



Parish of Baulkham Hills

St Michael's Church

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th November 2024

PARISH NOTES

Dear Friends,

USA has voted and has chosen Donald Trump as its 47th President. As with any change of government, there will be changes. We will see what the future holds. Let us pray that the US administration under the new President respects the dignity of each person and contributes to world's peace and security.

Jesus lived in a difficult time when the respect rather was given to the powerful than to the underprivileged class. This Sunday's gospel reflects this gap between the two social classes. As usual, Jesus went to the Temple where he observed the rich man giving a great sum of money, while the poor widow only "threw in" two coins. In Jesus' view, the latter deserves more respect because she gave to God all she had to survive. Through the two coins, she has given her entire livelihood, indeed her whole life to God.

In contrast to the giving of the rich, the widow lives her devotion to God. She shows that God is not simply interested in gifts, but in the fact that a person gives Him her whole life, offering herself to God as a sacrifice.

Only God sees what people do not look at. Because the gift of the poor requires a big heart that is ready to give, and it requires a deep trust in God, who cares for those who place their fate entirely in His hands. Her trust gains her the peace and security of life that a big sum of money can't buy.

Last Monday, the newly appointed Parish Finance Committee met for the first time since the change of parish leadership. Members were briefed by Wendy Small and Fr Joe on the history of parish income and spending from 2013-2024, including the current financial state of the parish. Since 2013, the parish income has steadily declined, while the expenses remain very high. The PFC acknowledges the contribution of long-term regular donors, while it also encourages all to become regular givers if they haven't done so.

Like the PFC, our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Wednesday for its first constitutive meeting. Members will discuss and implement a new model of pastoral leadership based on co-responsibility and collaboration. The new model hopes to renew the parish community to become a missionary evangelizing community characterized by a strong commitment to sharing the Gospel, understanding and engaging with the contemporary culture, fostering personal conversion, building a welcoming community, and employing effective strategies for evangelization and outreach. It will be an exciting new chapter for our parish.

Here, I would like to personally express my gratitude to Kimberly Almeida, who is a child of our parish and our parish youth coordinator. Kim has done a fantastic job because of her love for our parish and dedication to faith that she wants to share with our youth/young adults. Because of her studies and new employment, Kim has concluded her ministry.

After many years, the parish is organizing a Christmas carols night on 7 December 2024 from 6.30-9pm. A group of

parishioners met last Wednesday to discuss and to organize this event. A list of volunteers' jobs will be distributed amongst parishioners. The aim of the event is to help parishioners to celebrate Christmas with faith and to create a community spirit amongst parishioners. As it is a community building event, may I ask for your generous helping hands. As the parish is financially stretched, it would also be helpful if there were parishioners who would like to sponsor the community event. We are seeking a donation of 2,000k to cover the cost (lights, stage etc.)

Don't forget to register for the parish advent biblical reflection during December. Places are limited.

Have a great week ahead

Fr Joe

MASS LINK FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year B

The Mass link for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is <https://youtube.com/live/5Zavbih5Hps>. 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: Simon Seselja

Anniversaries: Raymond Keppie, Eddie Lai, Michael McKenna

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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>

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

1 Kg 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

(R) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and

for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Mk 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Baptism

Congratulations to

- Henry Harrison



who was baptised at St. Michael's Church last week

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

Our Week

Monday 11 November

Memorial - St Martin of Tours

Tuesday 12 November

Memorial - St Josaphat

A poster for Advent Biblical Studies with a decorative border of leaves. The text is centered and includes details about the presenter and dates.

ADVENT BIBLICAL STUDIES

Christmas: Folktale or Truth?
Some people think that the nativity story is historically inaccurate. Rather, it is an adaption of pagan myths. Is it so? How did the authors of the Four Gospels and Paul see the birth of Jesus?
Come and explore the biblical-theological dimension of the Nativity.

Presenter: Fr Joseph Lam, PhD STD

TUESDAYS, 03 / 10 / 17 DECEMBER 7.30PM
Parish of Baulkham Hills, St Michael, DOWNEY ROOM

Places are limited. Please pre-register your attendance with the parish office (admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)

A purple poster for Parish Christmas Carols 2024 featuring a large treble clef and musical notes. The text is in white and yellow.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2024

**07 DECEMBER 2024
AFTER THE VIGIL MASS
AT 6.30PM TO 9.00PM**

Call-out to members of our Music Ministry – will you be willing to take a lead on two or three carols with your group on the night?

Call-out to parishioners who love to BBQ – would you be willing to help cooking sausages on the night, (which will be provided)?

If you or your group are able to assist with either of these requests, we'd be grateful for you letting the Parish Office know by Monday 11 November on 9639 0598 so we can coordinate times, carols and cooks. Thanks!

A poster for RCIA with a glowing cross in the background. The text is in white and black.

RCIA is more than a program of instruction. It is a process of **conversion**.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A life changing opportunity for those considering becoming a Catholic Christian.

The journey begins Dec 1st in the Parish of Baulkham Hills. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Monica 9639 0598 or Brad 0418 619 510 by Nov 22nd.

It begins with an awareness...or stirring in one's heart for something more.

It could be a curiosity or a sense of longing for fulfilment. Maybe it's God calling you to explore the life of faith, love, and justice within the community of the Catholic Church.

A poster with a floral border and blue text. The text is in a large, bold, blue font.

**CONGRATULATIONS
AND GOD BLESS ALL
OUR CHILDREN WHO
CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST
HOLY COMMUNION**



Parish of Baulkham Hills



PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest Father Joseph Lam
 Assistant Priest Father Thomas Bui
 Assistant Deacons Deacon Roque Dias

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 Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm
 Office Administrator Monica O'Callaghan
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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 Ryoo

| Mass Times | LECTORS 09/10 NOVEMBER 2024 | LECTORS 16/17 NOVEMBER 2024 |
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| Saturday 5.30 pm | G. Dequena, P. Eustace, F. Ritky | E. Riches, P. Sladen |
| 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, M. Neylan | C. Burton, A. Mantaring, S. Mantaring |
| Sunday 6.00 pm | M. Moloney, M. Maloney, S. Turner, A. Rodrigues | N. Redden, G. Tamayo, R. Borg |
| Mass Times | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 09/10 NOVEMBER 2024 | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 16/17 NOVEMBER 2024 |
| Saturday 5.30 pm | G. Rodrigues, D. Rodrigues, R. Gosper, E. Hanrahan | K. McElduff, R. Gosper, L. Karam, W. Ng |
| Sunday 8.00 am | B. Boguradzi, A. Lockwood, B. Smith | B. Boguradzki, R. Waite, R. McGuinness |
| Sunday 10.00 am | J. Banayos, S. Malinis, N. Redden | N. Redden, C. Malinis, D. Warren |
| Sunday 6.00 pm | J. Macey, R. Macey, S. Haskins, A. Rodrigues | P. Finnerty, S. Stagnitta, E. Lee |
| ROSTERS: | WEEK BEGINNING 09.11.24 | WEEK BEGINNING 16.11.24 |
| COUNTERS | Counters 09.11.24 Team 7 : P. Kocsis | Counters 17.11.24 Team 8 : T. Dalton |
| FLOWER MINISTRY | Saturday 16.11.24 : M. Misfud, L. Laksana | Saturday 23.11.24 : M. Medvidovic, R. O'Donnell |
| PROJECTOR | Weekend 16th/17th November 2024 - Masses: Sat 5:30pm: S. Yao Sun 8am: R. Baker 10am: G. Wongso 6pm: L. Teng | |



Recently deceased:

Simon Seselja

Anniversaries:

Raymond Keppie, Eddie Lai,
 Michael McKenna (16 months)

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