

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

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*"Come to worship  
Go to proclaim"*

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**19th March, 2023**

**4th Sunday of Lent - Year A  
Mon 20th March St Joseph**

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

***Vigil Readers will not be needed as this Sat 5pm  
is a School Mass. Thank you for your support.***



**FIRST READING:**

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David King of Israel

**Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

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

**Ps 22. R.v. 1**

**SECOND READING:**

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Jn 8:12**

**GOSPEL:**

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

**John 9:1-41**

# St. Michael's Parish Notice

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

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 5pm	†Fernandino De Gouveia
Sun 8am	†Lim Wei Fong
Sun 10am	†Jeanette Crisafi
Tues 7.30am	†Jeanette Crisafi
Wed 7.00pm	†Jeanette Crisafi

## **Palm Sunday (2nd April)**

Any Palm or Olive Branch donations would be greatly appreciated. Please bring to the Parish Office by Fri 31st March. **Thank You.**

Turn the clocks back



Remember to move  
your clocks  
back one  
hour.

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## **Daylight Saving Ends: Sun 2nd April, 2023**

Clocks are put back at 2am on  
Sun 2nd April, 2023

### **Holy Week Program:**

**Palm Sunday Mass (2nd April) -**

**Saturday 5pm Vigil.**

**Sunday 8am & 10am**

**Holy Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> April):**

**No Mass in the morning.**

**7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper.**

**Good Friday (7<sup>th</sup> April):**

**10am - Stations of the Cross**

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

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

**Easter Saturday (8<sup>th</sup> April):**

**6:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass.**

**Easter Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April):**

**8am & 10am**

### **Lenten Reconciliation:**

**Sat, 25<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 11am**

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am – 9.45am**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 11am- 12 noon**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm – 7pm**

**Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**8pm – 8:30pm (after Mass)**

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)

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



### **Facts about St Joseph**

In 1955, an additional feast day was declared by Pope Pius XII and is celebrated on May 1 as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Symbols associated with Joseph include the carpenter's square and lily. The carpenter's square not only symbolizes Joseph's trade but also the concept of truth. The lily, represents purity and Joseph's celibate marriage to the Virgin Mary. Inside the Chapel of Saint Joseph is an image of a sleeping St. Joseph, a weary traveller fleeing with his family to Egypt – and a replica of one Pope Francis keeps in his room. The pope places notes of special intercession on pieces of paper under the statue. Visitors to the chapel can do the same, placing their intentions under the statue, asking the fatherly saint to intercede to God for a special need. In 1870, Pius IX declared St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church. On the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph beginning Dec. 8, 2020 through Dec. 8, 2021. Although we know Joseph as a working carpenter, he is descended from royal lineage, the line of David. According to tradition, Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, which is why he is the patron of a happy death. The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph and his primary feast day (Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary) is March 19th.

### **Miracle of the Chapel of St Loretto**

In 1852, by order of the then bishop of Santa Fe, Jean Baptiste Lamy, the Chapel of Our Lady of Light was built. It was placed under the care of the Sisters of Loretto, who were to found a school for girls. When the chapel was ready, builders found that there was no way to climb to the choir loft on the second floor. When the nuns insisted on building a staircase, the builders told them the staircase would take too much room. Finally, they advised the nuns to demolish the choir. The nuns decided they would pray a novena to St. Joseph, patron saint of carpenters, asking for another solution. After finishing the novena, a man appeared at the door of the chapel, saying that he could build a stairway, under one condition: he be granted total privacy.

The stranger locked himself in the chapel for three months with a saw, a square and a few other simple tools, and disappeared as soon as the work was finished, without ever having asked for any payment for his services. The staircase, which is around six meters high, takes two full turns over its axis until it reaches the choir. It was built without any nails or glue, and lacks any kind of central support. The construction itself is said to be "impossible." The rare wood is not native to the American Southwest." They know he used a type of spruce wood, but no one knows where it came from or how the carpenter got it. As the carpenter left before the Mother Superior could pay him, the Sisters of Loretto offered a reward to anyone who could make his identity known, but no one ever showed up. So, since then, the crafting of the staircase has been attributed to St. Joseph.

### **Memorare to St Joseph**



*Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you, and beg your protection. Listen, O foster-father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in your goodness hear and answer me. 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

**Easter Ceremonies:**  
**We need volunteers for  
 Washing of the Feet on  
 Holy Thursday.**

**If you would like to  
 volunteer, please call  
 Grace on 9349-1292.  
 Thank you for your  
 continued support.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 19th March**

<b><u>Vigil:</u></b> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) <b>SCHOOL MASS</b>	(M) Thomas W
<b><u>8am:</u></b> (A) Andy H	(R) Justine, G Guerrero	(M) Thomas W
<b><u>10am:</u></b> (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

**Next weekend - 25th March**

<b><u>Vigil:</u></b> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) G Metternicht, Br Robert	(M) Thomas W
<b><u>8am:</u></b> (A) Andy H	(R) Justine, A Burke	(M) Thomas W
<b><u>10am:</u></b> (A) N Jenner	(R) K Wong, A Suryadi	(M) M Sarmiento

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

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