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Mass Times

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Baptism: Every Sunday by appointment at 11:45 am except the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Wedding: By appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Every first Friday of the month at 11 am Mass or by appointment.

Care Group: Enquiries ring Carolyn 9885 2483.

East Timorese Coffee \$8, available 3rd Sunday of every month.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

Psalm Response:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday:	10:00 am Mass	2 Maccabees 6:18-31/Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday:	10:00 am Mass	2 Maccabees 7:1-31/Luke 19:11-28
Thursday:	10:00 am Mass	1 Maccabees 2:15-29/Luke 19:41-44
Friday:	10:00 am Mass	Service of the Word with Communion
Saturday:	6:30 pm Mass	34 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday:	9:00 am Mass	10:30 am Mass

Parish Prayer to St Michael

St Michael Archangel, manifestation of God's infinite strength and glory and limitless care for humankind,

Take us under your constant protection; help us to overcome evil and do good; to reject lies and live in the truth.

Steady our steps in faith and hope and come to the help of those who are in distress and do not know how to pray.

Intercede for our parish and for all who live here that we may live together in peace and good will. Amen

LIVING BY THE GOSPEL

Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

Reflection

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this end time with patient endurance of difficulties.

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WEEKEND ROSTERS

<u>This Weekend 16/17 November</u>	<u>Next Weekend 23/24 November</u>
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> 6:30 pm B. Dubsky, B. Kollegger 9:00 am G. Edwards, R. Roussety, E. Kleynhans 10:30 am T. Pendrey, V. Saldanha, G. Petrone	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> 6:30 pm B. Kollegger, P. Mifsud 9:00 am C. Bliss, D. Bliss, B. Clancy 10:30 am L. Cannata, D. Place, B. Baker, Y. Mallampati
<u>Lectors:</u> 6:30 pm V. Arthur 9:00 am P. Bourke 10:30 am P. Leahy	<u>Lectors:</u> 6:30 pm M. Marshall 9:00 am M. Attard 10:30 am P. Shallue
<u>Welcomers:</u> 6:30 pm TBA 9:00 am TBA 10:30 am TBA	<u>Welcomers:</u> 6:30 pm TBA 9:00 am TBA 10:30 am TBA
<u>Altar Servers:</u> 6:30 pm Lucy B & Sam B 9:00 am Lauren E & Rachel M 10:30 am David S, Mark S & Kiara E	<u>Altar Servers:</u> 6:30 pm Luke A, Jonathan MD, Justin W & Abigail H 9:00 am Julian S 10:30 am Raoul CB, Elyssa D & Dean N
<u>Children's Liturgy:</u>	<u>Children's Liturgy:</u>
<u>Communion to the Sick:</u> T. Pendrey, B. Kollegger, V. Rezsneki	<u>Communion to the Sick:</u> R. Roussety, G. Edwards M. Weberruss
<u>Counters:</u> Team 6: V. Perry, C. Owen, S. Lovett	<u>Counters:</u> Team 1: E. Cunningham, J. Ryan, C. Walsh
<u>Linen Group Member:</u> G. Paolone	<u>Linen Group Member:</u> G. Paolone
<u>Morning Tea Host:</u> 6:30 pm 9:00 am 10:30 am	<u>Morning Tea Host:</u> 6:30 pm 9:00 am 10:30 am
<u>Morning Tea PPC Member:</u>	

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

Recently Deceased: John Gill

Anniversaries: Peter Dea

The Sick: Michelle McMahan, Olga Tennison, Bernard Cassidy, Sally Whyte, Paul Paino, Grace Bresolin, Marie Rosendale, Desmond Livesley, Poh Geok Lim (Magdalene), Galina Vistokas, Mary-an Rosso, Joan Manson

If you are new to St Michael's please introduce yourself to Fr Laurence, fill in a Parish Census form and take home a Parish Directory.

For those with an intolerance of wheat, please let Fr Laurence know so he may give you a low gluten host (0.4%) at Communion.

To access Hearing Loop facilities in the church please be seated in any of the free standing chairs in the front section of the church.

Church Toilet Access Code: C3147

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Dates for your Diary

Tues 19 Nov	Prayer Group Meeting in the Gathering Space at 1:30 pm
Sun 26 Nov	St Michael's School Family Fun Fair

St. Michael's School Family Fun Fair will be held on Sunday 24th November. Please note that the parking on this day will be in high demand.

Parish Support Program (PSP) – Results of 2019 renewal - Thank you very much to those

parishioners who have returned pledge forms. We have now drawn the 2019 renewal to a close and, as shown in the summary table below, 143 pledges were returned including 19 new contributors.

Number of pledges returned	
From current contributors	
Increased pledge	43
Maintained pledge	60
Reduced pledge	21
Total current contributor pledges	124
New contributor pledges	19
Total number of pledges received	143
Other current contributors	68
Potential total contributor base	211

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its **Annual Christmas Appeal** at all masses next weekend of 23/24 of November. Please join us for refreshments after each mass. If you are unable to donate on the day, envelopes will be available at the back of church and these can be posted to the Society or placed in the Vinnies collection boxes.

St Michael's First Friday Anointing Mass & Christmas Luncheon on Friday 6 December 2019. Anointing Mass at 11:00 am followed by lunch at 12:00 pm in St Michael's School Hub. Cost: \$20.00 (inclusive of Luncheon & Raffle) payable at the door. Bookings: please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6345 by Friday, 29 November.

If any parishioners would like to assist the team with the Christmas Luncheon on 6 December, please email Gail at the Parish Office ashburton@cam.org.au or phone 94106345.

The Parish would be grateful if any parishioners could help with prizes for the First Friday Christmas Luncheon Raffle Hampers with donations of any of the following: Cadbury Roses chocolates, Red and White wines (dry and sweet), fruit juice, shortbread, small Christmas cakes or puddings and mince tarts. Please leave items with your name in the plastic container on the white table in the church kitchen. Thank you.

Emmaus pre-Christmas Mass on Sunday, 8 December at 5 pm. When many people are planning for Christmas we like to set aside time for reflection and prayers for those in our Parish community who have relatives or friends who have died or have experienced other losses in their lives such as the breakdown of a relationship or the loss of a job in the past 12 months. It is a Eucharist of hope for those who grieve. If the funeral booklet of your deceased family member is not on display at Our Lady's Altar this month you are invited to bring along a framed photo of your deceased loved one if you wish. Please join us for light refreshments at the conclusion of Mass.

We are hopeful that most (if not all) of the 68 current contributors who did not submit a new pledge will still continue to contribute at their current pledge amount. If this does eventuate we should achieve close to our renewal target of \$2,500 per week in PSP contributions, which would be a very heartening outcome.

Father Laurence and the Parish leadership team are very grateful for the continued generosity and support of so many in the St Michael's community. We understand that participation in the PSP is a significant financial commitment for many parishioners. Please be assured that with the overseeing of our Parish Finance Committee your contributions will be spent with the utmost care and diligence. We will continue to report to you regularly on the Parish's financial position and welcome any questions you may have.

Paul Shallue, Chair of Finance Committee and PSP Team

St Michael's Tennis Club AGM this Sunday, 17 November, 11:45 am at the Parish Centre. All members welcome.

Mass Offerings for the Deceased during November: If you would like a Mass to be offered during the month of November for a deceased relative or friend, please use November Mass envelopes placed on the pews and in the Gathering Space. **(PLEASE WRITE NAMES OF DECEASED ON THE BACK OF ENVELOPES IN BLOCK LETTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN).**

November Remembrance: During this month of November Fr Laurence will offer Mass for Clarice Cabral, Ronald Cabal, Phyllis Gilbert, Tim Gilbert, Trevor Cabral, Denny Cabral, Jean Cabral, Barbara Cabral, Louis Almeida, Clotwilda Almeida, Mavis Johnson, Ken & Delma Johnson, Patrick Francis O'Halloran, Thomas Whitney, Michael O'Halloran, Eve & Dan O'Halloran, Kathleen Robbins & Ronald Robbins as well as the deceased members of the Weeks, Weda, Kienstra, Cabral, Kearney, Reale, Jarvis & Curran families and friends. Please remember them in your prayers.

Red Wednesday: Mass for Persecuted Christians on Wednesday, 20 November 2019, 12 noon at St Mary of the Cross Chapel, Australian Catholic University, 8 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. This Mass will be offered for the millions of Christians who are persecuted for their love of Jesus Christ around the world today until Wednesday 27 November. Join this global movement and mark Red Wednesday in your local parish, school, organisation, community by going to www.cam.org.au/justice to receive resources. RSVP: by Monday 19 November justice@cam.org.au.

Red Wednesday: Ecumenical and Interfaith Gathering on Wednesday, 27 November 2019, 7:30 pm at Forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral. To end Red Wednesday, we'll be praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters at an Ecumenical and Interfaith gathering at the forecourt of St. Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 27 November at 7:30pm. More information: justice@cam.org.au.

Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday 7 December, 10:30 am at St Patrick's Cathedral. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Each Mass participant will receive a gift pack containing a small bottle of Lourdes water (sourced from the Grotto), rosary beads and prayer materials. Individual blessings are available after Mass.

Cabrini Malvern - Communion Ministry Volunteers Needed - Are you interested in providing assistance to Cabrini Pastoral and Bereavement Services Department as a Holy Communion Ministry Volunteer? This work involves distributing Communion to Catholic patients at Cabrini Malvern, preferably on Thursdays or Fridays. If this appeals to you please contact Therese Proy on 9508 1927 or tproy@cabrini.com.au. No experience needed. Cabrini Health provides extensive orientation and ongoing training for volunteers.

St. Oswald's is hosting a **Get-Together of Local Parishes** at 7pm on Sunday 1st December. Please refer to the invites in the Gathering Space for further information.

 <p>364 Warrigal Road, Ashburton Phone: 9885 5288</p>	<p>STRATEGIC WEALTH SERVICES Accountants, Business Advisors, Taxation, Financial & Retirement Planning, Superannuation & Personal Insurances Contact Mark: 9896 5100 or strategicwealthservices.com.au</p>	<p>Back to Back Retail Butcher of the Year ASHBURTON MEATS Phone: 9885 8118</p>
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