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St Michael's Parish Office Hours
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St Michael's Vision & Mission Statements

Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us!
 We seek to provide opportunities for all to : *grow in holiness; *discover and live out a personal call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

Statement of Commitment to the Safety of Children and Vulnerable Adults: Central to the mission of St Michael's and St Mary's Parishes is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

READING LUKE: All are warmly invited to come to a barbecue dinner on **Wednesday 22nd January, at 6:00pm** in the Parish Centre, to share a meal and some discussion about how we all travelled while we were reading the Gospel of Luke in December.

Please let the Parish Office know if you are coming (sec@smpt.org.au or 5174 2060). Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or sweets to share.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING: The Meeting for those preparing for Baptism will be held on Tuesday 14th January at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES: Our prayerful gathering on Tuesday January 07 was a very moving experience, the prayers offered up were powerful, loving prayers. Sincere thanks to all who attended, including a number of people from different faiths. Thanks to Mike Hansen, Jane Mitchell and Simon Hemming for leading us.

This weekend, we will be taking up leaving collections after each Mass to go to St Mary's Bairnsdale to assist those whose lives have been drastically impacted by the fires. Thanks to the generous parishioners who have dropped their donations into the office, knowing they will be away from the parish this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: remember those who have died recently, remembering especially those who lost their lives in the bushfires, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John Ayres, Paul de Martin and John Zahra.

Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including, including Megan Agostino, Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, Cath Boers, Fr Bernard Buckley, Conceicao Carvalho, Julie Dal Pra, Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Anthony Derham, Gary Donchi, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Fr John O'Kelly, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, and Fr Frank Young.



SAVE THESE DATES: We are excited to let you know that *Fr Elio Capra* will be with us **on Mondays February 03, 10 and 17.**

We will meet with him at 7:30pm. More details in next week's Bulletin.

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 9:30am and 5:30pm

Weekday Liturgy Times - Jan 13 to 17

Monday January 13

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday January 14

9:30am Mass

Wednesday January 15

11:00am Exposition
 12:00pm Mass

Thursday January 16

9:30am Mass

Friday January 17

9:30am Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday, 30 minutes before Mass

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:00pm, Wednesdays 11:00am or any time by arrangement with Father.

Rosters: January 18 & 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm Mass Saturday January 18

Lector, R Foote, B Purcell: **Commentator,** M Noone: **Eucharistic Ministers,** C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, A Meredith: **Welcomers,** H Luque: **Music,** Jane: **Sacristan, Volunteer required.**

9:30 am Mass Sunday January 19

Lectors, M Hansen, N Georgeson: **Commentator,** H Daly: **Eucharistic Ministers,** T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, A Symonds, Volunteer if required: **Welcomers,** R Benbow, M Blanchard: **Music,** Charismatic Choir: **Sacristan,** M Hanratty

5:30 pm Mass Sunday January 12

Lector E Harte, E Jospeh: **Commentator,** S Luscombe: **Eucharistic Ministers,** J Reid, D Locke, *Volunteers if required:* **Welcomers:** *Volunteer required:* **Music,** Jane: **Sacristan,** *Volunteer required.*

Altar cleaning: January 12 M Giddens

January 19 M Tainsh

Church cleaning: *Joske Group*

Touring Statue of Our Lady:

January 12 M & J Hanratty

January 19 C & A O'Neill

January 16 *Scholtes Team*

January 23 *Moretti Team*

Mick's Kitchen



Gospel Mt 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit.

For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.

The Living Word

The Baptism of the Lord A. Year A

12 January 2020

First Reading Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased. Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4, 9-10, R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!