



# St Michael's Church - Meadowbank The Parish Bulletin

## 5th Sunday of Easter C/1



### Entrance Antiphon:

*Cf. Ps 97: 1-2*

**O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance,  
alleluia.**

### 1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

### Responsorial Psalm:

*Psalm 144(145):8-13a*

**I will praise your  
name for ever, my  
king and my God.**

### 2nd Reading:

*Apocalypse 21:1-5*

A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb.

### Gospel Acclamation:

*John 13:34*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I give you a new  
commandment:**

**love one another as I have loved  
you. Alleluia!**

### Gospel: John 13:31-33,34-35

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another.

### Communion Antiphon:

*Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5*

**I am the true vine and you are  
the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I  
in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.**

### Gospel

*John 13:31-33,34-35*



When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

### REFLECTION

by Fr James McCarthy

Today's readings are about new things: New Jerusalem, new heaven, new earth, a new commandment. We hear in the Book of Revelation: "I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5) and the first reading (from Acts of the Apostles) describes how small Christian communities helped the renewal of its members by their love.

Renewal in Christian communities, renewal in the Church, and even renewal in society comes when there is a radical change of vision, a change of our priorities in life, and an ushering in of new attitudes, new values and new standards of relationship. Unfortunately, our world and even our Church has become so political that we know that we need to change, because what we have is imperfect, but we don't really know the new vision we want, and do we really have a choice with the vision that has been provided for us?



It is often said in Australia that we don't elect governments – we vote governments out. We might not like A so we take B, but is B the best thing for us? Is B the renewal we actually need and do we even really know what B stands for?

For most people, renewal is something that occurs gradually in our life through a slow and gradual change of attitude or a change of approach. True renewal needs to recognize and celebrate the good things from the past while also looking courageously towards the unknown future. Real renewal is not based upon a change of government, a change of Pope or a change of priest. Real renewal occurs when we respond to a deeper understanding, insight and commitment to love.

Communities are meant to be places of renewal where we are made new because of the love that Jesus has for us in his death and resurrection. At the time of

**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.

**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.

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3rd Saturday - Prescilla Luzon

4th Saturday - Aneela Pereira

**Music Ministry - Sunday Masses:**

1st & 3rd SUN 8am - Maree Twomey

2nd SUN 8am - Muntia Gouw

2nd SUN 10 am - Peter & Jenchris

1st & 5th SUN 10am - Mary Towers

3rd SUN 10am - David Foong

4th SUN 10am - Muntia Gouw

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**REFLECTION Continued**

Christ, each Jewish synagogue served the faith community in three main ways: by being a House of Study, a House of Prayer, and a House of Socialization.

In the Catholic Church and in every parish, we continue these three areas, and the priest and the bishop have special roles, as our theology states: to teach – because we are a house of study, to sanctify – to make us holy – because we are a house of prayer, and to govern – to ensure that we are a community of genuine loving service and charity.

When Jesus came upon the scene, he fostered a radically new idea into the Jewish communities. He began **micro-communities of love**. For the Jewish people, and even for the Christian today, we belong to families and we might belong to our local parish. But Jesus had a structure that bridged the gap between family and formal religious worship.

He gathered a small group of twelve to share prayer, ministry, faith, travel and values with him. Many of these apostles had their own families and work, but occasionally, throughout the week, the group would get together and be God's community of love to each other.

After his death and resurrection, Jesus' disciples established micro-Christian communities wherever they came together for prayer, study and charity together, and some of those small groups are mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles.

In the early Church, they had micro-communities that were not simply work or school related, family, income or age related. Groups were not clicky or exclusive, as can often happen today.

Look at the apostles: some were fishermen, some brought tax and financial backgrounds and others came from different family and cultural backgrounds.

In the past, Catholic parishes had many micro-community groups, and children from as young as 7 or 8 were involved as were adults of all ages (Eg. Legion of Mary, Holy Name Society, St Vincent de Paul Society, etc.). Being a Catholic is not something we do by just coming to Mass. We need to be involved beyond coming to Mass and beyond our families. That is part of our Christian calling.

In Sydney today, Churches like Hillsong are growing in huge numbers, but they are growing not only because of radically different experiences of worship, but because they have a structure called "cell groups", where every member of their church is invited and encouraged to be part of a cell group – that involves prayer, support, bible study, service and true Christian love.

As Catholics, at this moment in history, true renewal in our Church will occur when we do what Jesus actually did with his first apostles. We need genuine micro-communities that support each other in Christian prayer, study and service – micro-communities that love each other unconditionally, without judgment, and help each other to embrace our crosses and our sufferings, so that together we can be renewed to enter into the resurrection, and become a new people and a new creation.

**Download/Sync Parish Calendar** - view and download from the Parish Website. It is updated on a daily basis. If you use a google calendar, you can easily add the calendar to your calendar by pressing the + button on the homepage: [www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au](http://www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au)

## Collections Update from 12 May

Thank you for the generosity of all parishioners. Please note the new adjusted weekly targets in order to reach our budget.

<b>1st Collection (assists clergy):</b>	<b>\$1382</b>
<i>New weekly target to cover budget by 30 June:</i>	<b>\$1540</b>
<b>2nd Collection (parish costs):</b>	<b>\$1852</b>
<i>New target to cover budget by 30 June:</i>	<b>\$2300</b>

### DIRECT TRANSFER GIVING

Please consider using a direct recurring automatic transfer for Sunday offerings. It is a safe, secure process that each person can easily setup via their own online banking to give to the parish on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

**Parish First Collection Details:** BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04292002; Account Name: St Michael's Pastoral Revenue

**Parish Second Collection Details:** BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04295003; Account Name: St Michael's Church

Please use your envelope number (if you have one) as a reference for the transaction.

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal Continues throughout May - \$1000 still needed.

During May, our parish is asked to play an important role in supporting the Archdiocese of Sydney's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Our quota for May is \$3,800, which is about \$40 per active envelope.

Last weekend we raised \$1400 for the Appeal. We still need a further \$1000 to reach our target by the end of May.

## Catholic Charismatic Renewal

**A Day of Healing with Sr Margaret Scully** Sat 25 May from 9:00am to 4:30pm (Commences with Mass at 9:00am) at St Vincent's Church, Ashfield

## Confirmation Program 2019

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on Sunday 25 August at 3.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney for candidates from our parish and the parishes in the Northern Deanery who are in Year 6 and above.

A **Parent Formation Evening** will occur on Tuesday 4 June at 7pm in the Fr Bush Parish Hall, with candidate preparation sessions occurring on 4 consecutive Tuesday/Wednesday evenings starting in Term 3.

**Enrolment Masses will occur on Pentecost Sunday 9 June at Sunday 10am Mass and on Saturday 8 June at 5pm Mass.**

## New Life in God's Spirit Seminar - 25 May

Hosted at Mary Immaculate Parish, Bossley Park in the Fr Peter Neville Hall from 8:30AM to 6:00pm.

The seminar is not only for those who are entering or who have recently entered the Catholic Church and those who have been away from the Church but also for those who are current members of the Church and are actually practising their faith.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, the seminar of the Holy Spirit will help you find out more about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that over time, could blossom into a deeper, lasting and living-giving relationship.

For enquiries contact: Manding Abogado 0413 147 740, Rose Williams 0452 477 417 or Fr Nards Mercene (Filipino Chaplain) 0410 505 177

## PULPIT POINTS 19-May

- Jean Vanier: A hero for life
- From fire by Water - A tale of conversion
- MONICA DOUMIT: Is 'Father' Father?
- Mercy to the forgotten
- Movie review: Pokemon Detective Pikachu
- New rules for investigating abuse

## Appointment of new Parish Administrator

Archbishop Fisher has appointed Fr Emmanuel Seo, formerly the Archbishop's Master of Ceremonies, as the new Parish Administrator of St Michael's Meadowbank, for a 12 month appointment. Fr Emmanuel will start to celebrate Masses at Meadowbank from Sunday 16 June and will take over full leadership of the parish from 1 July, 2019.

Fr James McCarthy has been appointed as Parish Priest of St Aloysius Cronulla for a 6 year term. A farewell celebration will occur on Pentecost Sunday 9 June after the 10am Mass. Fr James will also celebrate First Holy Communions at Meadowbank on 22/23/29/30 June.

Fr James will be formally installed as Parish Priest of Cronulla on Friday 23 August at 6.30pm. All Meadowbank parishioners are invited to attend this important moment in the life of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

## St Michael's Catholic Primary Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments/Interviews

Enrolment applications/interviews are now occurring.

Enrolment packs can be obtained from the school office by calling 9808 2658.

## St Michael's Playgroup

*Every Thursday during school term: 9.15am- 11am*

@ Fr Bush Memorial Parish Hall

Enjoy some time out with your baby, toddler or preschooler and make new friends! Everyone is welcome for a fun morning of free play, craft, singing, music and books! Please bring a piece of fruit to share and a gold coin donation.

## Stop, Pray and Reflect (SPaR)

*Every Friday during school term: 2.30pm- 3pm*

@ Fr John Alt Parish Meeting Room - All Welcome and free to attend whenever you can.

Take time out of your busy schedule to reflect on God's loving presence in our everyday life. This is a welcoming, open space for you to explore faith in a contemporary way.

There will be toys for children to play and a light afternoon tea will be provided prior to school pickup.

### Family Education Details

For questions about either Playgroup or SPaR, please contact Kirrily McDermott, Family Educator @St Michael's Primary School at kirrily.mcdermott@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Please follow the Family Educator Facebook page: Family, Faith and Wellbeing at St Michael's Primary School Meadowbank.

## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:

St Kevin's Church at Eastwood will be holding an 8 week bible program every Monday at 7pm, from May 6 to June 24. This program was run at Meadowbank in 2018 and was a great success. If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then please attend this bible course.

Registration is FREE: please contact the parish office 9874 2533 or alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**Roster: 25 / 26 May 2019**

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>5:00PM Vigil</b>	Jim Lemcke	Arlene Burton Colleen Maquire	1 David Doring 2 Prescilla Luzon 3 Sunitha Victor 4 Carol Maher 5 Brian Maher 6 Robyn Meehan
<b>8:00AM</b>	Vinodh Stanley	Nick Radice Agnes Aldana	Joseph D'Mello Judith Orrock
<b>10:00AM</b>	John Fillion & Joel Tabuso	Maria Sharmila Nelyn Gasataya	1 Gloria Divine 2 Joan D'souza 3 Connie Buttigieg 4 Felissa Tan 5 Felicity Donnelly 6 Celeste Villarente



**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.

*Parish Weekly Mass Offerings*

*Tuesday 21st May 9:15am*

Mass of Remembrance for Francisca Tan Uy

*Wednesday 22nd May 9:15am*

Mass of Remembrance for Dominga Temprosa

*Thursday 23rd May 9:15am*

Remembrance Mass for Deceased Family of Therese Younis

*Friday 24th May 9:15am*

Mass of Remembrance for Eufemio Cabana Sr.

*Saturday 25th May 9:15am*

Mass of Remembrance for Bill & Kit Gray

**NOTE: Only One Mass Offering is permitted per day**

**Liturgy for this week (20 - 26 May 2019)**

**Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:15pm-4.45pm (AEST)

**Devotions:**

**Mass for Catechists:** Every 1st Tuesday at 8:15am

**Prayer for Priests:** Every 1st Saturday at 8:45am

**First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion:** 1st Friday Mass at 7pm

**Morning Prayer:** Every Sunday at 7:35am

**Rosary:** 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)

**Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

8:30am-9:15am every Friday

8:15am-9:15am every Saturday (with Benediction at 9.05am)

**Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet** - Wednesdays after AM Mass

**Weekday Services this week:**

9:15am - Monday: Communion Service

9:15am - **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday to Saturday

**Weekend Masses:**

5:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass (AEST)

8:00am & 10:00am - Sunday Masses

(10am with Children's Liturgy during School Term)

**The Piety Stall** will be open after all Masses this weekend.

**Pentecost Multicultural Luncheon 9 June & Farewell for Fr James**

To celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the spread of the Gospel to all nations, and as a farewell and goodbye to Fr James as he moves to his new appointment at St Aloysius Cronulla, there will be a Parish-wide multicultural luncheon held on **Sunday 9 June from 11.15am in the Fr Bush Memorial Hall** and surrounding areas.

Book your calendar and start planning your participation and who you could invite to join us on the day! Come in traditional dress, bring different cultural flags, share food, drinks and desserts from your culture, play traditional music and share traditional dances - all to celebrate the joy of Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Mon 20 Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Tue 21 Saint Christopher Magallenes, Martyr

Wed 22 Saint Rita of Cascia

Fri 24 Our Lady Help of Christians SOLEMNITY

Sat 25 - Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor

**Pentecost Celebration Planning Meeting**

If you are interested in contributing in any way in the cultural celebration on 9 June, please attend the planning meeting that will occur after the 10am Mass on Sunday 19 May at 11.10am in the Meeting Room. All Welcome.

**Church Cleaning, Altar Linen & Flowers**

We have a great team of helpers who arrange flowers, clean and vacuum the church on a weekly basis. We always need more help. Contact Marie Bennett on 0447 830 551 to volunteer.

Flowers cost about \$100 per week. Please consider donating to the Altar Society. Donation boxes are at the church doors or can be made through the Parish Office.

**Church Cleaners Roster for May**

Henna, Sarah Magsakay, Colleen MaGuire & Sue Lobo.  
LINEN: Ancy Joy (Weekly) Carolyn Thomas (End of Month)

**Consider becoming a Catechist**

Ring Judith Orrock on 98742825 if you are interested. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist.

**Are you new to the Parish?**

Welcome. It is great to have you here. Please make our parish your home. Feel welcome to share experiences and ministries from your previous parish with our community. Please complete a parish registration & census form at the office. Consider volunteering and joining the parish planned giving.