

St Michael's Catholic Parish & War Memorial Church - Dorrington

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St Michael's Parish page



25th Sunday in Ordinary time

21st/22 September 2024

"They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'" Mark 4:41

Mass times

Mon. 5.30 pm
Wed. 9 am
Thurs 9 am
Friday 9 am
Sat. 9 am *and* 5 pm (Vigil)
Sun. 8.30 am *and* 5 pm

Including
Adoration
& Rosary

Please consider the St
Vincent de Paul
Society. Thank you.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please consider helping greet people at Mass, cleaning, reading at Mass or assisting with the slide projector. Our wonderful volunteers do such important work. Please let me know. Thank you all.

Gratitude & Praise go together

**"I
will**

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**praise your name, O LORD, for its
goodness." (from this week's Psalm
(54)**

Some days when we are caught up in what goes wrong, or we are very busy or someone may have not agreed with us or ignored our requests, we can easily forget about gratitude and praise of God who is right there with us all along. *Too much to do, too many burdens.*

But what about those mornings when the air is crisp and clear, the sun is shining amazingly, and things are ok. Perhaps even then we can forget to be thankful and praise God.

Did you know that each day the Church prays the psalms which really help worship, praise and gratitude. We also have a psalm at Mass.

Psalms are so vital and so important and they can express praise and thankfulness even what we struggle to say or share. It's funny how it works out. I may not think I am grateful or feel like praising God but the minute I say the words: I am.

Be blest, Deacon Peter

Thank you: Sr Maureen Keenan RSM

I would like to thank you our very own Sr Maureen who has kindly helped in so many ways while was away including the excellent front-page reflections. *Thank you, Sr Maureen.*

This weekend

Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Please take the newsletter home and why not take an extra to drop into someone who know would appreciate one.

We pray for:

David Carr, Delma Schmidt, Don Morrison, Keiren Calder, Susie and Tom, Fr Ron Mollison, Fr Aidan Carvill S.M, Trevour Pettersen, Jan Lidstone, Sharon Bell, Ian Tyson, Peter Shafton, Yvonne Auer, Luke Barden.

We pray for all who have recently lost loved ones and we remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.
'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.'

Giving:

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

Plate Collection this weekend was **\$1,011.90**. Previous weekend was **\$1,157.70**.
Planned Giving last month **\$1,897.83**. Previous month was **\$1,895.00**.
Planned giving is substantially below the target of **\$2497** per month.

Feast Days:

Monday 23rd – **St Padre Pio**
Friday 27th – **St Vincent De Paul**
Sunday 29th – **St Michael, Gabriel, Raphael.**

Confession Times:

Friday and Saturday Mornings:
8.30 – 9am before Mass.

A Note about St Padre Pio (1887-1968)

Born into an Italian farm family, Francesco Forgione overcame bad health and poverty to realise his dream of becoming a Capuchin priest. He dedicated himself to prayer and works of mercy, even building a hospital to care for the sick. A stigmatist and mystic, he lived the mystery of the cross. Padre Pio spent long hours hearing confessions, drawing great crowds to San Giovanni Rotondo. He often said of himself, *'I am only a poor brother who prays.'* Pope John Paul II canonised him in 2002.

Bus trip - Marian Valley, Canungra

The 6th anniversary of the St Teresa of Calcutta Shrine at Marian Valley, Canungra, is on **Saturday, 12th October 2024**. A Bus will be arranged to pick up parishioners from our parish – Bus departing at 8.45am. **Cost \$30**. If interested, please message or contact Jeanne Meyn on 0404076490.

First Holy Communion

We are happy to welcome our nine young candidates for First Holy Communion preparation.

Please prayer for these children as they prepare to receive Jesus into their lives.

SYNOD24 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life *makes all things new*.

We gather around Your table of communion,
as many parts of one body,
grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts,
so we can be nourished and enlivened by Your presence,
ready *to be* the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt, exclusion and
silence of those within, and on the very edges of our communities,
so we may be *in service* of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us,
may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity
so we may be the *hands and feet* of the hope, joy
and mission of the Risen Christ.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ,
Amen.

