"Let me give you a new command: Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. This is how everyone will recognise that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”

John 13, 31-33a, 34-35

In what we now call “The Last Supper”, Jesus had a very clear premonition that his enemies were about to do away with him. So, he turned his attention to the legacy he wanted to leave to his closest friends. He set out to give them something that they could hold onto when confusion and grief would overcome them, after his death. He sensed that the only experience that would carry them through would be love. And let’s not forget that love is much more than a feeling. It is a verb; it is action; it is action that makes real demands.

To better understand the pressures under which Jesus lived his life, we have to appreciate that he was fully human. That’s what incarnation means. He was flesh and blood like us, with all the accompanying emotions and feelings that are part of being human. To spell that out, I am indebted to a piece written by a man I greatly admire, the late George McCauley SJ. He described, in a very imaginative way, how Jesus loved us:

“I will act as though I’m not God. I’ll go the acculturation route, wear native dress - they call it flesh and blood - live like them, be one of them. I will take on their full emotional range. I’ll draw near to God in all my humanity, and pray that I don’t melt when I get too close. I’ll feel the deep human shudder before the mystery - the helplessness and the incomprehension... I’ll forge my own values out of the disarray I see and the conflicting opinions I hear. And when I share my values with others, I’ll take the consequences - incomprehension, misquoting, suspicion of my motives and of my convictions (they really know how to go for the weak spot, don’t they?) But it won’t be so bad. At least my friends will never abandon me. Anyway, who would want to hurt anyone who is in favour of love?” (George McCauley, The Unfinished Image)

The love with which Jesus loved is completely and authentically human in shape and form. It’s the kind of love that God’s spirit has planted deep within us, and which has been reinforced by the parents who loved us into life and who modelled for us the selflessness of love. The biggest difficulty that most of us have with Jesus is accepting that he was consistently, relentlessly human. We have often been reminded of the words of St Irenaeus: “The glory of God is a human being fully alive.” Those words hold just as true for Jesus as they do for each one of us.

When Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected Pope in 2013, it was not by accident that he chose the name Francis. He was acutely aware of Francis of Assisi - a man of poverty and peace, a man whose heart overflowed with love of those around him, and whose love embraced creation, the environment and all the other creatures among whom we live. Pope Francis realized that he inherited a Church that is in desperate need of rebuilding. It will be rebuilt when we, as a community, take seriously Jesus’ words: “I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.” It means, as Pope Francis says, getting our hands dirty, catching the smell of sheep in need. Love in action speaks all languages. It also helps to rebuild broken lives and broken communities.

Adapted from Julian McDonald cfc. AO

Bishop’s Good Shepherds Appeal: WEEKEND 1st and 2nd June

When God calls, will you help them answer? The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ’s flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. Please give generously via the Bishop’s Good Shepherds Appeal envelopes or online at https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal/
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon
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.

Response to the Psalm:
I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
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.

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Congratulations to
• Dash Bullen
• Zoe Walsh
who were baptised at
St. Michael’s Church last week.

We pray that their faith may be an important
and integral part of their life.

Our Week
Mon 20 and Tue 21
7.30pm - Confirmation registrations in the church
Wed 22 May
8.30am - Mass at Willows
Thu 23 May
2.00pm - Mass at Summitcare
Fri 24 May
Solemnity - Our Lady, Help of Christians

PARISH MINISTRIES - Whatever your gift, there is a place for it within our
community of the Mass at St Michaels
We are being urged to put into practice the faith we believe in. We have been
encouraged to become involved in and take responsibility for the life of the Church - our Church.

If we take Mass as an example, we are no longer asked to simply attend Mass,
but to be involved as ministers at Mass by undertaking activities with the gifts
that God has given us.

If you are currently part of a Parish Ministry or wish to start a new one, we need
to know more about you, so that we can communicate exciting and important,
upcoming Events directly to you.

Contact Tracy Mans on 0433696117

THE WONDERFUL DIVERSITY OF OUR PARISH
Have you noticed the beautiful diversity of our parish?
It is so important that each and every nationality and ethnicity is represented as
we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that is Pentecost.
We would feel extremely Blessed to have a representative from each of our
diverse cultures contact us, so as to showcase their beautiful identity during our
Pentecostal Celebration.

Contact Tracy Mans on 0433696117

Sacrament of Confirmation
Programme
Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Michael’s Church will
start in beginning of June. Families with
children aged ten and a half or older (by 1 August), and who have made their First Holy
communion, are invited to participate.

It is compulsory to attend one of the two
registration evenings to be held: 7.30pm
Monday 20th May OR Tuesday 21st May at
St Michael’s Church.

The programme structure will be explained
at this time.

If your child has not received previous
Sacraments here at the Parish of Baulkham
Hills, please bring a copy of your child’s
baptismal certificate and communion
certificate to the registration evening. The
cost of the programme is $20 per child.

Please do not hesitate to contact the parish
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Celebrating Pentecost

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further assistance.
For Youth in the Parish of Baulkham Hills;
Y9-12: On this Friday the 24th of May, from 7-9pm at the Old Church join us for a jam packed night of games and activities! This evening we will be breaking open the series, ‘Who asks Who’, discussing what dating looks like in 2019, and if there is anything wisdom the church can offer for those dating today! This evening will be a massive forum for discussion so feel free to bring along any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

Youth Mass: From 6-7pm each Sunday at St. Michael’s, we want to bring ministries together to provide an engaging experience of liturgy for youth. To do this we need more young people for ministries such as welcoming, offertory, reading and collection, for more information please contact the Youth Minister (details below).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Youth Minister Paul Fam, on 0407 773 174, or send an email through to youth@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

**SUNDAY HOSPITALS VISIT**
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or people trained for home visitation of the sick are needed to take Holy Communion to the sick in Norwest Hospital and Baulkham Hills Rehab Hospital on Sundays, on a roster basis, approximately once every six weeks.

This is a very important and rewarding ministry.

For further details please contact the parish office on 9639 0598 or email admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

**DINNER FOR 8**
If you would like to be a part of the “Dinner for Eight” group, a clipboard is at the back of the church.

Please add your name and a phone number clearly and a member from Dinner for Eight, will contact you.

For further information ring Barbara Stenning 9639 9581 or Vicki Shearer 0403 433 025.

**ST PHILOMENA MASS AND DEVOTIONS: SAT 25 MAY**
Mass and Devotions for St Philomena will be held on Saturday 25 May at St John Vianney Parish, Doonside. Mass will be held at 12 midday. Please bring a snack to share. For further information, contact Libby Peoples – 0423 154 463 or epeoples9@gmail.com

**More details on notice board:**
- A Pentecost retreat day with Bishop Vincent Saturday 8 Jun 9am - 4 pm Mulgoa
- Bishop’s Good Shepherds Appeal weekend 1 and 2 Jun
- The Jewish Jesus in our Eucharist Wednesday 12 June

**Sharing Session at OLOL: Wed 22 May**
A get together, for all those who have lost a loved one to share stories over coffee and tea, will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at OLOL in the Parish Office commencing at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome!!

**The Jewish Jesus in the Eucharist: Wed Jun 12**
The Northern Deanery Pastoral Council is hosting a presentation from the Institute for Mission on The Jewish Jesus in the Eucharist on Wednesday June 12, at St Michael’s School Hall, Baulkham Hills from 7pm to 9pm. A light supper will be provided. To RSVP for catering purposes, contact Wendy on 0427 863 149 or deaneypc@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

**“SETTE GIUGNO”: SUN 2 JUNE**
The Maltese Community Council of New South Wales invites you to the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of The Maltese Uprising of Seventh June 1919 known as “Sette Giugno” at the Maltese Bicentennial Monument Civic Park, Pendle Hill. Sunday, 2nd June at 11.00am. All welcome. For more information contact Emanuel Camilleri 9822 0228

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHERE TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL?**
The Personalised Tutorial System, pioneered in Australia by PARED (Parents for Education Foundation), ensures that each child has the guidance of a personal mentor, the Tutor. They meet one-on-one throughout the year to work on goals for academic and character development, in close partnership with the parents. PARED has two Independent Schools in the Hills area:
- Tangara School on Franklin Road, Cherrybrook (boys and girls from Reception to Year 1)
  All girls from Years 2-12
- Redfield College on Old Northern Road, Dural (all boys from Years 2-12)

Academic excellence • Character formation • Strong co-curricular program • Caring environment • Community service and leadership • Solid religious education program on the teachings of the Catholic Church

Term 2 Open Day - Wednesday 29 May 2019
10.00am to 12.30pm (Tangara)
9.00am to 2.30pm (Redfield)

www.tangara.nsw.edu.au • 9680 4844
www.redfield.nsw.edu.au • 9651 4066

**The Marriage Project Seminar: Sat 25 May**
Engaged & newly married couples are invited to The Marriage Project’s next event on 25 May - Building a Marriage to Last a Lifetime - presented by Mike & Alicia Herron, from the Messy Family Project. They offer down to earth, practical insights into marriage and family life. Come along and meet other young couples and hear from these well renowned international speakers! Details at www.themarriageproject.com.au
PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest  Father Wim Hoekstra
Assistant Priests  Father Zvonimir Gavranovic
Father John Byung Chan Ji
Assistant Deacon  Deacon Roque Dias
Youth Minister  Paul Fam

ST MICHAEL’S PARISH CENTRE  (02) 9639 0598
Monday to Friday  8.30am to 4.30pm
Office Administrator  Monica O’Callaghan
Assistant Secretary  Betty Cheung

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre  (02) 9639 8385
Mon/Tues 1.30pm - 4.30pm; Wed - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm
Secretary  Louise Ryall

ST MICHAEL’S LITURGY SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Mon - Fri: 9.15am, 7.45pm

ROSARY:  Mon - Fri 8.50am, Sat 8.45am
ADORATION OF BLESSED EUCHARIST:  Tuesday 9.45am - 10.45am
RECONCILIATION:  Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am, 4.45pm to 5.15pm

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm (English), 7.30pm (Korean)
Sunday: 9.30am (English), 11.00am (Korean), 6pm (Maronite)
Wed - Fri: 9.30am

ADORATION OF BLESSED EUCHARIST:  Friday 8.50am prior to 9.30am Mass
RECONCILIATION:  Saturday 5.30pm

KOREAN CHAPLAINCY  (02) 9639 8369
1 Canyon Road, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153
Chaplain  Fr John Byung Chan Ji
Secretary  Regina Kim
Email: parrakc2004@gmail.com

In your mercy, please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Recently Deceased:  Endrino Parra, Manuel Kalaw Senior, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Victor Flores, Yasmine Luis, Ivan Garvanovic, Monica DeMello

Anniversary:
Emmanuella (Lily) Attard, Lew Zammit, Manuel Erpelo, Carmel Gooley

Sick:
Sr. Kathleen Dowse, Lucy Farugia, Miro Maric, Esteban Banayos, Julia Lordan, Amal Hayek, Vince Strati, Mary Hakim, George Hakim, Norma Steer, Debra Price, Michael Hallak, Pompeo Cignarella, Margaret Rowntree, Kata Bicanic, Toni Bicanic, Toni Ostoic, Jacinta Hollins, Raymond Malkoun, Johanne Theophilus, Jessica Hollins, Kevin D’Silva

Note: If you would like a family member or friend’s name to be included in sick list please gain permission from that person before you make request at parish office.