

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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12h March, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A

Fri 17th March St Patrick

***Stations of the Cross -
(Fridays During Lent) - 6PM***



FIRST READING:

Give us water to drink.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;

Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL:

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Exodus 17:3-7

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R. v. 8.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

cf. Jn 4:42, 15

John 4:5-42

St. Michael's Parish Notice

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

Mass Intentions Sat 5pm †Madie Joseph Samosir
Sun 8am †Antonius Joseph Suyitno & **Maverick James Setio**
Wed 7pm †Leung Liza Lesmana
Thur 7.30am **Edward Rezcallah (Very Sick)**

Collection w/e 5/3/23

1st Collection: \$603.80, 2nd Collection: \$328.35, Planned Giving \$210.00

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Holy Week Program:

Palm Sunday Mass (2nd April) -

Saturday 5pm Vigil.

Sunday 8am & 10am

Holy Thursday (6th April):

No Mass in the morning.

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday (7th April):

10am - Stations of the Cross

***3pm** - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

****Holy Land Appeal collection at the 3pm service****

Easter Saturday (8th April):

6:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday (9th April):

8am & 10am

Lenten Reconciliation:

Sat, 25th March 10am – 11am

Sun 26th March 9.15am – 9.45am

Sat 1st April 11am- 12 noon

Wed 5th April 6.30pm – 7pm

Holy Thursday 6th April

8pm – 8:30pm (after Mass)

Good Friday 7th April

11am - 12noon & 4pm - 5pm

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.*



History of St Patrick

St Patrick's Day is celebrated across the world on 17th March each year: Patrick is famous for bringing Christianity to Ireland, and remains one of their patron saints today. Whilst St Patrick may be the patron saint of Ireland, he was actually born in Britain, in the late 4th century AD. It's believed his birth name was Maewyn Succat, and his family were Christians: his father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest. Patrick was seized from his family's home at the age of 16, by a group of Irish pirates, who took him to Ireland where the teenage Patrick was enslaved for six years. He worked as a shepherd for some of this period. It was this period in his life where Patrick really discovered his faith, and his belief in God. He spent hours praying and eventually converted fully to Christianity. After six years of captivity, Patrick heard a voice telling him his ship was ready to take him home: he travelled 200 miles to the nearest port, and managed to persuade a captain to let him stow away on board his ship. Patrick's mission in Ireland was to minister to the Christians who already existed in Ireland, as well as to convert the Irish who were not yet believers. As part of his teachings, Patrick is supposed to have used the shamrock as a way of explaining the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the Christian belief of three persons in one God. Whilst today we associate St Patrick – and Ireland – with the colour green, he was originally depicted wearing blue robes. During the Irish Rebellion of 1798, there was an uprising against British rule in Ireland and Irish soldiers wore full green uniforms on March 17 to make a political statement. As a result, the shift from blue to green happened. Some say that this is where the phrase "the emerald isle" came from. As the number of Irish emigrants in America grew, St Patrick's Day also became an important event to connect with their Irish Heritage. The first St Patrick's Day parade dates back to 1737, in Boston, Massachusetts, although new evidence suggests there may have been a St Patrick's Day parade as early as 1601 in Spanish Florida. The large modern day parades that occur today have their roots in a 1762 celebration in New York. Chicago dyes its river green every single year since 1962! Until the 1970s, Irish law prohibited pubs opening on March 17 as a mark of respect for this religious day. Times have changed, as on St Patrick's day, 13 million pints of Guinness will be consumed worldwide. Over 600 stadiums, statues, museums, and towers including the Roman Colosseum, Leaning Tower of Pisa, and Sydney Opera House will light up green on St Patrick's day!

Prayer for the Faithful by St. Patrick

*May the Strength of God guide us
May the Power of God preserve us
May the Wisdom of God instruct us
May the Hand of God protect us
May the Way of God direct us
May the Shield of God defend us
May the Angels of God guard us-
Against the snares of the evil one.*

*May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us!
Christ be over all!*

This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen



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 March

Vigil: (A) Hartanto, A Yap (R) Doyle Family (M) Thomas W

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

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) **Volunteer, Volunteer** (M) M Sarmiento

Next weekend - 19th March

Vigil: (A) Hartanto, A Yap (R) **SCHOOL MASS** (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) Andy H (R) Justine, 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!