

PARISH BULLETIN

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 9th August 2026 (Year A)

"TAKE COURAGE, IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID" MATTHEW 14:27

Reflect today on any trial or suffering you endure that tempts you to fear. Confront that fear head-on. Rebuke it. Look for Jesus, who comes to you in the midst of the trial, walking on and through that very storm. Know that it is truly Him, drawing near. As you overcome fear, keep your eyes fixed on Him, not on the storm. This is what strengthens our faith and enables us to keep moving forward toward the goal: Jesus' hand of divine grace.

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11–13
Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Second Reading: Romans 9:1–5
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

Join us for Mass — Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please join us for Mass at St Michael's on **Saturday 15th August at 9.00 am** in celebration of Our Lady's Assumption. This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. It proclaims the deposit of our faith, received from the apostles, whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the end of her life on earth, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven. This encourages us, as we go about our daily tasks and duties, to look toward our final goal of heaven. It's an anticipation of the ultimate resurrection of all faithful Christians.



Other Feasts of the week ahead

Monday — Lawrence, deacon and martyr (3rd century)
A Roman deacon, he was martyred under the persecution by the Emperor Valerian.
Tuesday — Clare, virgin (1193 – 1253)
One of the first followers of St Francis', she founded the Order of the Poor Clares.
Friday — Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr (1894 — 1941)
A Polish Franciscan, he died in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

Children's liturgy

The next children's liturgy will be held at the 8.30am Mass on **Sunday 6 September**.

Mass and Prayer Times

Monday 5.30pm Mass with Confession immediately after Mass (Benediction & Adoration afterwards first Monday every month)
Thursday 7.00am Mass
Friday 9.00am with Confession before Mass and Adoration after Mass. Second Friday of every month is Anointing Mass.
Saturday 9.00–10.00 am Adoration with Rosary and Divine Mercy
Saturday (vigil Mass) 5.00pm and **Sunday** 8.30am Mass

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We pray for: Michelle Muir, Margaret Lawson, June Meecham, Patrick King, David Carr, Don Morrison, Keiren Calder, Susie and Tom, Fr Aidan Carvill, Jan Lidstone, Sharon Bell, Ian Tyson, Peter Shafton, Yvonne Auer, Luke Barden, Killian Maguire, Kathleen Isepy and Fr Pat Doran.

Prayers for the recently deceased.

We pray for all who have died including Fr Michael Mullane and Mary Mullane, Stephen Anning, Patricia David (Dinah), Kathleen Mitchell, Tracy Kelly, Alan Williams, Rose Graham, Phoebe Semple, Romilia Ventura, Delma Schmidt, Trevour Pettersen, and Veronica Robertson, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

PARISH CONSULTATION 22/23 AUGUST — Your Thoughts Matter

As part of our Parish Consultation on 22–23 August, we invite you to begin reflecting on the questions below. Your responses will help shape the report to Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and contribute to the future planning and mission of St Michael's Parish, Dorrington.

- What has our parish done well in the past 12 months that has strengthened faith, community and mission?
- Where is God calling our parish to grow, particularly in evangelisation and reaching those beyond our current community?
- What are our key priorities for the future, including how we can collaborate more intentionally with other parishes in our deanery?

Please take some time to prayerfully consider these questions. Your insights and experiences are important, and we encourage every parishioner to participate in this important conversation about the future of our parish. More information about the consultation process will be provided in the coming weeks.

Aid to the Church in Need

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced a brutal five-month persecution from Islamist militants, who killed more than 800 people, displaced thousands of families, and destroyed the Cathedral of St Mary. Now the poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Special day this Week — Wednesday: Ekka Public Holiday

The Royal Queensland Show (aka Brisbane Exhibition) is a local institution celebrating 150 years in 2026. Aside from the fun and entertainment, it celebrates and champions country life, and the essential role agriculture plays in the everyday lives of Queenslanders. We pray for all who live and work on the land, growing our food.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER — AN INVITATION TO SERVE

If you feel called to assist with bringing Holy Communion to the homes of those unable to attend Mass, you are warmly invited to make contact with the Parish Pastoral Council.

Together, through small acts of kindness, compassion and faith, we can ensure that no one feels forgotten and that all continue to experience the love and fellowship of our St Michael's parish family.

Annual Catholic Campaign

The Annual Catholic Campaign will be held over the weekend of 22/23 August, in support of the Retired Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary, Centacare, the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund and the annual Grants Program. Giving Envelopes will soon be available in the pews.

