



Parish of Baulkham Hills

St Michael's Church

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th October 2024

PARISH NOTES

Dear Friends,

Having been able to spend 2 days on Hamilton Islands, where I conducted a wedding for former parishioners, was a welcome distraction. Back to our parish, I am now facing great challenges and difficult decisions that I must take for the sake of our parish' future.

The parish ended the financial year 2023 with a deficit of 132K. We forecast a continuing deficit between 95-100K for 2024, and 35K for 2025. It would mean that for the next three years, there will be a shortfall of 270K.

Various solutions have been proposed. It is obvious that we need to increase our weekly offerings. For now, it is suggested that an increase in our weekly second collection by 2K would help to decrease the financial gap. There are different ways to contribute. Economically, the best form of giving is via direct debit / 'tap and go' donation. From the total amount, 30% are destined automatically for the first and 70% are for the second collection. The first collection supports the living expenses for the priests in the diocese, while the second collection covers for the expenses of the parish (wages, insurances, utilities, maintenance and upgrade of facilities and buildings). Also, you are welcome to make a contribution in cash. Please be mindful that for each 1 dollar in cash donation, 20 cents are used to pay for banking fees and administration expenses. Keeping cash on the premises and transporting it to the bank are inherently risky and surely less safe. If you donate via direct debit / 'tap and go' you also increase the safety of all involved.

Furthermore, we also must exercise financial discipline and practice conscious spending. It is imperative that we examine our current expenses and find savings. We need to make monthly savings of 5k. The level of current expenses is unsustainable. We need to cut avoidable costs. Mindful of the gravity and impact that cuts may affect people and our communities, I will act with outmost caution.

However, I am very determined to make hard decisions. In some cases, they may be unpopular. Surely, I would love to be popular amongst parishioners. But, if being popular requires a neglect of my responsibility for the parish and for you, I do not want to be popular at all costs. My aim is to make our parish sustainable for you, your children and grandchildren.

It is a task that I can't do by myself. Certainly, I love to contribute. But I need your understanding, goodwill, and your help. It is your parish, and you need to take responsibility too, for the well-fare and good future of your children and children. The growth of the parish depends on collaboration amongst all members as St Paul wrote to the Ephesians:

"From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16). Thank you for sharing the responsibility and burden with me.

Have a great weekend

Fr Joe

MASS LINK FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year B

The Mass link for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time is <https://youtube.com/live/4x6y9aqhn1s> . Please copy the link into browser if it does not immediately work.

Mass is usually 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.

THE DECEASED

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

Recently deceased: Barbara Woodland, Pamela Sampson, Warren Wells, Luke McGuinness, Jim Clark, Jeff Bennet

Anniversaries: Margaret Rider, Emerita Parra

SUPPORT DONATIONS

We really appreciate 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

BSB	067 950
Account No	000004265
Account Name	Diocesan Clergy
Reference	6001 your name

For EFT to the second (envelope and loose) Collection – for support of the Parish

BSB	067 950
Account No	000000214
Account Name	St Michael's Baulkham Hills
Reference	Envelope Number or Your Name

For EFT to the St Michael's Special Account

BSB	067 950
Acct No	100005310
Acct Name	Special Purposes
Reference	Your name and please email details to admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

Is 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

(R) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Baptism

Congratulations to

- ♦ Alexander Zac Berkovits
- ♦ Micah Nathan Lee



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.

DATA PROJECTOR - VIGIL AND 6PM



If you are looking for a ministry at St. Michael's Church where you can play on the computer, this may be the job for you! We are **urgently** looking for help on **Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 6pm Mass projection.**

If you are interested please contact the parish office on 9639 0598 or email admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

PIETY STALL OCTOBER SALE

We have 20% off all Glow in the Dark statues, rosary beads, pendants and bracelets.



PUBLIC ROSARY

40+ parishioners from the parish of Baulkham Hills attended our Public Rosary at George Suttor memorial park to honour Our Lady and request God's blessing for Australia. We were blessed with a warm sunny day and everyone present participated in the beautiful program of prayers. Every succeeding year we have the Public Square Rosary seems to feel more special.

I look forward, God willing, to having a similar Public Rosary celebration next year.

Sincerely, John Vassett Organiser

WANTED - 20 MINUTES PER MONTH

The Piety Stall sells goods promoting our faith and raises money for charity. We are looking for people to assist manning the stall. If you are available for 20 minutes (10 minutes before and after one mass) every month and are willing to help please contact Megan Ph: 0418 683 858



Mass of Installation

Rev Dr Dr Joseph Lam

Saturday 19 October 2024 at St Michael's

Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate the Vigil Mass (5.30pm) with installation of Rev Dr Dr Joseph Lam at St Michael's

on Saturday 19 October 2024

All welcome to join us for a light supper



HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

The Parish of Baulkham Hills Pastoral Care Committee has set aside every Thursday and Saturday as "Holy Communion to the housebound days".

If you are someone or know someone who is housebound and unable to attend Mass regularly due to ill health or mobility challenges please contact the parish office on 96390598 so our Pastoral Care team can arrange regular home visitation on either Thursday or Saturday where we will conduct a short Communion service for you.

In Loving Memory

The funeral Service of Pamela Florence Merle Sampson will be held on Friday 25 October at 11am here in St Michael's Church.



YOUTH IN MISSION 2025 IN THE PHILIPPINES



St Paul the Apostle Parish and Filipino Chaplaincy - Diocese of Parramatta are inviting young and passionate individuals to join this mission to Cebu and Manila, Philippines to help those in need. The target group are young adults aged 18 to 30.

This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in a new culture while contributing to meaningful projects that make a real impact where your efforts will directly benefit communities in need. You can make a tangible difference by working on projects that address critical needs and support local development, grow and develop personally in gaining invaluable life skills and even build lasting friendships. This experience isn't just about giving; it's also about growing and learning. You'll return home with a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper understanding of global issues. For more details, please contact Fr. John Paul on 0420 310 771 or johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org



Parish of Baulkham Hills



PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest Father Joseph Lam (from 1 October)
Assistant Priest Father Thomas Bui
Assistant Deacons Deacon Roque Dias
Youth Ministry Kimberley Almeida

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 CHURCH

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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)
Wed - Fri: 9.30am

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

1 Canyon Road, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153
Chaplain Fr. Pio Yong Ho Jang
Secretary Rita Ryou

Mass Times	LECTORS 19/20 OCTOBER 2024	LECTORS 26/27 OCTOBER 2024
Saturday 5.30 pm	E. Riches, P. Sladen	N. Donnelly, L. Gonsalves, C. Ryan
Sunday 8.00 am	A. Mendes, N. D'Lima, J. Kerr	M. McLoughlin, V. Diago, A. Sullivan
Sunday 10.00 am	C. Burton, A. Mantaring, S. Mantaring	S. Anderson, L. Tedesco, B. Fabri
Sunday 6.00 pm	N. Redden, G. Tamayo, R. Borg	A. Goonan, A. Hay, I. Lazar
Mass Times	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 19/20 OCTOBER 2024	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 26/27 OCTOBER 2024
Saturday 5.30 pm	K. McElduff, D. Rodrigues, L. Karam	G. Rodrigues, A. Mascari, L. Karam, E. Hanrahan
Sunday 8.00 am	T. Barnes, S. Espiritu, C. Harding	B. Boguradzki, A. Lockwood, S. Espiritu, B. Smith
Sunday 10.00 am	J. Banayos, D. Warren, C. Malinis	J. Banayos, M. Ignacz, C. Malinis
Sunday 6.00 pm	P. Finnerty, E. Lee, R. Borg, A. Rodrigues	J. Macey, R. Macey, S. Haskins
ROSTERS:	WEEK BEGINNING 20.10.24	WEEK BEGINNING 27.10.24
COUNTERS	Counters 20.10.24 Team 4 : J. Gorman	Counters 27.10.24 Team 5 : P. Waite
FLOWER MINISTRY	Saturday 26.10.24 : M. Medvidovic, R. O'Donnell	Saturday 02.11.24 : M. Mifsud, R. O'Donnell, V. Wells
PROJECTOR	Weekend 26th/27th October 2024 - Masses: Sat 5:30pm: L. Fernendes Sun 8am: M. Donnelly 10am: M. Almeida 6pm: S. Menezes	



Recently deceased:

Barbara Woodland, Pamela Sampson, Warren Wells, Luke McGuinness, Jim Clark, Jeff Bennet

Anniversaries:

Margaret Rider, Emerita Parra,

Sick:

Bill Rowan, Natasha Leitao, Felix Melinz, Arlene D'Cruz, Jacqui Sneesby, Jo Khong, Rebecca Grech, Monera Obeid, Judy Poon, Margaret White, Tony Biddle, Connie Rivas, Cathy Vella, Greg Hopwood, Garry Eldersley, Katherine Izzo, Joey & Noah, Mimi Yeung, Nicholas Tadros, Debra Price, Mary Burns, Kong Su Chong, Jamal Kairouz, Frank Jacobs, Cynthia Gomes, Baby Carter McGhie, Marie Bolton, Jane Gibson, Bridgette & Gabriella Boldt, Jacinta Hollins, Florgina Henry, Richard Miranda, Joseph MacDermid, Catherine Hemmings, Young William Merhi, Rev Dr. Richard Waugh QSM