



Parish of Baulkham Hills

St Michael's Community

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st July 2022

PARISH UPDATE – FRIDAY JULY 29 A COVID SAFE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish in these difficult COVID and flu-like times.

I hope you are continuing to keep well, and while grateful for some nice sunny winter days, remind you that if you are not feeling well to stay at home and watch the Mass via the link below.

As you are aware, discussion continues about the need to wear masks in places where people are gathered. NSW Health strongly advises people get fully vaccinated and wear a face mask where they cannot physically distance. Masks are available from the front of the Church, should you wish to wear one.

CONFIRMATIONS AT ST MICHAEL'S THIS WEEK

This week, about 120 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this time.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION AT OLOL

Registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes begins on Monday. A Parents' Information evening will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday August 16th in the Open learning area at OLOL School. Please check details in the bulletin.

DEACON ANDREW CALLED TO ORDINATION AS PRIEST

Bishop Vincent will ordain Deacon Andrew to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7.30pm on Friday, August 26th. All are invited to attend this Mass. We congratulate him on this call.

Please keep Andrew in your prayers, especially this week as he is on retreat in preparation for his ordination.

The newly-ordained priest will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Padre Pio Church, Howell Drive, Glenmore Park on Saturday, 27 August at 1pm. Further details to be advised.

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS – ACTS AND DECREES – Topics 1 and 2

As part of our concern for all to be aware of the Plenary Council deliberations, we are presenting the various Acts and Decrees of the Plenary Council for your study and perusal. Last week we provided the Introduction to the document.

This week we provide Acts and Decrees of **Topic 1 (Reconciliation: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts)** and **2 (Choosing Repentance – Seeking Healing)**.

PARISH UPDATE - PARISH WORKING GROUP

The Parish Working Group met on Thursday, 14 July.

The group reviewed its progress and considered the way forward, with the goal of forming a Parish Pastoral Council that flows from a Parish Forum, and it is this Forum that the Group is working towards. Group members would connect with parishioners to discover parish needs through spiritual conversations, and report back at the next meeting.

The Group also recognised that there are residual issues relating to the suppression of Baulkham Hills South Parish in 2014, and the Group is working towards the Listening Circles concept to discern these matters. We hope to organise these for October.

The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday, 18 August 2022 at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Centre.

Please pray for the group and its work.

MASS LINK

The Mass link for this **Saturday for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Sat 6pm) and available on YOUTUBE after that is https://youtu.be/_dRZ9witMYw. 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. Thank you to Jim and Brian for your help with this every week.

FR ZVONIMIR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr Zvonimir will be celebrating 50 years of priestly ministry with a Mass at Stanhope Gardens on Sunday 28 August at 10.30am. Full details in the bulletin.

DATE CHANGE

Please note that the Parents' Information Evening for children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation via Our Lady of Lourdes is now changed to Tuesday, 16th August, as Monday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Mary's Assumption, which is a Holy Day of obligation, and so there will be Mass at 7.30pm that evening.

FOR THE DECEASED

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

Recently deceased:

Bill Patterson, Christian Jackson

Anniversary:

Rajka Mustac, M.D. John, Maria Stagnitta, India Spink, Rona Alice, Michael Hitti, Joseph Alam, deceased members of the McLoughlin & Dooley families

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

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

ACTS AND DECREES OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL – TOPICS 1 and 2

1. RECONCILIATION: HEALING WOUNDS, RECEIVING GIFTS

All Australians have much to learn from the cultures, spirituality, and knowledge of country of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. However, our society is yet to recognise fully Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the traditional owners and custodians of the lands and waters now known as Australia, or to achieve right relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

The Catholic Church in Australia has been caught up in this history of dispossession, Stolen Generations, racism, and the undermining of language and culture. Dioceses, eparchies, and religious institutes have made sincere efforts to share faith, education, and pastoral services with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. However, much suffering has been inflicted by the historically misguided attempts of those who were ignorant of the cultural richness of these peoples.

We know that we will not be ‘fully the Church that Jesus wants’ us to be until Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made their contribution to the life of the Church and “until that contribution has been joyfully received by others” within the Church.

The Plenary Council joyfully receives the following recommendations of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC), which were submitted “in the hope that the Catholic Church in Australia will more resemble the Church that Jesus Christ wants her to be in relation to Australia’s First Peoples” (John Paul II, Address to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, 29 November 1986):

- a. Developing the cross-cultural competency of clergy, religious, lay workers and volunteers in the Catholic Church to enable more effective and appropriate ministry with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- b. NATSICC calls upon the Catholic Church to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to undertake formation and training. Further, the Church is encouraged to ensure that existing retreats and courses are culturally appropriate.
- c. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality contains symbols and rituals that, when used appropriately in Catholic liturgical contexts, enrich our celebrations, and facilitate a welcoming environment for Indigenous Peoples.
- d. NATSICC recommends that the traditional custodians of the land on which the Church, school, parish, or organisation stands be acknowledged in a prominent and appropriate manner. Verbal acknowledgement prior to meetings and Mass is also encouraged.
- e. NATSICC calls upon the Catholic Church to unearth and discover the genius and gifts that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people possess through inclusion on committees, boards, and decision-making bodies.

The Fifth Plenary Council:

- a. says sorry to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in and beyond the Church for the part played by the Church in the harms they have suffered;
- b. commits to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in continuing to work towards recognition, reconciliation and justice;
- c. joyfully receives and accepts the recommendations contained in the NATSICC position paper “Embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Life of the Catholic Church”;
- d. endorses the Uluru Statement from the Heart and encourages engagement with processes for implementing the statement, including local, regional, and national truth-telling efforts.

DECREE

The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia decrees:

Article 1

That each Catholic school, parish, diocese, eparchy or organisation will respond to the recommendations contained in the NATSICC position paper, “Embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Life of the Catholic Church” in the following ways:

- a. acknowledges in a prominent and appropriate manner the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which their buildings stand;
- b. includes the online Cultural Competency in a Catholic Context course developed by NATSICC and approved by the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the orientation and/or ongoing formation of staff and volunteers to enable more effective and appropriate ministry;
- c. ensures that any retreats and other formation activities offered are culturally appropriate;
- d. works actively to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on its committees, boards and decision-making bodies.

Article 2

That the advisory councils of the Bishops’ Commission for Liturgy, in partnership with NATSICC, will develop options for the liturgically and culturally appropriate use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander symbols and rituals in Catholic liturgical contexts, with respect for the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. *The Eastern Catholic Churches in Australia will interpret the decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia in accordance with the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches and the traditions of each church sui iuris.*

In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, this decree is not to be promulgated until it has been reviewed by the Apostolic See. It will be promulgated in Australasian Catholic Record and the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in accordance with its usual practice. The decrees will oblige six months after promulgation.

2. CHOOSING REPENTANCE – SEEKING HEALING

1. As the Plenary Council of the Church in Australia, we express our profound sorrow that children and young people and vulnerable adults have been abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that religious leaders have failed to act sufficiently to prevent or respond to abuse. To the victims and survivors of abuse, their families, and communities, we offer our unreserved apology. We commit to doing whatever we can to promote healing for those so gravely harmed and to make the Church a truly safe place for everyone (Cf. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia's Response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, 31 August 2018).
2. The Church has taken significant steps in recent decades to respond to those who have suffered the trauma of abuse. These steps have included the national Towards Healing protocol and the Melbourne Response. Dioceses and other Church organisations have introduced policies and procedures to ensure that good practice in professional standards and safeguarding is observed by all who exercise ministry in the Church. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse highlighted the extent of abuse in the Church and in our society as a whole. The Royal Commission also made recommendations about what should be done to ensure justice and compassion for those who have been abused and to create a safer Church and a safer society. The Church's annual reports to the National Office for Child Safety provide an account of how Church organisations are implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission. Some Church communities have set up memorials in various forms, as a tangible recognition of the harm done through abuse and the need for special care for children. Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd, as well as regional and local initiatives, have an ongoing role in promoting the protection of children and adults at risk.
3. In responding to the call to become a more Christ-centred Church, the members of the Plenary Council reflected on the special care that Christ showed to children, welcoming them and blessing them (Matthew 19:13–15; Mark 10:13–15). We are keenly aware of the cases in which the Church has failed to follow Christ's example of such care and we acknowledge the need for repentance.
4. As a Plenary Council, we recommit the Catholic Church in Australia to responding transparently, with justice and compassion, to those who have been abused, whether they approach the Church directly or through the government's National Redress Scheme or through civil litigation. Dioceses and other Church organisations should provide sensitive and appropriate processes for the pastoral care of those who have been abused.
5. For the safeguarding of children and adults at risk, and for the prevention of abuse, we recommit the Catholic Church in Australia to implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. We endorse the expectation in those standards that each diocese and Catholic entity regularly reviews their procedures for keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe, in the light of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, as well as the requirements of canon and civil law.
6. We affirm the practice of an annual Day of Prayer (currently called "Safeguarding Sunday") on which Church communities throughout Australia pray for God's healing for those who have suffered abuse and dedicate themselves to care for children and all those who are vulnerable, following the example of Christ.
7. In this introduction, the Plenary Council:
 - a. says sorry to the victims and survivors of abuse, their families and communities;
 - b. recommits the Church to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered from the trauma of abuse, including where appropriate, ongoing pastoral and spiritual support and accompaniment;
 - c. encourages the practice, where appropriate, of local memorials in various forms, as a tangible recognition of the harm done through abuse and the need for special care for children;
 - d. reaffirms the commitment of the Church in Australia to the work of implementing and improving safeguarding standards and practices;
 - e. calls on all Catholics to commit to ensuring that Church environments are safe and respectful; and
 - f. requests the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia and the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons, with assistance from appropriate experts, to study, acknowledge and address systemic factors which have facilitated abuse within the Church.

DECREE

The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia decrees:

Article 1

That to express more fully the aims of the annual "Safeguarding Sunday", in consultation with those who have been harmed by abuse:

- a. a new name will be adopted for "Safeguarding Sunday", and
- b. the Bishops Commission for Liturgy will develop appropriate rituals and liturgical resources to be offered to parishes for use on the day.

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In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, this decree is not to be promulgated until it has been reviewed by the Apostolic See. It will be promulgated in Australasian Catholic Record and the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in accordance with its usual practice. The decrees will oblige six months after promulgation.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

(R) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

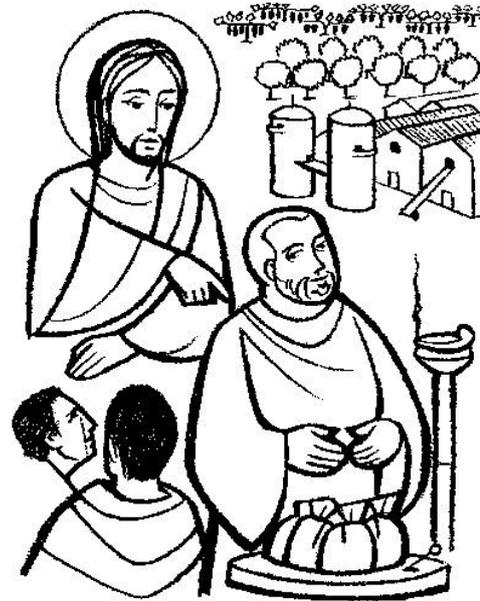
That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the

circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!



Gospel

Lk 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Next Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

For once there is a common theme running across all three readings today, including the second, from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:1-5, 9-11). The theme is that denoted by the Greek word '*pleonexia*', which literally means 'the desire to have more and more'. It is usually translated 'avarice' or 'greed', both of which are accurate enough but do not quite catch the full nuance of the Greek.

St Luke's Gospel makes much of the hindrance wealth creates for discipleship – and ultimately for attaining fullness of life in community with God and fellow human beings. The problem lies not so much in wealth itself as in the desire to have more and more, which is exactly what is meant by *pleonexia*.

In Luke's view human beings are very insecure creatures. We are afraid for the future and, in that fear, desperately clutch at what would seem to offer protection and security against all manner of threats. Wealth seems to be the most obvious source of security: with wealth we shall not go hungry or thirsty, we shall have a good roof over our heads, we shall gain influence and power; we are more likely to have good health, a long life, and enjoy the best life has to offer. But the deep fear that feeds our insecurity also feeds the desire for wealth. That desire itself can become insatiable. It can threaten to take over and control everything, making us increasingly insensitive and oblivious to other and deeper values: the needs of our fellow human beings and above all our relationship with God.

This is what Jesus illustrates in the parable told in the **Gospel** for today (Luke 12:13-21). Prompting the parable is a request from a man who wants Jesus to intervene in a dispute between himself and his brother regarding the dividing up of the family inheritance. The request is not unreasonable but it illustrates how preoccupation with matters of this kind may make people deaf to the deeper and more significant issues that Jesus is addressing.

The parable – like all good parables – would quickly engage Jesus' hearers. Poor, as the majority of them doubtless were, they would envy the landowner whose land had been so productive that his chief problem was finding space to store his harvest. They would envy even more his prospect of being able to sit back later on and enjoy the good life because he had so much security stored up for many years to come.

How keenly, then, they would feel the intervention of God: 'This very night the demand will be made for your soul.' 'Soul' basically refers to life itself but there is an overtone, surely, of the quality of a person: 'what you're

worth as a human being'. This is what God will enquire about in terms of capacity for eternal life, for enjoying the riches of life with God. And it is exactly this question about the deeper human values that the man's preoccupation with his wealth – its safe storage and the material benefits it brings – has caused him to neglect.

The only security that is really lasting consists in being 'rich' in the sight of God. This is because relationship with God is the only relationship or attachment that can transcend the barrier of death. The parable powerfully illustrates how attachment to wealth – the desire to acquire, hold on to and enhance it – prevents people from attending to the relationship with God that brings the only security that counts in the long run.

Such desire also poisons human relationships and erodes the concern for others that is the basis of community. Attachment to wealth in this sense is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating what Jesus is living, sharing and celebrating: the hospitality God is offering both now and in the life to come.

The **First Reading**, from Ecclesiastes 1-2, serves as a pointer to the theme of the Gospel. The shortness of human life and its inevitable limiting by death makes labouring and toiling for wealth 'vanity': that is, something ultimately without meaning.

In the rich passage from Colossians making up the **Second Reading**, 'greed' (*pleonexia*) is simply one in a list of vices that Paul says belong to the old, pre-conversion way of life that believers have now 'died' to through baptism. They now share the risen life of the Lord, in which is being realised the Creator's original design for human beings to be made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-28). Paul does not mean that believers have to pretend to be living some heavenly life, cut off from the realities of present earthly existence. Rather, a sense of the immense dignity that they already have in a hidden sense should have a transformative effect upon the way they live now.

From LiturgyHelp



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?” Luke 12, 13-21



While it was common practice in the time of Jesus for people to consult scribes on legal matters, Jesus made it clear to his questioner in

today's gospel-reading that he had no interest in solving any questioner's domestic legal problems in the way in which the questioner clearly wanted. In fact, Jesus consistently addressed legal issues in ways that resonated with and fitted into the message of God's love that he had come to proclaim. So instead of getting involved in a domestic dispute and supporting one man against his brother, Jesus hinted that they really did not need a lawyer. Rather, their attention would be better directed if they were to take the time to stop and examine what exactly they were arguing about. It was clear that each one wanted a bigger share of the disputed inheritance than the other. They were really caught up in competition and one-upmanship.

To clarify his message, Jesus told the parable of a man who believed that the only real source of security was in possessions. What distinguishes the man at the centre of the parable is that the only person to whom he talks is himself. His focus is completely on himself and on his efforts to get more and more for himself. He is so wrapped up in himself that he cannot spare as much as a thought for God and for other people. In fact, the only concern he had was trying to figure out how he was going to safely store the bumper crop he had harvested.

There is nothing especially complicated about the message of today's gospel-reading. In fact, St Augustine summed it up in one sentence: "God is always trying to give us good things, but our hands are too full to receive them." A corollary to this gospel message is captured in a Haitian proverb: "God gives, but doesn't share." The God who loved us into life is the source of every blessing that comes to us, but gives us the responsibility and the privilege of sharing those blessings with others, especially with our most needy sisters and brothers.

This message will be proclaimed and illustrated for a few minutes this coming weekend in churches all

over the globe. Yet the people in the pews who hear that message will be bombarded with advertisements about the good life packaged in hours and hours of digestible sound bites. Those ads attract us to pursue sure-fire ways buying or building a luxury home, achieving financial security, purchasing the kind of holiday that will soothe all our worries and concerns. Somehow, those of us who have grown up in any one of umpteen western cultures have been deluded into buying all kinds of electronic gadgets and cluttering our lives with more and more stuff. As a result, we see those who are financially secure set out to buy or build bigger and better houses in which to store all their accumulated stuff and protect their top-of-the range motor vehicles. What's more is that the accumulation of all the stuff that belongs to the good life, has to be insured, gated and protected. This life-style has spawned a legion of security businesses that thrive on the income generated by the wealth of those who have become financially secure. Meanwhile, 25,000 children die every day of the year from starvation and diseases spread by polluted water and absence of healthy sanitation systems.

We know that we grow and manufacture enough food to feed the world's entire population, but lack the will to distribute our excess or are reluctant to erode our financial security to pay the cost of transporting and distributing it.

Listening deeply to today's gospel-reading forces us to ask ourselves if our silence contributes to building bigger and better barns and houses in which to store accumulated stuff, stuff that might well save the lives of people about whom we rarely think or on whom we seldom spend a dollar.

Today's gospel-reading contains more than an indictment of mindless consumerism. It's a challenge to each of us to give some thought to how we use things, to the power resources we squander as we use our home appliances, to how we operate the vehicles we drive and the lawnmowers we push, to the value we attach to the stuff we have accumulated. Side by side with those challenges is an invitation from Jesus to audit our lives and examine the things with which we clutter them. It is also a call from Jesus to readjust our focus and direct it to the things of God - compassion, hospitality, gracious giving, forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. None of those needs to be fenced in or insured.

Julian McDonald cfc.AO

Youth Group!

We aren't having Youth Group until the end of the school holidays!

Youth Group will return Friday the 29/7

We all pray that you have an amazing holiday and will be excited for the return of Youth Group!

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



STAY FOR A CUPPA!

Morning tea is on this Sunday 31 July following 10am mass.

The Alpha team will be providing tea, coffee, and cake. We'd love you to stay and have a chat, while the kids play on the grass outside (supervision provided – kids are welcome to bring their own balls/games). Morning tea will be served at the side entrance of the church.

**No cost involved.
No need to RSVP.**

ALL ARE WELCOME




THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA IS HEADING TO WYD23 IN LISBON

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal (July 21 – August 11, 2023).

Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parraywd.org and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org

PASTORAL FORMATION SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSE: STARTS 11 AUGUST

Are you passionate about the Bible? Looking for a face-to-face introductory program on Scripture? Join Dr Laurie Woods for 4 Thursday nights: 11, 18 and 25 August and 1 September. Each night hosted from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 3 via met@parracatholic.org



Baptism

Congratulations to

- Amerie Cattrel
- Ashton Parker



who were baptized at St. Michael's Church during the week

Our Week

Monday 1 August
Memorial - St Alphonsus Liguori
7.00pm Confirmations

Wednesday 3 August
Memorial - St Dominic
7.00pm Confirmations

Thursday 4 August
Memorial - St John Vianney

Friday 5 August
7.00pm Confirmations

Saturday 6 August
Feast - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Anointing of the seriously sick



will take place on **Friday 5th August** during the 9.15am Mass

COUPLES FOR CHRIST
Parramatta Unit
Invites you to a
Christian Life Program

Starting on Aug 27, 2022
St. Michael's Church
(Conway Room)
Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills 2153
2pm-5pm

All married couples are welcome!

...so is my word that goes out from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
- Isaiah 55:11

You may contact the ff:
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#God'sPurpose





Fr Jolly Chacko together with the
parish community of St John XXIII
Glenwood/Stanhope Gardens
cordially invites you
to the 50th anniversary celebration of
the ordination of
Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic

On Sunday, 28th August 2022
At St John XXIII Hub at the 10:30am Mass
presided by
Bishop Vincent OFM Conv DD STL.

*Kindly join us for light refreshments after
the Mass in the school hall.*

RSVP

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secretary@john23rd.org.au

The Catholic Parish

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**PARISH OF BAULKHAM HILLS
AN ONLINE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM PLAN 2022**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES – RECONCILIATION PROGRAM AND
FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

Parents will be invited to register their children for Reconciliation and Communion in the week of 31 July – 14 August using the GOOGLE FORM.

Parents' information evening at Our Lady of Lourdes will be held on Tuesday 16 August at 7.30pm in the church.

The Workbooks will be available from the Parish Office or through the schools, date to be advised, and you will have four weeks to complete the workbook with your children.

Please do not do the whole book at once!

Each of these four weeks will have a PDF PARENT GUIDANCE NOTES each week for you as parents to use with your children, as you go through each session.

Towards the end of the fourth week, there will be some ZOOM conferences for which you can register in order to ask some questions for seek clarification.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on 08 and 09 September. This is dependent on COVID restrictions and the number of candidates for the sacrament.

RECONCILIATION – OLOL

**Key dates: Registration week
online 31 July – 14 August**

Reconciliation

Week 1	22 August
Week 2	29 August
Week 3	05 September
Week 4	12 September

**Celebration of the Sacrament
afternoon 20 and 21 September**

FIRST COMMUNION – OLOL

**Key dates: Registration week
online 31 July – 14 August**

Communion

Week 1	10 October
Week 2	17 October
Week 3	24 October
Week 4	31 October

**Celebration for First Communion Weekends of 12/13 and
19/20 November**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/kz6SqPQ3eb9kR2Bb8>

**ST MICHAEL'S –
FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

Parents will be invited to register their children Communion in the week of the 21 August – 4 September using the GOOGLE FORM.

Parents' information evening will be held on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September at St Michael's at 7.30pm in the church.

Children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or else they will need to register with Our lady of Lourdes Community.

The Workbooks will be available from the Parish Office or through the schools, date to be advised, and you will have four weeks to complete the workbook with your children.

Please do not do the whole book at once!

Each of these four weeks will have a PDF PARENT GUIDANCE NOTES each week for you as parents to use with your children, as you go through each session.

Towards the end of the fourth week, there will be some ZOOM conferences for which you can register in order to ask some questions for seek clarification.

First Communion will be celebrated at St Michael's Church on the weekends of 16 and 17 October. This is dependent on COVID restrictions and the number of candidates for the sacrament.

FIRST COMMUNION - St Michael's

**Key dates: Registration week
online 21 August - 4 September**

Reconciliation

Week 1	12 September
Week 2	19 September
Week 3	10 October
Week 4	17 October

Celebration of the Sacrament

- ✦ Friday 28 October 7.30pm
- ✦ Saturday 29 October 2.30pm
- ✦ Sunday 30 October 12noon and 2.30pm
- ✦ Friday 04 November 7.30pm
- ✦ Saturday 05 November 2.30pm
- ✦ Sunday 06 November 12noon and 2.30pm

Or

**Any of the Parish Masses on weekend of Sunday 30 October
and Sunday 06 November**



Parish of Baulkham Hills



PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest Father Wim Hoekstra
Assistant Priest Father Jessie Balorio
Assistant Deacons Deacon Andrew Rooney
 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 THIS WEEK 31 JULY 2022	SER VER	USH ERS	LECTORS NEXT WEEK 07 AUGUST 2022	SER VER	USH ERS
Saturday 5.30 pm	E. Riches, P. Sladen	D	5	R. Gosper, R. Robb, M. Boldt	A	9
Sunday 8.00 am	A. Mendes, N. D'Lima, J. Kerr	SR	SR	D. Ison, M. Palmer-Burton G. Machado, V. Vella	E	SR
Sunday 10.00 am	C. Burton, A. Mantaring, S. Mantaring	G	SR	S. Butler, T. Dwyer, T. Reodique	H	11
Sunday 6.00 pm	N. Redden	SR	8	S. Stagnitta, R. Santos	K	12
Mass Times	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 31 JULY 2022		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 07 AUGUST 2022			
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Shin, E. Riches, R. Gosper, L. Karam, W. Ng		G. Shin, A. Mascari, L. Domanillo, R. Gosper			
Sunday 8.00 am	M. Atkins, R. Waite, R. McGuiness		C. Palmer-Burton, M. Palmer-Burton, M. Cameron, B. Smith			
Sunday 10.00 am	N. Redden, C. Malinis, D. Warren		D. Warren, M. Ignacz, S. Malinis			
Sunday 6.00 pm	P. Finnerty, S. George, S. Stagnitta, E. Lee, Youth		N. Redden, A. Hay, S. George, S. Stagnitta			
ROSTERS:	WEEK BEGINNING 31.07.22		WEEK BEGINNING 07.08.22			
COUNTERS	Counters 31.07.22 : Team 8 : T. Dalton		Counters 07.08.22 : Team 1 : T. Checchia			
FLOWER MINISTRY	Saturday 06.08.22 : G. Attard, G. Galea		Saturday 13.08.22 : L. Laksana, N. Fernando			
PROJECTOR	Weekend 6th/7th July 2022 - Masses: Sun 8am: R. Baker 10am: M. Almeida		Sat 5pm: A. D'Souza 6pm: Y/T Menezes			



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

Recently Deceased:

Bill Patterson, Christian Jackson and victims of the Corona Virus pandemic in NSW and around the world and those who have died in the Ukraine

Anniversary:

Rajka Mustac, M.D. John, Maria Stagnitta, India Spink, Rona Alice, Michael Hitti, Joseph Alam, deceased members of the McLoughlin-Dooley families

Sick:

Marie Bolton, Cynthia Gomes, Bill Rowan, Connor Maguire, Salma Lattouf, Debra Price, Ino Parisotto, Jane Gibson, Gizzella Gherm, Frank Jacobs, Bridgette Boldt, Sylvia Fagan, Catherine Hemmings, Jacinta Hollins, Sean Angeles, Patricia MacDonald, Hazel Clasquin, Mary Burns, Joe Maroun, Richard Miranda, Baby William Merhi, Joseph MacDermid, Florgina Henry, Rev Dr. Richard Waugh QSM