednesday: 7:00pm
 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: 6:15pm – 6:45pm

Saturday: 4:15pm – 4:45pm



Contact The Presbytery

Parish Office Hours: Thurs & Fri 9:00am to 2:30pm

Holy Hour: Wednesday, 6:00pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment.

Baptisms: Sundays after the 10am Mass

Volunteers Roster:

This weekend - 12th February

Vigil: (A) Hartanto, A Yap (R) S & R Williams (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) Andy H (R) Justine, G Guerrero (M) Thomas W

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) K Wong, A Suryadi (M) M Sarmiento

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) J Busutil (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Next weekend - 19th February

Vigil: (A) Hartanto, A Yap (R) F Hogan, **Volunteer** (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) Andy H (R) A Burke, G Guerrero (M) Thomas W

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) D Sarmiento, M Lam (M) M Sarmiento

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

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