

# St Michael's Catholic Parish Nelson Bay

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## Second Sunday of Lent, 12 March 2017 (Year A)

### Mass Times

Monday:	7.00am Mass
Tuesday:	9.30am Mass at Regis Aged Care
Wednesday:	No Mass
Thursday:	9.15 am Mass
Friday:	9.15am Mass St Patrick's Day 
Saturday:	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8.30am Mass

### Parish Lent Celebration of Sacrament of Penance Tuesday, 4 April at 7.00pm

We will be celebrating this 2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Penance. The 2nd Rite is a community expression of our faith in God's merciful and forgiving love. It is a significant way of us gathering in faith during this Lenten Season, and our preparing for Easter. There will be visiting Priests available.

### 2018 School Enrolments Now Open

for St Michael's Primary School and San Clemente High School. Please contact Kim in the School Office on tel: 4981 1111 for further information.



**Palms** - Do you have any palms you can bring in for Palm Sunday? If so, please contact the Parish Office to advise approximately how many palms you could bring in. We will need the palms delivered to the Church on 4/5 April. Thank you.

**Chrism Mass** - Tuesday, 11 April at 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by refreshments. All welcome to this joyous celebration.

**Easter Rosters** are now on the back middle table. If you are available, please add your name to the rosters.

**Easter Choir Practice** on Mondays at 7pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in!

### NEXT WEEK: Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ex 17:3-7

2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

Next week's readers: Sat: F Manouk & L Latham

Sun: D Mann & G Mann

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

*The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. R*

*The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R*

*Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R*

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### Gospel Acclamation:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** *We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*



Like many other women in Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's

Protection Program in Timor-Leste. The program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, the chance to afford education for her children, and a safe life in a supportive community. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours.**



**St Michael's next Family Mass is on  
Sunday, 26 March. Save the Date!**

### Please pray for...

**Deaths:** Jimmy Corcoran

**Anniversaries:** Baden Sefton, Walter Diaz, Calixto Bernal

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**Africa Emergency Appeal** - As mentioned last week, parishioners and visitors are invited to make what contribution you are able to assist Caritas and partner agencies in providing emergency food relief to victims of famine affecting a number of African countries (including South Sudan, Kenya, Malawi and Somalia). All funds given this weekend will be quickly channelled via Caritas for emergency food relief. Already in South Sudan, 40% of the population are in urgent need. Our contributions are also part of our prayer offered to God for a generous and committed and sustained international response. Thank you for your assistance, and ongoing prayer.

**Appeal Contribution Receipts** - You are welcome to ask for and receive a receipt for your contribution at the table after Mass or if you wish to donate online, visit: [www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/africa-aid-appeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/africa-aid-appeal) and click on "Donate Now". Thank you.

### Easter Mass Times

**Holy Thursday** Thursday 13 April  
Mass at 7.00pm  
Followed by Adoration



**Good Friday** Friday 14 April  
Passion at 3.00pm  
(Stations of the Cross at 10.00am)



**Easter Vigil** Saturday 15 April  
7.00pm

**Easter Sunday Masses** Sunday 16 April  
6.30am, 8.00am, 10.00am



**SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR 2017:** Last weeks poor box collection was \$303.90. Thank you for your ongoing support of the needy via a coin in the boxes at the doors of the Church.

**Our National Charity for 2017** - Good Samaritan Housing Brisbane  
**Our International Charity for 2017**

A Crèche for Infants in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Fr Rob Galea a gifted musician, singer & composer has recently been producing 5 minute clips on a variety of themes on church teachings and applying it to life matters. Each week during lent we will have a "flash mob get together" at a local pub or club and watch two of the 5 minute clips with informal sharing after each clip for 5-10 minutes. Some of the clips on YouTube are. "What is Sin?...and a Protein Shake" or "No Greater Love" or "God Does Not Make Rubbish". The venue will change weekly. Please come along on Friday! Contact the Parish Office for further information. T: 4981 1069

### MeetUp on Fridays

**Flash Mob Get Together**  
Fridays at 6.00pm  
17 March at Searock  
Café, Shoal Bay Resort  
The starting time is  
6.00pm



Youth Ignite - the Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word is on during Mass every weekend during the School Term.

**YOUTH**  
**IGNITE**

#childrensliturgy

All ages are welcome!

**Visit of Philip & Bernadette Matthias** - Philip & Bernadette belong to Newcastle City Parish, and have considerable experience in assisting in liturgical music. They have kindly made themselves available to provide a brief liturgical music workshop on Saturday, 25th March from 4pm - 5.30pm. Hoping all those involved in the important area of parish music/singing can participate in the workshop. Philip and Bernadette will participate in the Sunday Mass with special involvement of young families on Sunday 26th.

**Christian Meditation** is on every Friday at 10.30am in the Presbytery. Everyone is welcome!

**Sacramental Dates for 2017** are now available on our website.

**Thank you** to the people who have recently helped fill some of our rosters. **Thank you** also to the people who have been rostered on to various ministries in the parish and have now retired from those roles. We appreciate your help. We still have many little jobs that need filling, if you can spare 1/2 to 1 hour please contact the Parish Office.

#### **This week's rosters:**

**Readers:** 11th M Stedman & C Anderson 12th P Pidcock & T Burgin  
**Ministers Communion:** 11th C Aquilina, C Bergsma, J Busch, A Ciba, T Campbell, M Carstairs, C Crowe, M & P Douglas, 2 needed  
12th T Passfield, B Redmond, A Ryan, P Sayer, H Sertori, P Sinclair, K & M Schiemer, P & T Tobin

**SRE Teachers Required!** More SRE Teachers are urgently required if the Parish is to continue to provide lessons to young children in State Schools within our Parish. Even if you are not able to commit for a full year, we still require teachers as a back up for when people are on holidays or are ill. Training and support will be available to anyone who is interested. Thank you to the two people who have recently joined the SRE Team. Please give this urgent request your prayerful consideration and if you can assist, please see Fr Kevin or call the Parish Office.

On Friday night we met at Anna Bay Tavern for our first **MeetUp on Fridays**. About 12 people were there. It was a lovely faith sharing, social community get together.

We are looking forward to this week's **MeetUp on Fridays** at Shoal Bay. We hope to see you there! Please note the time has changed to 6pm.