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## THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

# SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL *and* RAPHAEL

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The Church celebrates the feast day of the Archangels Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on Thursday.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, “[T]he existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (n. 328).

The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings, and have no bodies and do not depend on anything physical for their existence or activity. They have intellect and will, and are immortal. While each is an individual person, there are a multitude of angels with each belonging to one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible: Angels, Archangels, Principalities,

Powers, Virtues, Dominations, Thrones, Cherubim, and Seraphim.

Each of the names of the three Archangels bears a meaning. St. Michael means “Who is like God”, St. Gabriel means “Strength of God,” and St. Raphael means “Medicine of God.”

The Archangel St. Michael is also known as the “Prince of the Heavenly Host” and is often pictured as a warrior, dressed in armour and slaying the Devil. It is St. Michael that we invoke in our battles against Satan and to rescue souls, especially at the hour of death. It is also he that the Church traditionally prays to to defend and guard her.

The Archangel St. Gabriel is the angel that appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce the birth of Christ, her Son. It is from this

annunciation of this angel that we get the name of the prayer “Angelus.”

The Archangel St. Raphael is known for his mission as a healer, as read in the Book of Tobit. It is also believed that it was St. Raphael who was the angel who stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda (see Jn 5:9). So it is St. Raphael to whom we pray for intercession for those who are sick.

So let us honour with true devotion the angelic ministers of God’s grace and protection and pray that they who watch over us by the command of almighty God will remain with us, to guard and to defend us in all things. May they carry our prayers before the throne of God so that we may trust in their intercession and have faith in the divine aid we seek.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,

11:00 a.m.

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### Rosters

### Readers

**8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

## DONATIONS

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration

### of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,

11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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### Rosters

### Church Cleaning

Group 1: L. Hale,  
D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,  
J. Galea, A. Quinlan, B. Francis,  
L. Franco

### Readers

**Vigil** Sisters, Gerry Pinto,

Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Sisters

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.

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*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.  
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Susan Abdallah, Teresa Akkary, Ercilia Apap, Vincent Apap, Attard family, Lorenza Attwill, Axiak family, Victor Azzopardi, Basil Benjamin, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Clair Karaki, Daoud Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Crising Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Joseph Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Frisca Pestano, Rogelio Pestano, Herbert Pidgeon, Boutros (Peter) Rahme, Saliba family, Anna Saunig, Andrea So, Emmanuel Tabone, Darren Thornton, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Dib Zaiter.

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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Holy Mass for the  
Golden Jubilee of the  
Missionary Sisters of Mary,  
Queen of the World  
Next Sunday**

Next Sunday a Solemn Pontifical Mass in honour of the 50th Jubilee of Religious Profession of Sr. Mary Justina Pham Thi Tran, Sr. Mary Chanel Dinh Thi Hoai, Sr. Therese Michaela Pham Thi Thu, Sr. Mary Gemma Pham Thi Huyen, and Sr. Therese Miriam Vu Lanh Hai will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church at 10:00 a.m.

The parish joins with the Missionary Sisters of Mary, Queen of the World-Australia as they honour 50 years of dedicated and faithful service to Almighty God and to the Church of five of their Sisters.

At the heart of the vocation of the Sisters is the call to follow Our Lord on His way to the Holy Cross and to live the life of consecration under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World, as models of complete fidelity to God.

The Sisters place a strong emphasis on the life of prayer as essential for the fruitfulness of their apostolic work in the Church. The Sisters commitment to the Granville community, to the parish and to the Vietnamese community witnesses to their love of Our Lord.

In thanksgiving to the Sisters, join them next Sunday for this Mass and for refreshments which will follow afterwards.

Please pray for the Sisters as they celebrate their golden jubilee and offer your thanks to Our Lord and to the Blessed Virgin Mary for their many years of service, for their example and for their devotion.

May the Lord continue to bestow upon them His abundant graces and raise up many more young women to serve in their order to the glory of God.



REQUIEM MASS  
FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF  
**HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN**

In recognition of the National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, two requiem Masses were offered for the repose of the soul of Her late Majesty. We thank those who served. In particular, we thank John Portelli who with great care prepared the slides for the Mass. We thank him, also, for his arrangement of hymns which he chose with respect and with concern for those hymns beloved by The Queen. Thank you to Maryanne Takchi for her time and commitment to learning these hymns and for singing at the Mass, and to Brenda Drake for singing at Holy Family Church. To Rosette Chidiac, Claudette Takchi and Robyn Rich for reading at Mass. To Elvis and Jeevan, Paul and Patrick who generously gave their time to serve at the altar and to make possible a solemn Holy Mass. We thank, also, Avanti Florist (avantiflorist.com.au) for preparing the beautiful arrangements of flowers and for the wreath. Thank you to those parishioners who attended these Masses and came to pray and to show their respect for Her Majesty. To all those who assisted in the preparation for these Masses, to those who served in many ways and to those who joined us, you have given service and fulfilled your duty to Her Majesty The Queen as we prayed for the repose of her soul.

*“Then shall the King  
say unto them on his right hand,  
Come, ye blessed of my Father,  
inherit the kingdom  
prepared for you  
from the foundation of the world”  
—St. Matthew 25:34*

**Reminder  
Mandatory  
Safeguarding Training  
for All Parish Volunteers**

As announced a number of times previously, the Diocese of Parramatta has made it mandatory for all volunteers in parishes to undertake training for the sake of collective responsibility and for the means of identifying children and adults at risk.

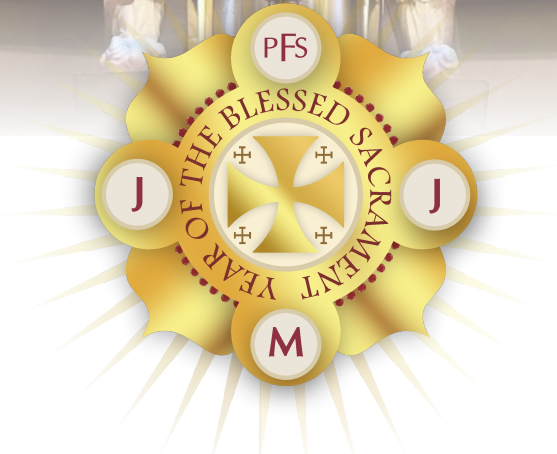
As such, the diocese has arranged for a series of safeguarding training modules to be undertaken, online or face to face. For most volunteers, the training will require four hours. Once completed, the certification of completion of the mandatory training will be valid for two years.

For those who would like to complete the training independently online, visit [learning.safeguarding.org.au](http://learning.safeguarding.org.au). You can then sign up with your email address and enrol in the three compliance modules (tagged in yellow).

For those who would prefer to complete the modules face to face, the parish has arranged for training. There will be two sessions, both of which must be attended. The first of the two sessions will be held on **Saturday, November 12** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the second of the two sessions on **Saturday, November 19** from 9:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m.

These sessions will allow participants to complete the three mandatory safeguarding modules: “Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards,” “Legal Compliance and Safeguarding: Risk of Significant Harm and Mandatory Reporting,” and “Safeguarding Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries.”

To register for the face to face training sessions, please contact the parish office and we will register you for these days.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church  
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.



### FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church  
7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

YEAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

# Eucharistic Miracle of

## SEEFELD, AUSTRIA

*The little city of Seefeld in Austria is the goal of many pilgrimages because of the Eucharistic miracle that took place there in 1384.*

*During the Holy Thursday Mass a nobleman by the name of Oswald Milser expected that the Priest would give him Holy Communion with the large Host.*

*At the moment he was about to receive Communion, the pavement began to tremble under him, and Oswald felt as if he was being sucked into it. As the Priest was returning the Host to the altar, live Blood began to flow from the Sacred Species.*

In the little city of Seefeld, Oswald Milser, Lord of Schlosberg, expected, at the Holy Thursday Mass to receive the large Host like that of the celebrating Priest. But at the moment he was about to receive Communion, the pavement began to tremble and broke apart. Oswald grasped the altar so as not to fall, and the Priest immediately took back the Host from the man's mouth. The trembling stopped, and live Blood began to flow from the Host. There were many witnesses who saw the miracle, and very soon the news spread throughout the whole nation. The Emperor Maximilian I himself was very devoted to the miracle. Today one can visit the Church of St. Oswald where the precious relic of the Host, stained with Blood, is exposed, and also view many paintings depicting the miracle.

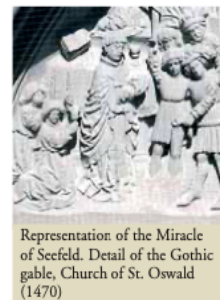
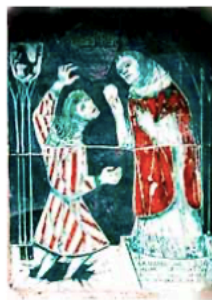
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Church of St. Oswald



Elsbethenkapelle ad Hopfgarten in the Brixen area of Tyrol, built in 1494 by the pastor Bartholomew Hamersbach



Representation of the Miracle of Seefeld. Detail of the Gothic gable, Church of St. Oswald (1470)



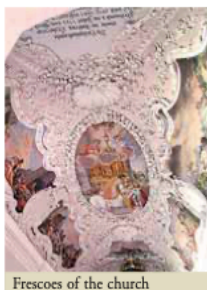
Painting of the Miracle of Seefeld, preserved in the Elsbethenkapelle ad Hopfgarten



Ancient painting of the miracle



Altar of the miracle



Frescoes of the church depicting the miracle



Miracle of Seefeld. Detail of the ceiling



Main altar of the Church of St. Oswald, Seefeld



Banner in the Church of St. Oswald depicting the scene of the miracle

# SAINT MATTHEW

## *The Apostle*



Last Wednesday the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. There is little known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alphaeus, and was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a despised profession during the time of Our Lord. According to the Gospel, St. Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Our Lord came to him and said, “Follow me” (Mt. 9:9). With this simple call, St. Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

Many years following the death and resurrection of Our Lord, around A.D. 41 and A.D. 50, St. Matthew wrote his gospel account—the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. He wrote in Aramaic, the language of the people at that time, in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah.

It is thought he left Judea to escape persecution sometime after A.D. 42. According to various accounts he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of St. Matthew’s death, and so it is not known how he died but tradition accords him death as a martyr.

St. Matthew is often depicted as the man of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which says, “The first living creature was like a lion (St. Mark), the second like a bull (St. Luke), the third living creature had a human face (St. Matthew), and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle (St. John).”

As St. Matthew was a tax collector he is held by the Church to be the the patron saint of bankers, as well as accountants, civil servants, and perfumers.



*O God, who with untold mercy were pleased to choose as an Apostle Saint Matthew, the tax collector, grant that, sustained by his example and intercession, we may merit to hold firm in following you. Through Christ our Lord.*

# Saints & STUFF

## ST. HELENA

St. Helena (c. A.D. 250-330) was an Empress of the Roman Empire, and mother of Emperor Constantine the Great. In her final years, she made a religious tour of Jerusalem, during which she allegedly discovered the True Cross. Pious beliefs also associate her to the foundation of the Vatican Gardens with earth brought from Golgotha by St. Helena to symbolically unite the blood of Christ with that shed by thousands of early Christians, who died in the persecutions of the emperor Nero.

On the site of the discovery of the Cross now stands the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which also honours the burial place of Our Lord.



## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Desire for Happiness*

**1718** The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfil it: We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated. How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you. God alone satisfies.

**1719** The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.

**1720** The New Testament uses several expressions to characterise the beatitude to which God calls man: the coming of the Kingdom of God; the vision of God: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"; entering into the joy of the Lord.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## WHAT'S INSIDE THE ALTAR?

Did you know that many altars have a relic placed inside? The practice comes from the early Church where Mass was offered over the tombs of the martyrs.

Fr. Carlos Martins of "Treasures of the Church" describes relics in this way: "Relics are physical objects that have a direct association with the saints or with Our Lord. They are usually broken down into three classes. First class relics are the body or fragments of the body of a saint, such as pieces of bone or flesh. Second class relics are something that a saint personally owned, such as a shirt or book (or fragments of those items). Third class relics are those items that a saint touched or that have been touched to a first, second, or another third class relic of a saint."

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 302, which gives the rules for how the Mass is to be celebrated, contains the following statement: "The practice of placing relics of Saints, even those not Martyrs, under the altar to be dedicated is fittingly retained. Care should be taken, however, to ensure the authenticity of such relics."

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The Readings

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**Introit** (Dn. 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42)

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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**First Reading**

**The Book of Amos** (6:1, 4-7)

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe  
on the mountain of Samaria.  
Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.  
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

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**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 145:6-10. R. v. 2)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

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.

He 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.

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**Second Reading**

**The First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy** (6:11-16)

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be  
saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient  
and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for  
yourself the eternal life to which you were called when  
you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in  
front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of

all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness  
for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the  
duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults  
or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed  
and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of  
lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in  
inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is  
able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power.  
Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (II Cor. 8:9)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

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**Gospel of Luke** (16:19-31)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who  
used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast  
magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor  
man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to  
fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's  
table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the  
poor man died and was carried away by angels to the  
bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was  
buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw  
Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he  
cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to  
dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I  
am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied  
"remember that during your life good things came your  
way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he  
is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that  
is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed,  
to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to  
yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."  
'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send  
Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers,  
to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place  
of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets,"  
said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father  
Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to  
them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham  
said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to  
the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone  
should rise from the dead.'"

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**Communio** (Ps. 118:49-50)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.