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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10 September 2017 (Year A)

Mass Times

Monday:	7.00am Mass
Tuesday:	8.00am Mass
Wednesday:	No Mass
Thursday:	9.15am Mass
Friday:	9.15am Mass - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Saturday:	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8.30am Mass

2017 St Michael's Parish Assembly Sunday, 24 September

The venue will be at the St Michael's Parish School Hall. Parishioners are invited to gather for a shared morning tea after 8.30am Mass. The Assembly time will be from 10.30am. It will conclude no later than 12.30pm.

The green response sheets have indicated there are good number of parishioners already expressing interest in contributing to activities relating to one or more of the 'Five Foundations' of parish life and mission.

The Assembly will provide parishioners with an opportunity to learn more about the proposed goals for the Parish in 2017-18 and beyond, and to personally indicate your availability to help with the realisation of this or that goal. More information will be provided next weekend.

**St Michael's Mass Involving Young Families
is on next Sunday, 17 September at 8.30am.
If you would like your child to be involved in the
Mass, please contact the Parish Office.**



**(This Mass will be part of the Formation Day
for the First Reconciliation Families).**

NEXT WEEK: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7 2nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9 Gospel: Mt 18:21-35
Next week's readers: Sat: S & R Ryan Sun: S Cary & K Winslow

The World of Biblical Israel on this Sunday,
2pm in the Church back room. Everyone is welcome!

Responsorial Psalm:

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when you fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they say my work.' **R**

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Gospel Acclamation:

Sat: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sun: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Sat: Alleluia!
Sun: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Eucharist Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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Please pray for...

Deaths: Pauline Robinson, Fr Brian Quillinan,
Oscar Dizon Bais, Audrey Barry

Anniversaries: Neville Newton, Natale Pintabona,
Thora Miles, Mollie McKenzie, Ken McKenzie, Ron Garreffa,
Molly Hickey, Maligaya Morales, Walter Diaz

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Lina's Project - Newcastle City Hall, Friday, 15th September 5.30pm - 7.30pm

There are copies of an article from the September 2017 Aurora written by Joanne Isaacs. The article called "What is The Atonement: Lina's Project and why should you be there?" provides a thoughtful explanation of the background to the emergence of the Newcastle City Hall gathering called "Lina's Project". Lina is a survivor of abuse experienced when in her girlhood. Lina - in consultation with other survivors - developed this gathering which will acknowledge the past wrongs perpetrated upon survivors in their childhood. It will identify clergy and church personnel convicted of such wrong doing; acknowledge the struggle for justice, and express the hope for mending of the brokenness experienced. "Lina's Project" is an initiative supported by other survivors, and our Diocese has given every co-operation to assist with its preparations and publicity.



Bishop Bill has encouraged parishioners to attend this event. To that end, our **St Michael's Parish will make available a small bus (24 seater) to transport parishioners to Newcastle. Could you indicate on the clipboard at the back middle table if you are able to come on the bus?** There will be no cost for the return journey (leaving Newcastle at 7.30pm). We need a minimum of 15 people for the bus to be booked. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or visit www.linaproject.com.au.



Child Protection Sunday Sept 10

"See Me, Hear Me" is the theme by the Australian Bishops Committee for Professional Standards chosen for this year's Child Protection Sunday.

It seeks to raise awareness of the part we all play in being ready to be listening to concerns expressed by children when that need arises. The quality of our listening is a significant way to ensure children are safe.

In 2016, Pope Francis called for the establishment of an annual Day of Prayer and Penance for victims of sexual abuse, and also to pray for an increasing awareness of the responsibility of members of the church toward underage children entrusted to them. In Australia, this Day of Prayer and Penance is held on the 2nd Sunday in September.

The "See Me, Hear Me" theme is supportive of the "Stronger Communities, Safer Children" 2017 theme nominated by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The theme reinforces our awareness that connected (well functioning) communities are best placed to ensure children are seen and heard, and families are supported.

In co-operation with the Royal Commission, the Australian Catholic Community engaged in an exercise of conversation with some 1,400 Australian children. It listened to what children themselves said about what makes them feel safe, and what will assist them to effectively communicate concerns to adults who care for them when the need arises.

The yellow-coloured brochure called "What Do Children and Young People Think About Safety" is available at doorways after Mass. It is a resource well -worth retaining.

This week's rosters:

Readers: 9th L Latham & F Manouk 10th D Mann & G Mann

Ministers of Communion: 9th K Locke, B Tubman, N Tucker, J Villanueva, A Watt, C Aquilina, C Bergsma, K Bushnell, J Busch, T Campbell, M Carstairs 10th P Pidcock, B Redmond, A Ryan, D Ryan, P Sayer, K & MT Schiemer, H Sertori, P Sinclair, S Timbs, one needed

Catechesis Corner

Jesus sets out the steps we need to take in moving towards reconciliation. The first is to talk it over in a calm atmosphere. Maybe a peacemaking telephone overture might ease things, or an approach through a mutual friend. A card at Christmas, Easter or birthday may be a simple signal of one's readiness to resume Christian relations.

One duty remains clear: we need to do whatever is in our power to restore Christian amity, or our sign of peace in the Mass is a sham.

'If you come to offer a gift at the altar, and recall that your brother or sister has some grievance against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go first to be reconciled: only then may you offer your gift.'

Dear Lord, please give me a forgiving heart and the ability to make the sign of peace a profession of being at peace with all others. Reprinted with permission. © 2017, pray.com.au. Daily Prayer

Distinguishing Between a Marriage and Same Sex Civil Union - Pope Francis, Sept, 2017

"Marriage is a historical word. Always in humanity and not only within the Church, it's between a man and women...we cannot change that. That is the nature of things. This is how we are. Let's call them 'civil unions'. Let's not play with the truth. It's true that behind all this we find gender ideology. In books also children are learning that they can choose their own sex... But let's say things as they are; marriage is between a man and a woman. This is the precise term. Let's call the same sex union a civil union." - From Politics & Society (a book length interview with Pope Francis).



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A Crèche for Infants in Phnom Penh, Cambodia