

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

**Entrance Antiphon**    **Apoc5:12; 1:6**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**1st Reading**    **2 Sam 5: 1-3**

**A reading from the second book of Samuel**

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. ‘Look’ they said ‘we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, “You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1–5**

**RESPONSE: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R/**

For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R/**

**2nd Reading**    **Col 1: 12-20**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**    **Mk 11: 9, 10**

Alléluia, alléluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alléluia!

**Gospel**    **Lk 23: 35-43**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said, ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Only by Appointment**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2025**

**St Cecilia, virgin, martyr**

**6:30pm Mass**

Marko Sarich RIP 3 yrs

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2025**

**Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE**

**8:00am Mass**

**9:30am Mass**

Mario Radoccia RIP 50 yrs

Angela Radoccia RIP 5 yrs

Del Victus RIP 11 months

**6:00pm Mass**

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025**

**Sts Andrew Dũng-L a. c, priest, and companions, martyrs**

**8:00am Mass**

**Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025**

**Sts Columban motorcyclists, European unity, and the Columban Missionaries**

**8:00am Mass**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025**

**Sts Catherine of Alexandria patron saint of philosophers, scholars, students, and teachers**

**9:30am Mass**

**11:30am Mass St John of God Hospital**

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025**

**Sts Francesco Antonio Fasani patron saint of his hometown, Lucera, Italy**

**8:00am Mass**

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025**

**Sts James of the Marches, patron for children**

**9:30am Mass**

**6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion**

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025**

**Sts Clement I, martyr, 4th Pope**

**8:00am Mass**

**11:00am Confessions**

**5:00pm Confessions**

**6:30pm Mass**

**8:00pm Mass Neocatechumenal Way**



## LORD, REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM

*The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.* These are the angel's words to the Virgin concerning the son he had announced, promising that he should succeed to the kingdom of David. No one questions the origin of our Lord Jesus from the line of David, but how, I wonder, will God give him the throne of David, since Jesus never reigned in Jerusalem and would not consent to the crowds who would make him king—he even protested before Pilate that his kingdom was not of this world. Besides, what importance could be attached to his sitting on the throne of David his father when he was already seated on the cherubim, on a throne high and lifted up, as the prophet says? But we know that another Jerusalem is meant, different from the present one where David once reigned, a city much nobler and richer. God will indeed give him the throne of his father David when he has established him as king over Zion, his holy mountain—he will give him not a symbolic but a real throne, not a temporal but an eternal throne, not an earthly but a heavenly throne. *He shall reign over the*

*house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.* Again, if we take this in a temporal sense, how is it that Christ will reign for ever over something not eternal in itself? We must look, then, for a house of Jacob that is eternal, over which he will reign for ever. Are there any among us who, in accordance with the meaning of the name Jacob (supplanter), will supplant the devil in their hearts, struggle against their vices and desires, so that sin will not reign in their bodies, but Jesus only, through grace no~, through glory for all eternity? Blessed are they in whom Jesus will reign for ever, for they shall reign with him, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Oh how glorious is that kingdom where kings are gathered together to give united praise and honor to the King of kings and Lord of lords, in the contemplation of whose splendor the just shall shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Oh that Jesus, out of the love he has for his people, may remember me, a sinner, when he comes into his kingdom! Oh that he may deign to come and save me on the day when he delivers up

his kingdom to his God and Father, so that I may see the joy of his chosen ones and rejoice in the gladness of his people. Then I too shall be able to praise him together with his inheritance. And now, Lord Jesus, come and remove the stumbling-blocks within the kingdom which is my soul, so that you who ought to may reign in it. Greed comes along and claims its throne in me; arrogance would dominate me; pride would be my king. Comfort and pleasure say: We shall reign! Ambition, detraction, envy, anger fight within me for supremacy, and seem to have me entirely in their power. But I resist insofar as I can; I struggle against them insofar as I receive your help. I protest that Jesus is my Lord. I keep myself for him since I acknowledge his rights over me. To me he is God, to me he is the Lord, and I declare: I will have no king but the Lord Jesus! Come then, Lord, rout them by your power and you will reign in me, for you are my king and my God, who grant victories to Jacob.

*Gospel: Luke 23:35-43*

*Commentary: Bernard of Clairvaux*

**Donations** Please note of collections during the mass;

**First Collection** go towards the priest in the parish and to support priests across the Archdiocese who are retired, sick and for those who are in remote areas.

**Second Collection** will go towards the maintenance, expenses of our church and growth for the parish mission. If you wish to make a donation, please find our bank details below.

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Parish Communities			
			
Mary Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotion Fridays 6 PM Benediction 1st Friday of the Month	Legion of Mary Wednesdays 10:30 AM	Neocatechumenal Way Mass (Everyone is invited) Saturdays 8:00 PM

**Next Sunday Readings: 30 November 2025 FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT**

**1st Reading Is 2:1-5 Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9 2nd Reading Rom 13:11-14**

**Gospel Acclamation** Alléluia, alléluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alléluia!

**Gospel Matthew 24:37-44**



**Thank you** to Father Rodrigo and the 200 people who attended St Michael's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass last Sunday.

Appreciation to the St Michael's parishioners for preparing the ground, bringing chairs, providing the biggest morning tea and supplying items for the Marketplace. The St Brigid's choir and musicians are to be commended, so, too, the beautiful photos taken by Julieta and Craig that can be viewed on St Brigid's website. We all enjoyed the talk given by John about the early beginnings of the Stefanelli families. My sincere thanks to you all, Kerry Katich.

### Reader's Roster

#### This week

Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
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Vince Justin Natalie	E Benfield	Rosemary Vanessa Farida	Jeany Liz Sandro
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#### Next Weekend

Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
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Vince	J Gunstone	Farida Bjel	Charlotte Jeany
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## PARISH NEWS

### Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, SDB Visit

We would like to let everyone know that the Archbishop will be visiting our parish on December 7th to celebrate the 9:30 am mass, to bless the new St. Joseph statue, and enjoy some morning tea afterward. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this special occasion, and we kindly ask you to bring a plate to share.

In addition, to accommodate this event, the 8:00 am mass at St. Michael's will be canceled so that we can all come together to meet the Archbishop as one parish.

### Christmas Raffle Donations



We are reaching out to your generous hearts once more for donations of any kind for our Christmas Raffle on Christmas Day. You may drop them at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday 9am to 1pm.

### Social Committee Member

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are interested in helping to plan and organize parish events such as fundraisers, morning teas, and community gatherings. If you enjoy bringing people together, sharing ideas, and contributing to parish life, we'd love to have you on our team. For more information please contact the parish office or email us.

**Golden Oldies** Next Friday November 28th is our final Golden Oldies for the year. Mass at 9.30 am followed by a yummy morning tea. As November is the month of the Holy Souls, our activity will centre around this theme. Please join us.

### St Michael's News

#### CHRISTMAS BBQ

Please join St Michael's Parishioners on Friday November 28th at 6 p.m. at St Michael's to celebrate Christmas and 2025.

### Our Sick

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners in our prayers:

John Hardy, Caty Jones, Phyllis Lee, Maureen Kenny, Kevin Kenny, Caren Maitland, Malcolm McPherson, Sharon McFarlane, Robin Nola Rae, Michael Caputo, Frank Crotty, Gail Ruyter & Tony Donovan

### Requiescat in Pace

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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