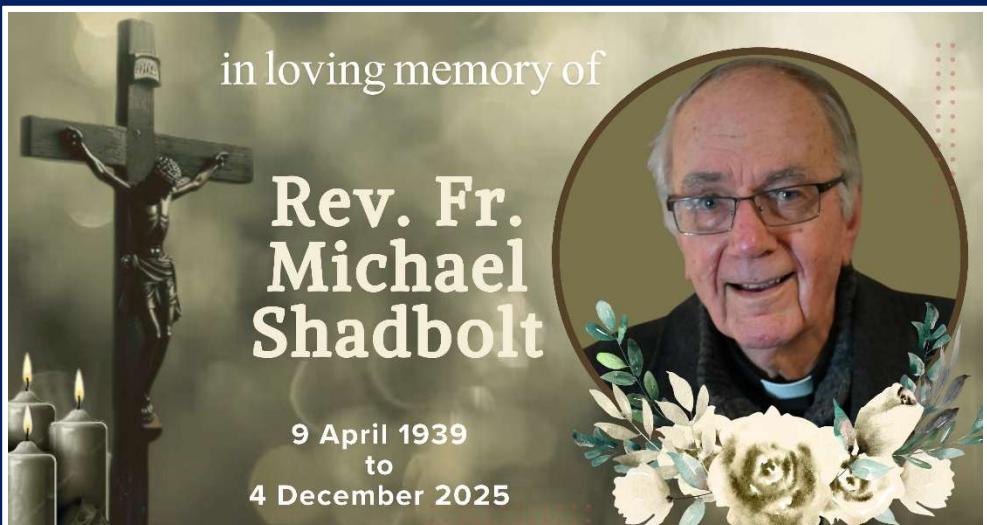


The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT
7th DECEMBER 2025



I convey to you the sad news that **Father Michael Leonard Shadbolt PE** died early this morning, Thursday 4 December 2025 at Epworth Hospital, Richmond, aged 86 years.

“O God, listen favourably to our prayers offered on behalf of your servant and priest, and grant that Michael, who committed himself zealously to the service of your name, may rejoice forever in the company of your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen”

Fr Michael was ordained to the priesthood on 25 July 1964 by Archbishop Simonds at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. His first appointment was to Coburg Parish in 1964 as Assistant Priest. He then served

Parish Priest:
Fr. Joby George VC

Priest-In Residence:
Fr Sebastian
Mappilaparambil VC

Parish Secretary:
Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:
Gerard Antony

Principal:
Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:
Florida Nugara

Catechist:
Christina D'Couto

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday..... 9.15am
..... 11.00am
Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:
Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Saturday 9.15am
Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:
Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:
Saturday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:
Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:
Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls Hire:
Contact Parish Office

as Assistant Priest in Doveton Parish in 1965, and in Mansfield in 1966, where he was also Chaplain to the Catholic Ski Club.

In 1969, Fr Michael began missionary work with the Melbourne Overseas Mission, serving in Venezuela from 1969 until 1975. Upon returning to the Archdiocese, he was appointed Assistant Priest at Ascot Vale, and as the Part Time Chaplain to Mercy College. Then in 1977 he was appointed as Assistant Priest at St Kilda West.

His missionary experience and pastoral gifts led to his appointment in 1980 as Chaplain to the Spanish-Speaking Community and for the Latin American Community, a role to which he brought great dedication.

In 1989, Fr Michael was appointed Assistant Priest at Belmont Parish, followed by Sunshine Parish in 1991 and then in 1996, he was appointed as the Administrator for the parish. He then served as Assistant Priest at Hampton Park Parish for three years until 1999, when he was appointed Parish Priest of Doveton. He ministered faithfully in Doveton for 20 years until his retirement in 2019, at which time he was Pastor Emeritus. For many years he was a prolific letter writer and was actively involved in the National Civic Council.

Fr Michael was a priest of deep kindness, great spiritual strength, and pastoral wisdom. He ministered with generosity and compassion, in particular assisting

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Is 11:1-10

Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,
17

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

MONDAY

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gen 3:9-15,20

Ps 97:1-4

Eph 1:3-6,11-12

TUESDAY

Is 40:1-11

Ps 95:1-3,10-13

Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY

Is 49:25-31

Ps 102:1-4,8,10

Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY

Is 41:13-20

Ps 144:1,9-13

Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY

Is 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-4,6

Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY

St Lucy, virgin, martyr

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Ps 79:2-3,15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:10-13

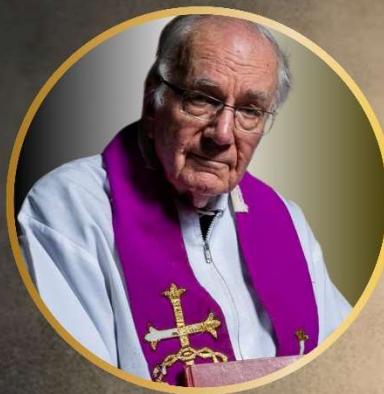
people with their personal and spiritual struggles. He was held in great esteem by both his brother priests and the people he served. The Archdiocese gratefully acknowledges his devoted service and spiritual guidance for over 61 years.

May he rest in gentle peace.

Very Rev. Anthony Kerin JCL, Vicar General

St Patrick's Centre, 486 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Australia. PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia

ROSARY & VIEWING at Holy Family



**Thursday
11 December
7.00 PM**



REQUIEM MASS



FRIDAY
DECEMBER 12
ST. GERARD'S CHURCH

(71 Gladstone Rd, Dandenong North)

11.30 AM

LET US REMEMBER HIS FAMILY IN
OUR PRAYERS



Father:
LEONARD SHADBOLT (Deceased)

Mother:
KATHLEEN SHADBOLT (Deceased)

Brother:
JOHN SHADBOLT



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Tuesday to Friday
9.30am to 1.30pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)