



Parish of Baulkham Hills St Michael's Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th September 2023

Dear Parishioners,

NO WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY MASSES AT OLOL TILL OCTOBER 11

Fr Wim is currently on leave "Quo Vadis Domine" pilgrimage to the Holy Land And Rome on Tuesday 5th September, returning in early October.

There will be no **Wednesday or Thursday Masses** at Our Lady of Lourdes October 11. Friday and weekend Masses will continue as usual.

During my time away, Fr Bob Anderson and Fr Philip Alesin will be helping out on Fridays and weekends respectively.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

We now begin to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion, which program starts after the school holidays.

Those children who will be 8½ or older by mid-November 2023 are eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. For those children who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year or earlier and have not yet made their first communion parents are asked to register via the QR code or [this Google Form link](#).

Those who have just recently completed the sacrament of reconciliation are automatically registered if they meet the age requirement. But please advise if you do not wish to proceed at this stage.



The Parents Information evenings will be at St Michael's on Monday 18 September and Tuesday 19 September at 7.30pm in the Church and on Monday 18 September at Our Lady of Lourdes School Learning area at 7.30pm. I understand that some of these are pupil-free days, but please attend.

MASS LINK FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The Mass link for this Saturday at 6pm for the **Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A** and available on YOUTUBE after that is

<https://youtube.com/live/s2HRCTU6Mik>

Please copy the link into browser if it does not immediately work.

Mass is live streamed on Saturday evening at 6pm from Our Lady of Lourdes, and available for viewing afterwards via the link. We are also using FACEBOOK links via the Parish of Baulkham Hills FACEBOOK page.

BISHOPS' FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support.

This appeal, supports retired clergy of the Diocese, such as Fr Bob Anderson and Fr Kevin Walsh, who have been supplying while Fr Jessie was on leave and will continue assist us during my leave.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal via the QR code or via the website link <https://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal>



PROJECT 24 – RENOVATING OLD ST MICHAEL'S

Please continue to make donations towards this project. Details towards the end of this bulletin. Please advise transfer details (amount, name and date) to admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au, so we can keep a record of donations.

Spring Season of Creation 2023 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

The Spring | Season of Creation 2023 edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* – the news and views of the Diocese of Parramatta – is out now! In this edition, we welcome home our World Youth Day pilgrims and we ground ourselves spiritually and environmentally in this Season of Creation. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

PIETY STALL- ST MICHAEL'S

Clearance Sale next Sunday 10th September after 8am & 10am masses.

FR ZVONIMIR – BLEIBURG: Massacre of the Croatian people 1945

Fr Zvonimir's latest book covers the history of his beloved Croatia, focussing on the suffering of the Croatian people, and their neighbours at the end of WWII. The book priced \$50 is available direct from Fr Zvonimir via email zvonimir@john23rd.org.au.

THE DECEASED

Please also remember those for whom prayers have been requested, especially for:

Recently deceased: Linda Hallett, Colleen Dryden and Dennis Cheung (the husband of our secretary Betty)

Anniversaries:

Andrew James, Maxwell McArthur, Alston Mortier, Bozo Ivezic and Anto

On behalf of Fr Wim— Fr Jessie

SUPPORT DONATIONS

Thank you for your continued support. To assist with the proper recording for the second collection, please include your envelope number if you have one.

For EFT to the First Collection - supporting the priests

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Reference Your name and details to us pls

If you wish to pay by credit card, please use this link <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/stmichaelsparishbaulkhamhills>

STAY FOR A CUPPA!

Our next morning tea hosted by the Alpha team will be **SUNDAY 10th September** after 10am mass.

We'd love you to stay and have a chat, while the kids play on the grass outside.

Morning tea will be served at the side entrance of the church.

**No cost involved. No need to RSVP.
ALL ARE WELCOME**



Can I help too? Yes, you can!

Click [here](#) OR email Emma Baker at alphateam2153@gmail.com

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA SYNOD NOVENA WEEK 5 - Sep 10

REFLECTION

We must continue along this path. The world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthen cooperation in all areas of her mission. It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.

What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word "synod". Journeying together - laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome - is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice.

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS Paul VI Audience Hall Saturday, 17 October 2015

Pause for reflection

PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united. Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod. Keep us anchored in your love.

Open our hearts as we listen and discern. Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep. Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



Junior youth group will be on next Friday 15 September from 6:45-8:30pm meeting in the church carpark. This will be our final one for the term.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules. Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform.

Mandatory Modules 1-3: **Saturday 28 October** at St Canice's Church, Katoomba from 10am-3pm.

Please register for these face-to-face renewal modules at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org. For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us Alleluia!



Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Sunday:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30.28-7; Romans 14.7-9;
Matthew 18.21-35

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

When couples who are going to be married in the Church come to see me for the first time, I get them to fill out a brief questionnaire. The last two questions on the form ask:

‘What do you like best about your partner?’

‘What do you like best about yourself?’

The first question usually presents no problems, although it can hold a few surprises and sometimes a playful punch if the right answer is not forthcoming!

The second question seems to present all sorts of difficulties, especially for prospective grooms. Some of us find it hard to name the God-given qualities we value most in our character. Some couples try to pass it off, ‘That’s for others to say’ or, ‘I don’t want to blow my own trumpet.’ Others try to dismiss the question as being new age or trendy.

But the question does, in fact, cut to the heart of both today’s second reading and Gospel. ‘You must love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ We cannot say in the same breath, ‘I hate myself, but I am a good Christian.’ For St Paul, love of self was not indulgent, but the cornerstone of our mission to love as Jesus loves us. Paul knew the difference between self-love and self-adoration. Our love of God is expressed in the healthy and appropriate esteem we have for ourselves. Put another way, we cannot love anyone else if we don’t love ourselves. If we have poor self-esteem then often we need others to fill up this gap in our self-love. Most relationships cannot sustain such a demand.

The Church has to take some responsibility for this state of affairs. We used to be taught that mortification and self-denial were good Christian virtues, and indeed they can be. When properly understood they are never opportunities for self-hatred. The sanest spiritual writers in our tradition

saw these virtues as paths of closeness with God and service of our neighbour.

One such writer was St Ignatius of Loyola who in the Spiritual Exercises saw that it was precisely as sinners that God loves us. He saw that one of the greatest gifts the Lord can give us is when we see our sinfulness for what it is, but are not overwhelmed by it, and that we experience the power of God’s love for us who calls us to walk as children of the light.

Jesus in today’s Gospel attends to this destructive side of our human nature. Jesus teaches us that those who do not love their neighbour as they should are to be treated with dignity and respect and offered every opportunity to seek forgiveness until it is clear they can no longer be a part of the Christian family.

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God’s love and forgiveness. And, although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that ‘anything goes’. It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.

And we know when these qualities are taking deep root in us because answering a question like, ‘What do you really like about yourself?’ is a piece of cake!

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven...Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18: 15-20

Speech is silver, Silence is golden is a proverb I learned decades ago in primary school. Whenever one of our teachers wanted to quieten our class down, he bellowed only the second half of that proverb. It wasn't until I was in secondary school that I realised how anomalous that teacher's bellowing was. More years passed before I came to appreciate that silence can be used destructively. I can use silence to express protest and annoyance. In fact, we have all probably learned how to use silence as a weapon to hold hostage somebody who has upset us. It is then that our silence becomes deafening. Moreover, we seem to get some satisfaction from hoping that our silence will prompt those around us to ask themselves questions like: "What have I done this time to upset her/him?" Jesus clearly knew that despite our antics to get even with those we believe have caused us grief, we all seem to want reconciliation with those by whom we have been distanced and we want it to be quick and easy, even though it's not.

To better understand the significance of today's gospel-reading, we would do well to give some consideration to the earlier part of chapter 18 of Matthew's Gospel from which today's reading is taken. The focus of this chapter is advice given by Jesus to his disciples about community building and formation. While Jesus had given attention in his ministry to reaching out to the poor, the forgotten and the overlooked, Matthew opened chapter 18 of his Gospel with an account of the disciples asking a surprising question: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" That question is surprising in that it indicates that the disciples were completely unaware of the attention that Jesus had been giving to the poor, the sick, the disabled and the needy. The attention of the disciples was given to finding out who was at the top of the pecking-order in the kingdom of God that Jesus was ushering in. Instead of dismissing their question as out-of-hand, Jesus chose to take it seriously and use it as a launching point for teaching the disciples how to go about using the power that he intended to invest in them. He singled out a small child as a symbol of those who most deserved their attention. Children represented those in society who were not listened to, like women and shepherds, those who had no credibility, those who strayed off the tracks like lost sheep, those who had lowered themselves to work for the Romans, like tax-collectors. Jesus was pointing out that true disciples would contribute to building up the kingdom of God by using their position and power to reach out to the least and the most vulnerable. Moreover, he chose to use exaggerated examples so that his disciples could learn what he was teaching without being threatened or thinking that Jesus was criticising them. The kingdom of God gives no attention whatsoever to listing who is the most important in the pecking-order or who is the greatest.

The section of Matthew chapter 18, leading up to today's gospel-reading is a set of brief teachings from Jesus about attitudes needed for building healthy community. That calls for avoiding competition and vying for status. It means reaching out to the most vulnerable and giving priority to respecting the young and those at risk, making sure not to manipulate them, scandalise them or lead them astray. It's important to search for what lies beneath the

hyperboles that Jesus used and to discern what is to be taken literally and what is to be viewed figuratively. For instance, we don't amputate our limbs or those of others because they have been instrumental in our sinning. Nor do we pluck out eyes that have been used for offending. And drowning people who have been "stumbling blocks" is not a practice to be recommended.

In today's gospel-reading we are given another strategy for how to go about strengthening community when wrong is done to us or another. Jesus warns against going off and rallying support by gossiping about the offender and what he or she is alleged to have done. Rather, we are urged to be courageous and honest enough to speak directly, one-to-one with the person who has hurt us in order to resolve the issue. Honest dialogue is the first step in opening the way to forgiveness and reconciliation. If that doesn't work and a meeting with community representatives produces no worthwhile outcome, the recommendation from Jesus is to treat the resistor "as a gentile/pagan or a tax-collector". And they were the very ones with whom Jesus preferred to dine and converse. In other words, if preaching and honest exchange do not work, proclaim the Gospel through the way in which we put it into practical action, through treating "offenders" with acceptance and respect. Don't resort to running them out of the community or out of town.

This reading boils down to exercising whatever role we have in the Christian community with accountability and a readiness to listen with an open ear and an open heart and to engage in honest discerning with those around us. To conduct ourselves like that implies that we engage creatively with the word of God in Scripture. The Bible texts which we are invited to explore each week do not amount to a book of answers. Neither are they weapons to be used for winning arguments. They offer us material for enriching our conversation with one another as together we venture to discover what it means to live faithfully in the communities we call family and Church. All the while, the Scripture calls us to look at the world beyond ourselves and to discern how best we engage sensitively with it.

Julian McDonald cfc.AO



POPE FRANCIS AND THE JOURNEY IN MONGOLIA

Catechesis of the Holy Father

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

On Monday I returned from [Mongolia](#). I would like to express my appreciation to those who accompanied me on my visit with prayer, and to reiterate my gratitude to the authorities, who solemnly welcomed me: in particular Mr. President Khürelsükh, and also the former President Enkhbayer, who gave me the official invitation to visit the country. I think back with joy of the local Church and the Mongolian people: a noble and wise people, who showed me great warmth and affection. Today I would like to take you to the *heart* of this journey.

One might ask: why did the Pope go so far to visit a small flock of the faithful? Because it is precisely there, far from the spotlight, that we often find the signs of the presence of God, who does not look at appearances, but at the heart, as we have heard in the passage from the prophet Samuel (cf. *1 Sam 16:7*). The Lord does not look for the centre-stage, but the simple heart of those who desire him and love him without ostentation, without wanting to tower above others. And I had the grade of meeting, in Mongolia, a humble Church, and a joyful Church, which is in the heart of God, and I can testify to their joy of finding themselves also at the centre of the Church for a few days.

That community has a touching history. It came about, by the grace of God, from the apostolic zeal – on which we are reflecting at the moment – of a few missionaries who, impassioned by the Gospel, went about thirty years ago to that country they did not know. They learned the language – which is not easy – and, despite coming from different nations, gave life to a united and truly Catholic community. Indeed, this is the meaning of the word “catholic”, which means “universal”. But it is not a universality that homogenizes, but rather a universality that inculturates, it is a universality that is inculturated. This is catholicity: an *embodied universality*, “inculturate”, which embraces the good where it is found and serves the people with whom it lives. This is how the Church lives: bearing witness to the love of Jesus meekly, with life before words, happy with its true riches: service to the Lord and to brethren.

This is how that young Church was born: in the spirit of charity, which is the best witness of faith. At the end of my visit, I had the joy of [blessing and opening the “House of Mercy”](#), the first charitable work that to be established in Mongolia as an expression of all the components of the local Church. A house that is the calling card of those Christians, but that asks every one of our communities to be a *house of mercy*: that is, an open place, a welcoming place, where the sufferings of each person can enter without shame in contact with God’s mercy, that lifts up and heals. This is the witness of the Mongolian Church, with missionaries from various countries who feel at one with the people, happy to serve them and to discover the beauty already there. Because these missionaries did not go to proselytize; this is not evangelical. They went to live there like the Mongolian people, to speak their language, the language of that people, to take on the values of that people and to preach the Gospel in the Mongolian style, with Mongolian words. They went and they were

“inculturated”: they took on the Mongolian culture to proclaim the Gospel in that culture.

I was able to discover something of this beauty, also by meeting some people, listening to their stories, appreciating their religious quest. In this regard, I am grateful for last Sunday’s [interreligious and ecumenical meeting](#). Mongolia has a great Buddhist tradition, with many people who live their religiosity in a sincere and radical way, in silence, through altruism and mastery of their own passions. Just think of how many hidden seeds of goodness make the garden of the world flourish, while we usually only hear about the sound of falling trees! And this is a... people, we too, like scandal: “But look what barbarism, a tree has fallen, what a noise it made!” “But do you not see the forest that grows every day?”, because growth is silent. It is decisive to be able to discern and recognize the good. Often, however, we appreciate others only to the extent that they correspond to our ideas; and we must see this good. And this is why it is therefore important to turn our gaze upwards, towards the light of goodness. Only in this way, starting from the recognition of the good, can we build a common future; only by valuing others can we help them to improve.

I was in the heart of Asia, and this did me good. It is good to enter into dialogue with that vast continent, to glean its messages, to know its wisdom, its way of looking at things, to embrace time and space. It was good for me to meet the Mongolian people, who cherish their roots and traditions, who respect the elderly and live in harmony with the environment: they are a people who contemplate the sky and feel the breath of creation. Thinking of the boundless and silent expanses of Mongolia, let us be stirred by the need to extend the confines of our gaze, please: broaden the horizons, look high and low, look and do not fall prisoner to trivial things. Let us expand the boundaries of our gaze, so that we may be able to see the good in others and be capable of broadening our horizons, and let us also open our heart; we need to make our heart grow and expand, in order to understand, to be close to every person and every civilization. Thank you.



FORMATION SESSION ON 'The profession of faith in healthcare'

All High School students interested in becoming health professionals are invited to attend a formation session on 'The profession of faith in healthcare.'



The details are:

Date: Saturday 16th September 2023

Venue: St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

RSVP to met@parracatholic.org

For students interested, they can read my homily for the Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass 2023 at <https://catholicoutlook.org/deacon-michael-tans-homily-for-the-diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/>

If there are enough students interested, we can also come to your school to speak to these students.


This session is part of a project in the Diocese to put together a formation community that will accompany and support young people as they make the transition from High School to University Studies, and then into a health profession.


Best Regards,
Deacon Dr. Michael Tan

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ARISE WOMEN'S RETREAT:
16 SEPTEMBER

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a day of reflection, inspiration and encounter with Christ at this year's Arise Women's Retreat: 'Arise - Talitha Koum - Little girl, I say ARISE' on Saturday 16 September from 8.30am to 8.30pm. The retreat will include Mass, meditation, talks, praise and worship, creative expression, spiritual direction and healing Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. All meals are included. For bookings and more information, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078404>



SEASON OF CREATION:
1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration and this year's theme is, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. It starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis reminds us that the next chapter in the Church's synodal journey will begin at the conclusion of the Season of Creation. He hopes that this synodal journey will foster deeper communion enriched by greater dialogue. To learn more, please contact our Peace, Justice and Ecology team via met@parracatholic.org

DADS AT THE SHRINE

Dads at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration held at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, next held **Wednesday 13 September**. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a simple cup of tea. All dads are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106



MARY MACKILLOP AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE 17/10 - 28/10/2023

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on

17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For itinerary and application form please contacted

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY FOR WOMEN

This support group is for women who have family members serving a prison sentence. Live-in weekends are held twice a year at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. This is a safe space where women can meet and share with others their challenges. The next weekend will be held November 10 - 12, 2023.



Are you interested in bringing the Gospel message to prisoners and their families?

Kairos Prison Ministry is hosting an information session on Saturday 16th September at 2.30pm-4.30pm at Blacktown Uniting Church, 59 Bungarribee Road, Blacktown. Come and hear how you can join other Christians in dramatically changing lives.

RSVP to kidillwyniasec@kairos.org.au or phone Yvonne on 0419 284 128.

DIOCESAN FOOD DRIVES

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at parracatholic.org/fooddrive or emailing james.atanasious@parracatholic.org

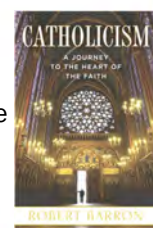


CATHOLICISM SERIES

Meeting in the Crying Room at St Michael's Church after 9.15am Mass.

The Program is "Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith" by Bishop Robert Barron

Contact: Barbara Stenning 0466 608 400
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Parish of Baulkham Hills



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CURRENT LITURGY SCHEDULE

ST MICHAEL'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
 Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm
 Mon - Fri: 9.15am Sat: 9.00am

ROSARY: Mon - Fri 8.50am, Sat 8.45am

ADORATION OF BLESSED EUCHARIST

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.45am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am, 4.45 - 5.15pm

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
 Sunday: 9.30am, 11.30am (Korean)
 Fri: 9.30am (No Wed or Thu Masses until further notice)

ADORATION OF BLESSED EUCHARIST

Friday 8.50am prior to 9.30am Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.00 - 5.30pm

BAPTISMS and MARRIAGES (by appointment only)

Please contact the appropriate Parish Office

KOREAN CHAPLAINCY

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 Chaplain Fr. Pio Yong Ho Jang
 Secretary Rita Ryoo

Mass Times	LECTORS 10 SEPTEMBER 2023	LECTORS 17 SEPTEMBER 2023
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Dequena, P. Eustace, F. Ritky	E. Riches, P. Sladen, C. Vella
Sunday 8.00 am	M. Cameron, C. Worthington, G. Machado	A. Mendes, N. D'Lima, J. Kerr
Sunday 10.00 am	J. van Gend, M. Reefman	C. Burton, A. Mantaring, S. Mantaring
Sunday 6.00 pm	M. Moloney, M. Moloney	N. Reeden, G. Tamayo, R. Borg
Mass Times	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 10 SEPTEMBER 2023	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 17 SEPTEMBER 2023
Saturday 5.30 pm	K. McElduff, R. Gosper, A. Mascari, W. Ng	G. Rodrigues, D. Rodrigues, R. Gosper, L. Domanillo
Sunday 8.00 am	T. Barnes, M.Cameron, P & M Zammit, R. McGuinness	B. Boguradzki, A. Lockwood, B. Smith
Sunday 10.00 am	D. Warren, C Malinis, S. Malinis, C Vella	J. Banayos, S. Malinis, N. Reeden
Sunday 6.00 pm	N. Redden, R. Santos, R. Borg	J. Macey, R. Macey L. De La Cruz, S. Haskins
ROSTERS:	WEEK BEGINNING 10.09.23	WEEK BEGINNING 17.09.23
COUNTERS	Counters 10.09.23 : Team 2: K. McElduff	Counters 17.09.23 : Team 3: R. McGuinness
FLOWER MINISTRY	Saturday 16.09.23 : M. Mifsud, L. Laksana	Saturday 23.09.23 : M. Medvidovic, R. O'Donnell
PROJECTOR	Weekend 16/17 September 2023 - Masses: Sat 5:30pm: S. Yao Sun 8am: J. Mariadassou 10am: G. Wongso 6pm: A. Saker	



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

Recently deceased:

Colleen Dryden, Linda Hallett, Dennis Cheung (husband of Betty), Remegio Cagaanan

Anniversaries:

Maxwell McArthur, Joseph Cape, Andrew James, Alston Mortier, Bozo Ivezic, Antonio Pellicano

Sick:

Greg Hopwood, Tony Maroun, Garry Eldersley, Trent Styles, Katherine Izzo, Tony Biddle, Judith Chie, Joey & Noah, Nicholas Tadros, Mimi Yeung, Baby Carter McGhie, Cathy Vella, Judy Poon, Kong Su Chong, Jamal Kairouz, Ocean Dumlao, Bridgette & Gabriella Boldt, Debra Price, Mary Burns, Marie Bolton, Cynthia Gomes, Salma Lattouf, Jane Gibson, Frank Jacobs, Jacinta Hollins, Joe Maroun, Florgina Henry, Richard Miranda, Joseph MacDermid, Catherine Hemmings, Baby William Merhi, Rev Dr. Richard Waugh QSM