

# *Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church*

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*"Come to worship  
Go to proclaim"*

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**14th January, 2024**

**2nd Ordinary Sunday—Year B**

**FIRST READING:**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel 3:3-10, 19

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8,9

**SECOND READING:**

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*We have found the Messiah:*

*Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.*

*Alleluia.*

Jn 1:41, 17

**GOSPEL:**

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

John 1:35-42

# St. Michael's Parish Notice

**Sick:** Vince Buchan, Sylvia Newman, David Low, Jimmy Chandra, Sr Monica RMS

**Mass Intentions** Sat 5pm + Jerzy Wojciechowski  
Sun 8am † Albert Urbiztondo  
Sun 10am † Anthony & Mary Zammit

We acknowledge the Gweagal People, the traditional Custodians of this land.

## Collection w/e 7/1/24

1st Collection: \$494.80, 2nd Collection: \$293.15 Planned Giving \$269.50

Thank You for your generous support.

## Jesus Light of the World Communities

Every Saturday at 3 pm

“ReCHARGE” Gathering: Praise & Worship + Talk + Prayer & Empowerment + Fellowship

Where: St Joseph's Parish Hall

Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking at Parker St.)

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## St Anthony—17th January

St. Anthony Abbot, much venerated throughout Italy, is a hermit-saint who died in the deserts of Egypt on January 17th in the fourth century (not to be confused with St. Anthony of Padua, a Franciscan saint of the thirteenth century). Legend has it that during his periods of prayer and fasting in the desert, his only companions were the animals. A Sardinian legend has it that during his life there was no fire in the world and the people appealed to St. Anthony, who went to knock on Hell's gate, accompanied by his little piglet (the hermit's only companion). The terrified devils – who knew of his powers and considered him invincible – refused to open the door. The piglet, however, squeezed in through a slit and frolicked about the devils' abode, tormenting them. The desperate devils beseeched St. Anthony to come into Hell to get the pig! As the Saint and the joyful piglet returned to earth, the Saint's walking stick caught fire and so warmth was brought to earth. St Anthony's symbols in art are the walking stick and the piglet and he is the bearer of fire, that is, life.. Pane benedetto (“blessed bread”) is distributed on his feast day, January 17th, day of the blessing of the animals in Italy

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THANK YOU for your generous support.

It is very much appreciated.



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



### **Ordinary Time**

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany replace a Sunday in Ordinary Time therefore the First Sunday in Ordinary Time is the Sunday that falls after the first week of Ordinary Time, which makes it the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time contain the rest of Jesus' earthly ministry and some of the major events of the Gospels. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green, which represents the time of growth and expansion of the Church following the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Green is often a symbol for growth and new life. **Like all liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time is meant to be lived!**

**Participating in Ordinary Time means participating in the everyday life of Jesus.**

### **Giving the gift of 'you'**

**This subject reminds me of a popular story that really pulled on my heart-strings.  
Maybe you have heard this story too?**

It is about a boy who asks his father how much money he makes per hour at work. His father is tired, stressed out and is angry to see him up so late when he gets home. He snaps at his son saying it is none of his business what he makes per hour. But his son keeps pressing him for an answer. Grumpily, the father gives in and tells him he makes £50 per hour at work. His son then goes on to humbly ask if he can borrow £25 and in response, his father gets angry and gives a flat refusal. Thinking the boy wants to spend money on a plastic toy of some sort, he scolds his son and sends him to bed telling him to think about why he was being so selfish. Later on, when the father calms down he starts to regret his harsh words. Being as it was so close to Christmas, maybe his son wanted the money for something important, like a special Christmas gift? He goes to his son's room and asks if he is still awake. His son says yes, so his father takes out his wallet and hands the boy £25. The boy instantly jumps up, full of joy. Reaching under his pillow he pulls out a few banknotes and adds it to the money his father just gave him. Confused, his father sees the boy already has some money and asks why he wanted more. The boy simply said: "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do." He hands over the money which now totals £50 and asks his father, "Can I buy an hour of your time, please? I would love to eat dinner with you tomorrow night."

The father starts to cry and hugs his son close to his chest.

**Time is the most valuable gift you can give.**

**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

**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 - 14th January, 2024 2nd Ordinary Sunday**

<b><u>Vigil:</u></b> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) F. Hogan, M Vassallo	(M) Thomas W
<b><u>8am:</u></b> (A) Mark S, Andy H	(R) A Burke, Justine	(M) Patricia L
<b><u>10am:</u></b> (A) N Jenner	(R) K Wong, <b>Volunteer</b>	(M) M Sarmiento

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

**Next weekend - 21st January, 2024 3rd Ordinary Sunday**

<b><u>Vigil:</u></b> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) L Paquin, Br Robert	(M) Thomas W
<b><u>8am:</u></b> (A) Mark S, Andy H	(R) A Burke, G Guerrero	(M) Patricia L
<b><u>10am:</u></b> (A) N Jenner	(R) <b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b>	(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!