



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH, North Ryde

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Under the care of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel (Michaelite Fathers)



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SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am & 5:00pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Mon. 8:30am; Tues. 7:00pm; Wed. 8:30am; Thur. 8:30am;
Fri. 7:00am & (9:15am during School Term); Sat. 8:30am

Public Holidays: 8:30am

FILIPINO (TAGLISH) MASS: Fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15pm

SPANISH SPEAKING MASS: Every Sunday 12:30pm

BAPTISMS: 11.00am each Sunday One month's notice required.

Preparation Nights held monthly Application forms at Parish Office

Next Preparation Night: Thursday 18 May at 7:00pm.

MARRIAGES: By Appointment (6 months' notice required).

RECONCILIATION: Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am to 3:00pm Mon – Fri

ST VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL HELP CENTRE: 9809 2757

Next Week: 4th Sunday Easter (A) Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10.

Fr Stan writes ...

The Season of Easter extends for 50 days after Easter Sunday, closing with **Pentecost Sunday**. In the early Church this period was a time of catechesis for the newly baptised. Called mystagogy ('reflection on the mysteries'), this catechesis led the baptised to a deeper understanding of what it meant to bear the light of Christ to the world. Appropriately, the Gospels of the Easter season reflect this missionary theme. It is an opportune time for all Christians to ponder the missionary significance of their baptism.

Next Sunday, 7th May is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. **In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as World Day of Prayer for Vocations also known as Good Shepherd Sunday.** On this 54th annual worldwide event, the Church invites you to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation and to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious life.

This weekend, the children who will be receiving Jesus for the first time in **Holy Communion** on 27/28 May, will commence their preparation for this important Sacrament. Please remember to pray for them and for their families.

Finally, it's been a blessing to have my Michaelite confreres, including those from PNG, here in North Ryde for our retreat this past week. Kindly pray for all of us.

Prayer for the children preparing for First Holy Communion

Loving God, pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of Sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them. May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community. Unite us all in your great love. Amen.



PETITION – ABORTION LAW REFORM: A petition is available in the foyer for you to sign to request that the Legislative Council unanimously oppose both the *Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016* and the *Summary Offences Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2017* when they come before the House to be voted on. It should be noted that by

repealing all laws punishing unlawful abortion, the first of these Bills increases the potential dangers to women by removing restrictions against unqualified persons performing an abortion including self-administered abortions and allows the abortion of viable babies right up until birth with no restrictions at all. Furthermore, it fails to include safeguards to ensure women give fully informed consent and overrides any professional or conscientious objection that medical practitioners may have to abortion. **This bill** disregards the reality that many women have abortions as a result of pressure, coercion, lack of support and/or domestic violence from others, particularly their male partners, and it removes protection for the health of women. **Both Bills** limit freedom of speech and freedom of assembly for New South Wales residents.

PARISH MORNING TEA REUNION - Past and Present Parishioners – All Welcome
Just to let everyone know that the Parish Morning Tea Reunion will be held in the School/Parish Hall on **Tuesday morning, 16 May 2017, from 9.30am-12 noon.** Put the date in your diary. This invitation is extended to ALL parishioners regardless of when you joined our Parish or School community. **Interesting Parish photos etc from the Archives will be on display but please bring along any of your own memorabilia etc to show and discuss with other parishioners.**

ASSOCIATION OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Mass with Novena will be celebrated in St Anthony's Church, Marsfield, on Saturday 6th May, 2017 at 10.00 a.m. All welcome.

LECTORS: Please collect your new roster from the sacristy this weekend.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND – 6/7 May

Please note that our quota is \$9,500 per appeal!



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Maurine Bryant, Therese Holdener.

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Nicolina Belmonte, Italia (Lia) Fracchia, Nata Forte recently deceased. Also, Charlie Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, Mary & Sam Bietola, Angelo Fazzolari, Salvatore, Elena, Gioconda Rando, Simone & Giovanna Famularo, G A Russo, Maria Russo, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore, Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale Genova, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Jim Biancotti, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose, Emmanuela Delia, Gregory Zammit, Lina Mallia, Cissie Mallia, Edgar & Paul Falzon, Angelo, Carmela & Paul Scicluna, John Kooyman, Mr & Mrs Xuereb, Mary Vella, Mark Odlum, Beryl Loveridge, Natalio Peluso, Concetta, Giuseppe & Vincenzo Mule', V. Maiolo, Bruno S. Giuseppina Carabetta and the deceased members of the Zahra, Zammit families.