



# In Honour of the Angels

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St Michael the Archangel,  
A Warrior for Today

## PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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## “O Come let us adore Him”

**T**he Angels delighted at the Saviour’s Birth. Their songs and praises for the Lord their King was so joyous they were heard and seen by shepherds. Here was their Creator, Incarnated and born in the Flesh in the disguise of a Small Baby.

**“And the Angel said to the Shepherds: This very day, in David’s town, a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will find a baby wrapped up and lying in a manger.”**(Luke: 2:12)

Their King had departed from His Royal Throne, His Kingdom, to be born as a Man, for man, in the poorest and simplest setting of a stable and the Angels adored Him. Can we not learn from these angelic creatures, (our invisible friends and guardians) the absolute devotion and single focus on Him who brought them and us into existence? Our angels not only guard our every way but they do all they do out of total love for their King. Perhaps we too could try to do the same, adoring Him with a singleness of heart, with all our love, giving our lives and service to

our Beloved Saviour, Christ the King. May we remember that the greatest birthday gift we can give to Jesus this Christmas is our heart. Let us give it to Him totally, unconditionally, lovingly and ever-most humbly.



*May the Peace of Christ our Saviour be with you and your families this Christmas and may His Light shine upon your hearts and lives. Wishing many blessings to all.*



## Invitation to St Michael’s Hurstville

On **Sunday 9th February 2014** the parish of Hurstville will host His Eminence **Cardinal George Pell** and **Fr Kazimierz Radzik**, Superior General of CSMA, together with Michaelite Provincials from around the world. The 5pm Mass will feature the official installation of the Michaelite Congregation in the parish and a blessing of the Knights of St Michael from the Cardinal. We would like to extend an invitation to all from our Michaelite parishes to attend this special occasion. Refreshments will follow afterwards.

# Michaelites in Pacific Vice Province

## Canonical Visitation of Superior General of Congregation of St Michael

During the month of February 2014, the Pacific Vice-Province will be visited by the Superior General of the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel, **Fr Kazimierz Radzik**. He will be assisted by the General Bursar, **Fr Jerzy Sosinski**. They will conduct the Canonical visitation, meeting all Michaelites in Australia and Papua New Guinea and examining all aspects of Michaelites' charism, pastoral activities and other ministries carried out by the Vice-Province. During the visit, the Superior will meet individually with members, meet with Bishops from the dioceses where Michaelites are working, visit parishes and meet with parish councils. A trip to Tasmania has also been planned on the invitation of the new **Archbishop Julian Porteous**, who is seeking new priests to work in his diocese. *We hope that all reports will be pleasing and to their satisfaction?!*

From 11-15 February the Superior General will chair the meeting of the Council of Superiors from seven Michaelite provinces from around the world —Polish, German, Italian, South American, North American, Carribean and us in the Pacific. The representative of the Congregation from the Vatican will also be in attendance. All will be residing in our monastery at North Ryde, however the meeting will take place at the Australian Catholic University at North Sydney. After the meeting the visitors will travel to PNG. The main celebration will be held in Kuli with His Excellency, **Archbishop Michael Banach**, the Papal Nuncio to PNG and **Archbishop Doug Young** present.

We would like to ask you all to keep us in your prayers during this time—please pray for blessings for those visiting and for good fruits to come from these gatherings.

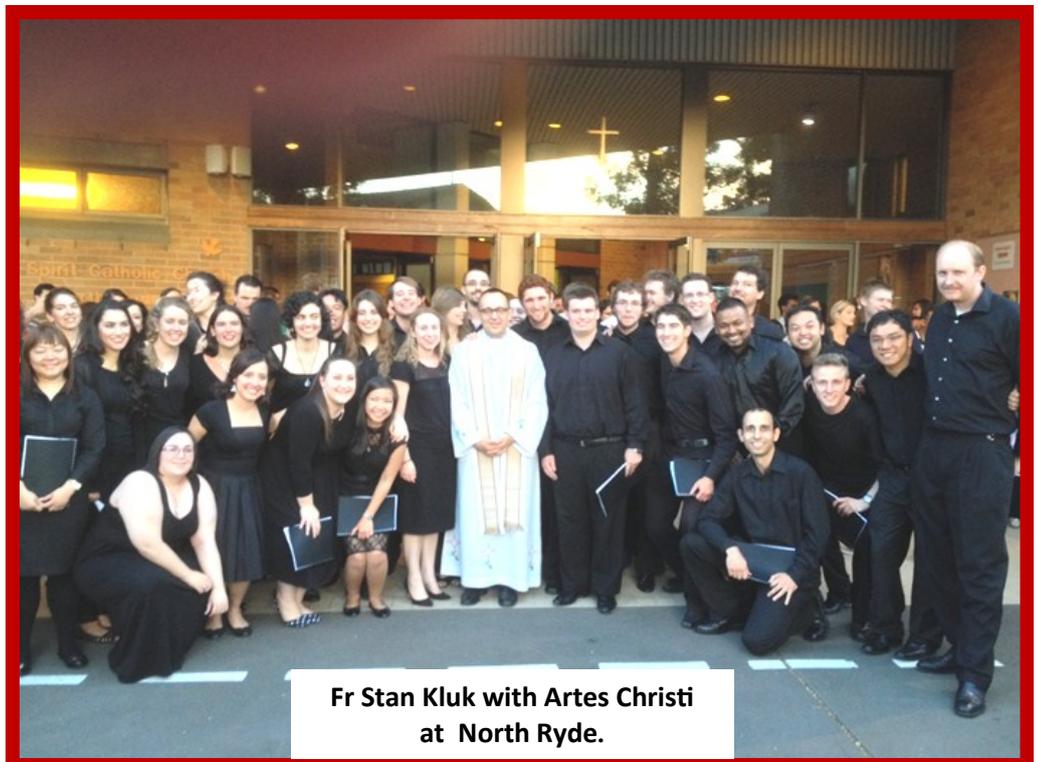
## Report on the Formation program

Our three seminarians (2 in PNG & 1 in Australia) under the supervision of **Fr Ziggy Kruczek** and **Fr Janusz Bieniek**, have successfully completed their

academic year but are still continuing their formation before taking some well deserved holidays. **Paul Gorzkowski** went to Rome to do a 10 week course in Italian. **Ben Sakka** and **Gabriel Kangil** attended a 7-day retreat and on the 8th December—Feast of the Immaculate Conception - renewed their temporal vows for another year, in our new monastery chapel in Mt Hagen. There will be five new candidates in PNG, joining the formation program in 2014. They have successfully passed the required tests and will commence their seminary studies from 1st February. **Br Thomas Lasen** continues his studies in Madang. We congratulate them all and ask for your prayers and continued support for these young fellows.

## Angel Voices singing at North Ryde

Advent Lessons & Carols were presented to parishioners at North Ryde by **Artes Christi**, the Sydney-based Catholic arts group, on Sunday evening 8 December. A group of approx. 50 young people sang Christmas Carols filling the church with their majestic and angelic voices. **Fr Stan Kluk** and **Fr Anthony Casamento** together conducted the liturgy and short intervals gave way to reflections from the Gospels.



Fr Stan Kluk with Artes Christi at North Ryde.

All present were so impressed by the singing there was a standing ovation with the finale. Afterwards a "Polish" sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all.



# Chronicles of Knights of St Michael

## Vows of the Knights

For some time now we have been working towards establishing a formal Hosts of Knights in our parishes. The office of the National Animator has prepared all the necessary materials, translations and set-up administration to supervise the work. In the parishes we have a good number of candidates who are attending and committed to devotions and ideas of the Knighthood. For some time, they have been practicing the requirements outlined in the Rules. The pastoral undertaking of the new parish of St Michael at Hurstville has motivated us even more to formalize the movement of the Knighthood.

During his visit in February, the Superior General will conduct a formal ceremony for the pledging of vows. Currently, members from the parishes of **Hurstville** and **Terrigal** are ready to formally establish their own Host of Adoration and make their vows. Members from other parishes will be temporarily affiliated to one of these groups. With the grace of God, we will do our best to establish other hosts in all our Michaelite parishes soon. Your animator will provide further details in the near future.

## Hurstville Report

For the last six months we have been slowly familiarizing the parishioners of St Michael Church at Hurstville with the ideas of the Knighthood of St Michael, by introducing the first Tuesday Host of Adoration, holding a novena prior to the feast of St Michael and conducting discussions on related issues. Recently, a Host of Knights with about ten members submitted their application for full membership. Ms Carmela Gonzaga, accepted the role of the animator and is leading the

group with great enthusiasm and zeal. The group is eagerly preparing for the ceremony of making their vows in February. They will be aided by our new assistant priest, **Fr George Gorzkowski**, who previously was very much involved in the Knighthood in Terrigal.

## Terrigal Trivia Night for SMMS

On 25 October we held our Trivia Evening for the Michaelites. Our goal was to raise \$5000 (the same as last year) to be sent to **Fr Bogdan Swierczewski** in PNG to support the completion of the Divine Mercy Chapel in Kuli Parish. We had around 180 support the evening from the parish and the school community. There was a real buzz of joy in the room. Many got dressed up in a theme – there was a lot of colour and some funny sights. We had auctions, raffles, lots of prizes and yes we achieved our \$5000.00 – which was sent straight to PNG. We also made an extra \$500 and with a little more fund raising from selling books, rocky road and Vatican jewellery we were able to send \$1000 to **Fr Kris Poswiata** in Belarus to support his important ministry with the young through the Global Children's Foundation. We are planning another evening next year, with the help of those who sponsored us this year. Maybe you would like to join us and book a table.

## We Farewell Fr George Gorzkowski from Terrigal

On 17 November Terrigal Parish said goodbye to another loved Michaelite Priest, Fr George. He was with us for only 2 years but made his spiritual mark by personally supporting all the prayer groups and devotions and showing care for the sick and those in need. Blessings on Fr George in his new ministry at St Michael's Hurstville Parish.

*Janette Merrotsy, Terrigal*



Farewell to Fr George from Terrigal Parish

## Knights of St Michael The Archangel



*This is a lay Catholic Religious Movement whose members under the banner of St Michael are set on a mission to proclaim the victory of Christ over Satan, to obtain the conversion of sinners and to expiate for the sins of humankind.*

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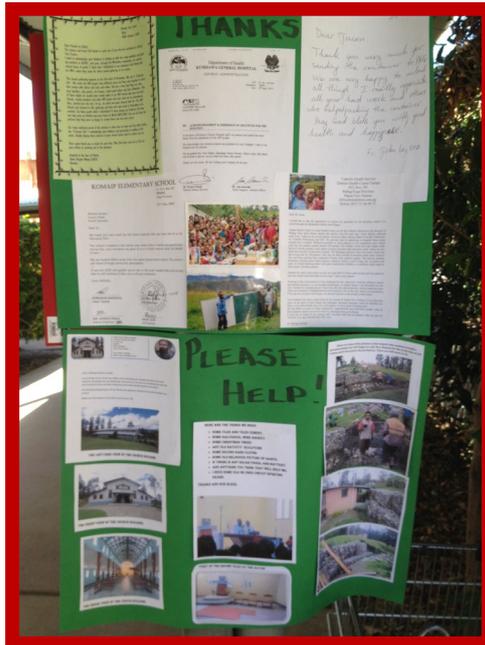
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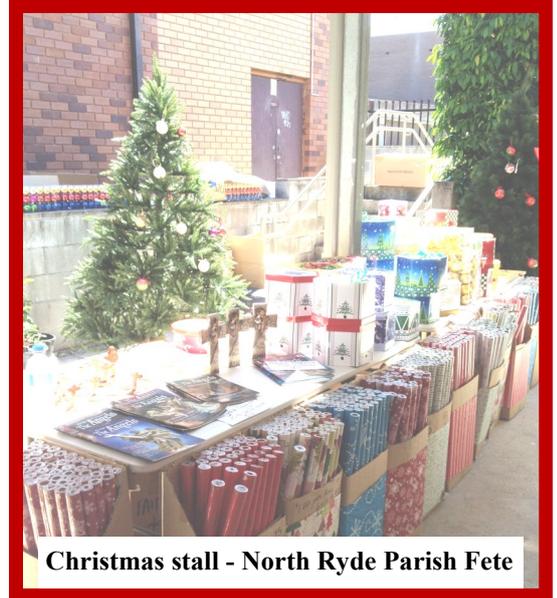
# From PNG Missions

## News from Wanepap Parish

Parish Priest, **Fr Peter Kaupa**, has sent us a letter with information on the progress of renovations and works around the parish. Since the parish has been under his care, he is continuing the work of renovating the church, building a retaining wall near the presbytery and doing improvements on the parish hall. He reports that the work of tiling the church sanctuary was progressing very nicely, but unfortunately they ran out of tiles!!



He is asking us for help specifically with tiling materials and galvanised steel baskets for the retaining wall or other items to help with this project. Parishion-



Christmas stall - North Ryde Parish Fete

ers of North Ryde quickly organized themselves for the Holy Spirit Fete, held in October, to sell Christmas items and to draw attention to Fr Peter's requests. We would like to extend his appeal to all our Michaelite parishes in the hope you will respond generously.

# St Michael Mission Society Works

The Annual General Meeting of the Saint Michael Mission Society Inc was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde. As well as members from North Ryde, representatives from Terrigal, Chatswood and Clovelly were also present. In the reports that were tabled, we heard of the many good works that our fundraising and donations support in Papua New Guinea. For example, more than \$35,000 went towards the building of the Michaelite Chapel in Mt Hagen; other funds covered the cost of shipping containers to PNG; some expenses helped in relation to the ordination of **Fr Kenneth Kaimalan**; support for the

jubilee celebrations in Kasap; contribution to the running of the Novitiate and Formation; seminary fees and travel expenses for the seminarians and much more. In particular, our work with sending much needed goods in the shipping containers, such as medical supplies and other essentials, has not only helped our Michaelite Missions, but as Fr Janusz reported, a big percentage is also distributed to other missions, hospitals and clinics. To hear this was very pleasing and encourages us in our efforts.

*Nadia Caravello, North Ryde  
Public Officer/Treasurer*