



# The Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Lent, Yr B/2



## Entrance Antiphon:

**Of you my heart has spoken:  
Seek his face. It is your face, O  
Lord, that I seek; hide not your  
face from me.**

## 1st Reading:

*Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18*

The sacrifice of Abraham, our  
father in faith.

## Responsorial Psalm:

*Ps 115-10. 15-19*

**R. I will walk in the presence of  
the Lord, in the land of the  
living.**

## 2nd Reading:

*Romans 8:31-34*

God did not spare his own Son.

## Gospel Acclamation:

*cf Matthew 17:5*

**Glory and praise to you, Lord  
Jesus Christ!**

**From the shining cloud, the  
Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear  
him.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord  
Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel: *Mark 9:2-10*

This is my Son, the beloved;  
listen to him.

## Communion Antiphon:

**This is my beloved Son, with  
whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.**

## Gospel

*Mark 9:2-10*



Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

## Reflection

by Father James McCarthy



It is well-known that Leonardo De Vinci, and many of the Renaissance artists, liked to find models for their religious drawings and paintings.

When Leonardo was a young man he walked the streets of Florence looking for a face he could use as a model for a portrait of Jesus Christ. He spent days searching until he found a young man who seemed to have the nobility, strength, and depth of character Leonardo was seeking. When Leonardo asked the young man, who was a leading member of his parish choir, he agreed to be the model.

Many years later Leonardo was looking for a subject who would pose for a painting he wished to make of Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Christ following the Last Supper. Again he spent days walking the streets until he found someone suitable. Leonardo found a man who was tired and gaunt, filled with pain and a lack of hope, as if he carried a great burden of suffering. When Leonardo approached him and asked him if he would pose as Judas for him, tears came to the man's eyes. Leonardo asked him if he had offended him and the man shook his head. Tearfully the man explained that he was the very same man that Leonardo had asked years prior to pose as Jesus.

Lent is the time where each person is to be transformed not from Jesus to Judas, but from Judas to Jesus. Each person is transformed through the grace of God and aided by our free-choice to repent of our sins, to leave aside anything that is a distraction from God, and to allow the blessings of God to reform our lives so that we may share the glory of the divine life of God.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

At 11.50am and 7pm.

## FIRST FRIDAY March Mass

9.15am and 7.30pm

**Acknowledgement of the land**

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoiria nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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**Music Ministry**

**Coordinators for 6pm Saturday Masses:**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday - Richard Borges (Family Mass)

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - David Foong

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday - Prescilla Luzon

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Aneela Pereira

**Music Ministry - Sunday Masses:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> SUN 8am - Maree Twomey

2<sup>nd</sup> SUN 8am - Muntia Gouw

4<sup>th</sup> SUN 10 am - Muntia Gouw

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> SUN 10am - Mary Towers

2<sup>nd</sup> SUN 10am - David Foong

**Children Liturgy - Elsa Manu**

**Sacramental Coordinators:** Marisa

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**Altar Society - Marie Bennett**

**Liturgy Committee - Sue Metzmacher**

**Finance Committee - Stephen Topple**

**St Vincent de Paul Society - Jim Lemcke**

**Catechists - Judith Orrock**

**Divine Mercy Devotion - Gloria Divine**

**Driver Roster - Felicity Donnelly**

**St Michael's Primary School**

**School Principal - Brian Story**

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**Welcome to St Michael's Church - Meadowbank!**

A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

**Reflection Continued**

Today's first reading challenges the faith of Abraham, and really puts Abraham to the test. Abraham is challenged to trust in God no matter what, even to the point of giving up something that is so good and so dear to his heart. The story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac carries great significance. There is a clear parallel with Jesus. Abraham's readiness to sacrifice his own son is a prefigurement of God the Father and the sacrifice of His Son Jesus. Just as to sacrifice his only son did not make sense to Abraham, so also it made no sense to the disciples of Jesus that God could allow their Lord and master Jesus to be executed.

During Lent, we are called to place our entire life, our will, our past, our present and future, in the hands of the Lord. There will be a temptation to take control back, to say that God has asked too much, but how much is too much if Jesus was asked to give his very life or Abraham was asked to be prepared to sacrifice his only son?

Resurrection and eternal life require a great deal of trust and belief in God. God does look after us, he really does, but God especially looks after us when we place control of our lives in his hands and we obediently follow God's will.

Pray during these days of Lent that each person will be transformed by the grace of God to such an extent that we can allow each of our own wills and decisions to be conformed totally to the will and action of God.

**LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**ALL WELCOME**

**WEDNESDAY 7:30pm** - 84 Bennett Street West Ryde.

Hosted by Carol Maher. Enquiries: 9874 1566

**THURSDAY 11am** 18 Huxley St, West Ryde.

ENQUIRIES: Connie Buttigige. 0424 417 950.

**THURSDAY 7pm** ENQUIRIES: Joan Mobile: 0425 361 233

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 INFORMATION NIGHTS**

Interested in coming to WYD 2019 in Panama as a pilgrim? The Archdiocese of Sydney is offering a 'fear of missing out' experience leading to WYD Panama for young adults aged 18-35. Join us at your local WYD Information night! Your opportunity to learn about the pilgrimage being offered, costs, what to expect in Panama, how to register and get prepared in this pilgrimage of a lifetime!

Date: Friday, March 2 2018. 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, North Ryde

191-195 Coxs Rd, North Ryde NSW 2113



**Download & Sync Parish Calendar.** The parish calendar of events and activities is available for download from the Parish Website. It is updated on a daily basis with new events, Mass intentions and activities. If you use a digital calendar on your mobile or Ipad, it is very easy to include the calendar in your own calendar by simply hitting the + button located on the parish homepage: [www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au](http://www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au)

## St Michael's Playgroup

Every Thursday 9-11am in the Parish Hall  
Children ages 0-5 welcome. Enter via the school gate on Hughes St. Cost \$2 and a piece of fruit to share  
Free play, sing song, story-time, art/craft and lots more!

## Year 5 & 6 Youth Group

Our next Youth Group is on Friday 23rd February. Parishioners with children in Years 5 & 6 are invited to come along for lots of fun games, pizza and wonderful discussions on our faith. *For more information, contact Elsa Manu [elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au)*

## 24 Hours for the Lord - Friday 9 March

Pope Francis has dedicated 9-10 March as a special period of prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There will be **Exposition and Adoration from 8am until 10.15pm on Friday 9 March.**

Mass - 9.15am; Stations of the Cross at 11.50am and 7pm.

**Lenten Confessions available: 10am- 11am, 2.45pm-4pm, 8pm-9.30pm.**

Night Prayer & Benediction - 10pm. Adoration concludes at 10.15pm. Please sign up to commit to prayer times on the sign-up sheet at the doors of the Church.

## Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

Applications are now being accepted for students who will start Kindergarten next year. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office or requested to be sent out out. Please contact the school office (9808 2658) to receive a pack. Fr James and Mr Story will be conducting the enrolment interviews for students whose families are new to the school during May. If you know any families who are considering sending their child to St Michael's school, please encourage them to contact the office to book a place on one of the school tours being held during **Open Day on Tuesday, March 6.**

Session Times: 9:30am - 11:00am and 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

Session details: Guided tours led by student leaders followed by a presentation by the Principal (10:15am and 6:15pm.)

Please call the school office (9808 2658) to book a place on one of the tours.



## PULPIT POINTS 25-February

- 100 and still going strong: CWL celebrates volunteer's centenary
- Maronites open first Australian seminary
- Priest to be Chaplain at Commonwealth Games
- Meet Wollongong's new bishop
- Movie Review: Black Panther
- Simcha Fisher: Friendships help develop healthy relationships

## World Meeting of Families Quote

The family is the greatest treasure of any country. Let us all work to protect and strengthen this, the cornerstone of society. (Pope Francis)

**The Piety Stall** is open on the 1st & 3rd weekends of the month. Our next opening will be on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th March.

**World Day of Prayer** - Friday 2nd March at 11:00am at Uniting Church, 7 Maxim St. West Ryde. Everyone is welcome.

## Collections Update

**Weekly Break-even Target for 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,300.** Last week (18 Feb) was \$120 under budget.

**Weekly Target for 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection/Envelopes: \$1,900.** Last week (11 Feb) was \$520 under budget. Many thanks for sharing your blessings.

Catechist Retreat

# The First and Last Supper!



A MORNING REFLECTION WITH  
FR JAMES MCCARTHY

Friday, 2nd March 2018  
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St  
Sydney 2000

9.30am and to finish with Mass at 12.30pm

TO REGISTER, CONTACT CCD SYDNEY AT 02 93078330  
or email [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)

BOOK NOW! SPACES ARE LIMITED!





**Roster: 4 / 5 March 2018**

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>6:00PM Vigil</b>	Jim Lemcke	Children from the Family Choir	Sue Metzmacher Liz Paricka
<b>8:00AM</b>	Stephen Topple	Nick Radice Odette Sequeira	Joseph D'Mello Norman Fairbairn
<b>10:00AM</b>	John Fillion	Maureen Richardson Maria Sharmila	Felisa Tan Michael Dunkin

**Liturgy for this week (26 Feb - 5 March 2018)**

<p><b>Weekday Masses:</b>                  9.:15am - Communion Service                  9:15am - Tuesday to Saturday  <b>Weekend Masses:</b>                  6:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass                  8:00am &amp; 10:00am - Sunday (<i>Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass</i>)</p>	<p><i>During Lent, there will be distribution of <b>HOST ONLY</b> at weekend Masses.</i></p>
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**Sacraments:**  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 5:30pm-5:50pm  
**Devotions:** Prayer for Priests: 8:45am every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
 Morning Prayer (Lauds) 7:40AM every Sunday  
 Rosary: 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)  
 Friday before Mass : **Silent Prayer**  
**Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
 8:15am-9:15am every Friday  
 8:15am-9:15am every Saturday (with Benediction at 9.05am)  
**Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet** - Wednesdays after AM Mass

**Autumn Ember Day - Friday 2 March**  
*(Special Day of Prayer & Penance)*  
**Stations of the Cross** 11.50am & 7pm  
**First Friday Masses** 9.15am & 7.30pm  
 Pizza and fellowship in the Parish Hall after 7.30pm Mass.

**ROSTER – CHURCH CLEANERS**  
 For the month of March, July and November  
 • Felisa Tan • Gemma Martin  
 • Maria & Robert Leasa • Teresita  
**LINEN** - Prescilla Luzon **VACUUM (MARCH)** - John Abood

**Altar Society.** CHURCH CLEANING, LAUNDRY OF THE ALTAR LINEN, FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR. Join the Altar Society and help keep our church fit for God. A gold coin or coins donation is greatly appreciated for the on going cleaning and flowers for the church. There is a box at the back and side doors of the church for those gold coins.

**Vacancies.** Two of the mowing team are leaving at the end of this mowing season and replacement team members are needed. If you can spare a few hours one weekend a month contact Don Smith 0414 748 302



**Prayer to St Michael the Archangel.** Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Request for Prayers**

**SICK:** Liam Heath, Betty Rooney

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Alexander Saldanha (19/02/2018)

**SPECIAL INTENTION:** Ante (Tony) Tomelic - 80th birthday



**Parish Weekly Mass Offerings**

**Saturday 24th February 2018 9:15am**

Mass for the successful surgery and radiotherapy of Liam Heath.

**Tuesday 27th February 2018 9:15am**

Mass for the soul of Maria Carmen Pili

**Wednesday 28th February 2018 9:15am**

Thanksgiving Mass — Gavino and Gabrielle Pili

**Thursday 1st March 2018 9:15am**

Mass for the soul of Colin Corley

**Friday 2nd March 2018 9:15am**

Thanksgiving Mass for E. Giaquinto

**NOTE: ONLY ONE MASS OFFERING IS PERMITTED PER DAY** If you desire a Mass offered, please contact the Parish Office to request a specific day. If a day has already been taken, it is possible for a name to be mentioned on significant anniversaries and the Mass offered at a later stage.

**Become a Catechist Now.**

All Christians are called through our baptism to teach and help bring others to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. A rewarding and outreach activity is to become a Catechist by sharing your faith with some bright young children in our local public schools. Ring **Judith Orrock on 98742825** and you are nearly there. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided with all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist. Make that phone call now!



**Parish Morning Tea** transferred for this

month only to 11th March after the 10am Mass on

Rose Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent). The

Morning Tea will be organized by the

Filipino Parishioners of St Michael's

Parish Meadowbank. All welcome.



**Sacramental Programs 2018**

All important sacramental program dates are available for download from the Parish Website. Dates are also included in the downloadable parish calendar. Page 4