

St Michael's Catholic Parish Nelson Bay

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First Sunday of Lent, 5 March 2017 (Year A)

Mass Times

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| Monday: | 7.00am Mass |
| Tuesday: | 8.00am Mass |
| Wednesday: | No Mass |
| Thursday: | 9.15 am Mass |
| Friday: | 9.15am Mass |
| Saturday: | 9.15am Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday: | 8.30am Mass |

International Women's Day - 8 March 2017

The theme is *Empower a woman, empower a nation*. Together we can empower women across the globe. Women, particularly in developing countries, face systematic discrimination in education, employment and healthcare. We can help through Project Compassion during Lent.

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.

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. Teachers are required on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday in the afternoon. Please give this urgent request your prayerful consideration and if you can assist, please see Fr Kevin or call the Parish Office.

NEXT WEEK: Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 12:1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10 Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Next week's readers: Sat: 1st Reader Needed & C Anderson Sun: P Pidcock & T Burgin

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned. What is evil in your sight I have done. R

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. R

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Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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 of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death.

But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours in her vulnerable 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.

Please pray for...

Deaths: Jim O'Neill, Luca Raso **Anniversaries:** Paul Pilley, Rufina Bandilla, Alejandro Bandilla

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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.

St Michael's Primary School Mini Vinnies had a pancake day fundraiser on Tuesday this week. They sold 350 pancakes and raised \$139.00 for Project Compassion. Thank you to the adult St Vincent de Paul Conference who cooked many hundreds of pancakes for the students to sell on the day.

Reminder for Easter Choir Practice starting Monday at 7pm in the Church.

The **Divine Retreat Centre** at Somersby is a ministry of the Vincentian Missionaries. Throughout 2017, retreats focused on young people, families, healing, liturgical feasts and divine mercy are offered. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au.

Reminder for Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, 8 March at 6.30pm.

This week's rosters: Readers: 4th L Latham & B Myers **5th** Sr C Norman & J Graham **Ministers of Communion: 4th** L McIntosh, M Monin, S Pasquale, M Robinson, S & R Ryan, M Stedman, B Tubman, N Tucker, J Turner, J Villanueva **5th** A Cunningham, J & H Hope, S Hughes, C Klum, G Mann, H Noble, C & P Pidcock, M Went, 1 needed



SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR 2017: Last weeks poor box collection was \$478.45. 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

YOUTH
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#childrensliturgy

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

All ages are welcome!

Lenten Booklets - There are a few Lenten Booklets left for sale. They are \$8 each and can be purchased from the Holy Goods Store. If you would like to join the Lenten Groups they are on Thursdays at 10am and 5.30pm. All welcome.

Pink Morning Tea for International Women's Day on Wednesday, 8 March 10am to 12 noon at Cnr Industrial Drive and Avon Street, Mayfield. You are invited to celebrate International Women's Day and to support women affected by breast cancer and gynaecological cancers. Wear Pink!! Enjoy a wonderfully delicious morning tea. Gold Coin Donation. All proceeds to the Cancer Council. RSVP Ph: 4968 2511 or admin@hwc.org.au. Flyer on noticeboard.

Music Ministry - Mr and Mrs Philip and Bernadette Matthias have kindly agreed to visit our parish and provide a music ministry workshop in St Michael's Church on Saturday, 25th March from 4pm - 5.30pm. Parish musicians and those who assist with singing are invited to participate. Philip and Bernadette will assist in our two masses on 25th/26th March. Fellow parishioners are welcome to come.

Weekday Rosters for March are now available.

LOW GLUTEN communion bread is available. Please speak with the Computer Operator if you would like to be given this bread at Communion.

MeetUp on Fridays

Flash Mob Get Together
Fridays at 6.30pm
10 March at Anna Bay Tavern
17 March at Searock Café
Shoal Bay Resort

Fr Rob Galea is a gifted musician, singer and composer and has recently been producing five 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. Have a look at a couple of his clips on YouTube eg. "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

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26 MARCH

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MONDAYS AT 7PM IN

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TO JOIN!