



St Michael's Church - Meadowbank  
**The Parish Bulletin**  
The Most Holy Trinity Yr C/1

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of  
God, and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful  
love.

**1st Reading:**

*Proverbs 8:22-31*

Before the earth came into being,  
Wisdom was born.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Psalms 8:4-9*

**O Lord, our God, how  
wonderful your name  
in all the earth!**

**2nd Reading:** *Romans 5:1-5*

The love of God has been poured  
into our hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*cf Revelation 1:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit: to God who  
is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *John 16:12-15*

The Spirit of truth will lead you to  
the complete truth.

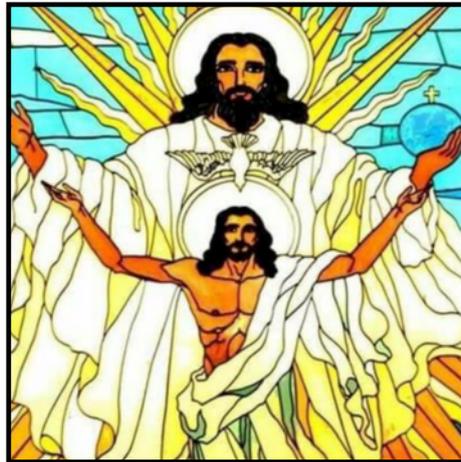
**Communion Antiphon:**

*Gal 4: 6*

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts  
the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit  
who cries out: Abba, Father.

**Gospel**

*John 16:12-15*



Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

**Reflection by Fr James McCarthy on  
The Trinitarian Relationship of Love:  
God, Neighbour and Self**

Scientists estimate that 90% of the entire universe is unknown and is a mystery that still needs to be discovered. God, the only one who is not created, must be an even greater mystery than the unknowable universe. We try to explain God, but often our imperfect created images fall short. God's presence and power are real, even if our small human minds are tempted to think that God is just a creation of our imagination.

Today the Church celebrates the Most Holy Trinity – the mystery of the totality of God. The doctrine of the Trinity is something that defines Christianity. Without a belief in the Trinitarian God then someone cannot claim to be a Christian. The Trinity refers to three persons in one God but we do not believe in three Gods. These three persons in the one God are equal in divinity yet distinct in their personality. As Christians, we understand that God is a God of relationship, and that within God there is a loving relationship of persons.

One image I like to use to help explain the concept of the Trinity is the reality of water. When a person freezes water, then they get ice – a solid strong block of ice – solid enough to support the weight of a person. Heat ice and there will



**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 & 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 & skills are most welcome.

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Mass)

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**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**

be flowing water. Heat water and there is steam. Ice, water and steam are the same chemical make-up and all have the potential to be and to become the other. In God, there are 3 distinct persons with 3 distinct experiences. Unlike water, in the Trinitarian God there is not just a physical or experiential difference, but there is also a difference of personality between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Unlike ice/water/steam where one is experienced and the others have the potential to be experienced, in God all 3 experiences of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit can be experienced simultaneously.

The Scriptures tell us bits and pieces about God but they do not give a clear and elaborate presentation of the doctrine of the Trinity. For Moses, God is tenderness and compassion, kindness and faithfulness. For St Paul, God is love and peace.

The oldest formulation of the Church's belief in the Trinity is found in the Apostles' Creed. God has revealed to us three separate missions – to be the Creator (as Father), to be the Redeemer and Word (the Son) and to be the Giver of Life (the Holy Spirit).

In creating the universe, God creates in his image and likeness (the Father), God speaks the Word and it is made (the Son) and God gives Life (the Holy Spirit). Within God there is constantly a relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

So what does all this theology mean for us today?

Like God, we can only be fully human and alive when we are in relationships. A person without a relationship is not a person at all. Like God, we have three relationships and experiences of love that we are called to treasure and make a part of our lives: Our relationship with God, our relationship with God's creation and the valuing/relationship with ourselves.

People often focus on loving God, or loving their neighbours or loving creation/environment, but we also need to be able to see that each of us have been created in the image and likeness of God – we need to love ourselves as well as loving others and loving God. Society today follows the so-called "Me, Myself and I" principle of individualism. The doctrine of the Trinity challenges us to adopt a "Me, God and neighbour" principle. We are Christians and human beings who are fully alive insofar as we love our own life, live in a relationship of love with God and live in the closeness of a genuine love for all of God's creation. Take one of them away and a person is no longer being who they are created and meant to be.

**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 9 June**

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>\$ 1688</b>	
<i>New weekly target to cover budget by 30 June:</i>		<b>\$ 1350</b>
<b>2nd Collection (parish costs):</b>	<b>\$ 1896</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.

### **CREDIT CARD GIVING**

Please contact the Parish Office to setup giving via credit cards.

## **BE NOT AFRAID CONFERENCE 2019**

ACSA (Australian Catholic Student Association) 2019 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENT CONFERENCE at St Joseph's College Hunters Hill, Sydney on July 5-7, 2019.

Book now and participate in this enriching gathering of Catholic Uni Students. For more information <https://www.facebook.com/australiancatholicstudents/>

## **Fr Rob Galea - Coming Home Australian Tour**

Sunday 28 July from 5pm at Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College, O'Grady Centre Auditorium, Neich Parade, Burwood.

Purchase tickets online from for \$55 per adult. [www.frgministry.com/tickets](http://www.frgministry.com/tickets)

A quality and uplifting presentation of Christian music with outstanding lighting, visual and sound production. Fr Rob's Music brings a positive message in a modern style appealing to all ages. Fr Rob will also include a selection of his much loved songs from previous albums during a 2 hour show which will have you singing along from the start to the finish.

## **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. If you haven't enrolled your child to start school next year, now is the time.

## **Installation of Fr James as Parish Priest of Cronulla on 23 August - All Welcome.**

All Meadowbank parishioners are invited to attend the solemn installation of Fr James as the 9th Parish Priest of Cronulla on Friday 23 August at 6.30pm at St Aloysius Catholic Church, Cronulla. Please come and make the journey to visit Fr James at Cronulla and participate in this important moment in the life of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

## **PULPIT POINTS 16-June**

- Reluctant doctors: Victoria experiences difficulty finding doctors who will end patient's lives
- God the Mother? Fr Flader explains
- Sanctity of the Seal: Why confession matters
- Gallery Hanging: Student makes it into the Young Archibald Prize
- Movie review: Godzilla: King of the monsters
- Why I'm giving up Netflix

## **Welcome to Fr Emmanuel this Sunday!**

Fr Emmanuel Seo will celebrate his first Masses at St Michael's Meadowbank on Sunday 16 June at the 8am and 10am Masses. Welcome to the Parish. We hope your leadership and service of this community will be spiritually enriching for you and will help the parishioners to grow in a deeper love for God and love for our neighbours. Welcome!

Fr James will be celebrating Masses for the next two weeks. Fr Emmanuel will officially begin from 1 July.

## **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 on [kirrily.mcdermott@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kirrily.mcdermott@syd.catholic.edu.au). Please also follow the Family Educator Facebook page: Family, Faith and Wellbeing at St Michael's Primary School Meadowbank.

## **Men's Ministry Breakfast - Sat 29 June**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is holding its second Men's Ministry breakfast from 8am on Saturday 29 June at St John the Baptist Parish, Mount Street Bonnyrigg Heights.

The theme is "Faith under Fire" and will be led by Robert Haddad, father of five and the Head of New Evangelisation for Sydney Catholic Schools. It's going to be a great morning of brotherhood and spiritual growth for all who attend. All men are invited.

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**Roster: 22 / 23 June 2019**

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>5:00PM Vigil</b>	Jim Lemcke	First Holy Communion Parents	1 Paul Thambyah 2 Prescilla Luzon 3 Rita D'Mello 4 Robyn Meehan 5 Mark Pereira 6 Sunitha Victor
<b>8:00AM</b>	Stephen Topple	Mel Talisayon Gregory Cheng	Joseph D'Mello Judith Orrock
<b>10:00AM</b>	John Fillion & Joel Tabuso	First Holy Communion Parents	1 Connie Buttigieg 2 Danima Grace 3 Felicity Donnelly 4 Gloria Divine 5 Darryle Fernandes 6 Devonna Gonsalves



**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 18th June 9:15am**

Mass for the Holy Souls

**Wednesday 19th June 9:15am**

Recently Deceased: Andrzej Dabrowski

**Thursday 20th June 9:15am**

Thanksgiving Mass from Pamela & Justin Tan

**Friday 21st June 9:15am**

Mass of Remembrance for Christopher Limwisin

**Saturday 22nd June 9:15am**

Mass of Remembrance for Anthony &

Thiraviam Thomas

**Note: Only One Mass Offering is permitted per day.**

**Liturgy for this week (17 - 23 June 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

**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Wed 19

Saint Romuald, Abbot

Fri 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Sat 22

Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More

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

**Envelopes for New Financial Year**

are ready for collection at the rear of the Church. Please complete the Parish Giver Update Form in the packs.

**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 June**

Marie Bennett, Fadia Tohme, Amala Ambrose, Grace Wei & Christine Henderson

LINEN: Vi Moussa

VACUUM: Jeremy

**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.

**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)

**Thank You to everyone for last weekend!**

The Parish Pentecost and Multicultural lunch on June 9th, 2019 was indeed a Great Celebration!!

It was a lively day with songs, dances, tea and food from the different nationalities of St. Michael's Parish.

Farewells are never easy, but we did try our best to make it a very memorable one for Father James. We are so thankful for the many volunteers who put in countless hours planning, setting up, cooking and baking treats, working the event and cleaning up after the event. Without people like you, this day would have never been possible. We all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in the love and joy the whole community shared. Once again thank you for your efforts and contribution. Until next Pentecost!!

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Meadowbank**

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