

9th / 10th May 2020



ST MICHAEL'S DORRINGTON
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ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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We pray for the good health, strength & healing of:

Bill Casey, Bill Power, Pat Wells, Barbara Dennis, Felix Mbatia, Philip Bush, Catherine Parsonage, David Carr, Peter McCauley, Delma Schmidt, Vera Jokic, Don Morrison, Katie Morrison, Keiren Calder, Tracey Russell, John Ryan, Michael Green, Susie and Tom, Chris Lee, Ian Tyson, Ronald Cave, Christopher Ho, Fine Kula, Fr Ron Mollison, Gretta Burge

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For those of you with emails, could you kindly please send me your email addresses. **Write to: dorrington@bne.catholic.net.au**

Weekly collections:

Many of you have expressed interest to continue to contribute to the weekly collections. You may do so in a number of ways:

1. By hand or mail - 250 Banks Street Ashgrove QLD 4060
2. Bank transfer - Name of Account: St Michael's Parish, Bank: CBA; BSB: 064 786; Account: 0062 111 00
3. Download the direct debit form from our website

As best as we possibly can, we frequently update our parish website, please check the details here:

<http://www.stmichaelsdorrington.org.au/>

Please continue to pray the Prayer written by Archbishop Mark:

http://www.stmichaelsdorrington.org.au/uploads/1/2/0/5/120567215/prayer_in_times_of_crisis_archbishop_mark_prayer.pdf



Dear Parishioners

Happy Mother's Day. To all mothers: who gave birth these last 12 months - we rejoice with you; who lost a child or mum or nana - we mourn with you; who experienced loss through miscarriage -

we grieve for you; To all fathers who play the role of mothers - we appreciate you and walk with you. Today, I personally request that you reach out to your special person in your life today and express your love and gratefulness. This weekend, I would like to thank two very exceptional mothers who have agreed to share their faith and journey as mothers; their faith sharing stories are attached.

In addition, I have the special honour to share with you about an extraordinary "parishioner" of St Michael's. He arrived at my door step last September and unlike many people who knocks on the presbytery door with a variety of requests, he asked, "Can I con-celebrate Mass with you today?" Of course I said "yes" and was overjoyed. At the same time, I was puzzled wondering if I was dreaming. This special person in our lives is none other than Fr John Huynh Khoai, who gives and gives so much, going the extra mile, above and beyond; his talent to play the flute and composing music, his intellect to author books and his passion to celebrate the Eucharist with us; just to name a few gifts.

This coming week, Tuesday 12 May 2020, I would like to request everyone to say a prayer for Father John and celebrate in a special way his sapphire red anniversary of an incredible 45 years of priestly ordination. A journey as a refugee, through communist prison, surviving the agony of underground life, countless nights of being homeless, Father John's strength, endurance and persistence in the faith are admirable. I am deeply touched by his personal life story, spiralling down into a well of darkness, withstanding the whipping, excruciating pain, torture and torment, not able to attend his Mum's funeral, and then developing a tolerance to plant the seed of faith and walk the path to keep going, correspondingly turning pain into love for God and His people in search of the ultimate gift and freedom. A true voyager, he boldly and victoriously held on to God's wilderness to encounter his own spiritual revolution. My heartfelt gratitude also goes to his loving siblings and family members.

Father John, thank you for being an inspiration to our community; most of all thank you for sharing with us your unimaginable spiritual fruits and being so selfless. Every day, you are on fire with love for Christ. *Prosit et Ad Multos Annos*. May the good Lord grant you excellent health and wisdom. And may Mary, our Mother continue to bless you and accompany you into your golden years ahead of you.

Thank you all for your prayers, support and patience.

Your humble servant
Father Tom Kessy CSSp