



# St Michael's Parish

Incorporating the Churches of Holy Family Bell Park, Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West & Holy Spirit Manifold Hts.

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**Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ**

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist encourages his followers to be patient, as the wait for salvation will soon be over. The Israelites longed to see the day when the Messiah would come. Each generation hoped and prayed that they would be the one to witness the appearance of God's anointed. The Jewish people still hope and pray for this event in every generation.

But Jesus did not come as many expected. Some thought he would arrive in a dramatic event and the end of the world would occur. Others expected a regal entrance or a political overthrow of the Romans.

Luke's Gospel repeatedly points out that the very people who longed for the day to see the Messiah missed out because they were looking for the wrong signs.

John the Baptist is the first to see Jesus for who he really is for the world. He recognises that Jesus' sacrificial love can fill our valleys,

lay mountains low, make crooked paths straight and rough ways smooth.

Advent is not a season where we have to pretend that we do not know Jesus is coming and then put on mock surprise at Christmas. Advent is the season which celebrates a 'patient yes'. Every year all of us in the Church stand in a queue and remind ourselves of how blessed we are to have seen our salvation in Jesus.

We remember the faith of those who longed to see what we see and to know what we know. And we cultivate our patience for life's valleys, mountains and crooked paths where sometimes we can feel Jesus' absence more than his presence, where only when we look back we can see he was with us all the way.

So, as we all wait together in line this Advent let's say yes to all that salvation holds for us: yes to God's personal love; yes to Jesus' kingdom of justice and peace; yes to every

opportunity to serve the Gospel and yes to knowing that our God is a companion to us at every step of our journey, even in the most unexpected ways.

Scottish poet John Bell expresses it this way:

'Light looked down and saw the darkness.

"I will go there", said light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

"I will go there", said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred.

"I will go there", said love.

So he,  
the Lord of Light,  
the Prince of Peace,  
the King of Love,  
came down and crept in beside us.'

**- Second Sunday of Advent -***(Year C - December 9, 2018)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****3rd Sunday of Advent - Cycle C**

1st Reading: Zeph 3:14-18

2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

**2ND SUNDAY OF Advent****PARISH PRAYER:**

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be a good example to the children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:**

Heavenly Father, help us to respond to and live out our mission in the Church, and in the world.

Help all your people to know their vocation in life and assist them to live it well.

For your greater glory and for the service of your people, call many to be priests and religious.

Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH AT PRAYER



## WEEKEND MASSES:

### Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday

Croatian... 11am Sunday

Slovenian.. 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

### Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

11am Sunday

### Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

### Holy Family:

9.15am Tues (followed by Novena to St Anthony), 9.15am Thurs

### Holy Spirit:

9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am 1st Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

### McKellar Centre:

10.15am - 1st Tuesday (3rd & 5th Communion Service)

### Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Friday;

**Elstoft House (formerly Vincentian Village):** 3.00pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday, (2nd & 4th Communion Service)

**St John of God Hospital:** 11.30am every Thursday in SJOG Chapel

## BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12.30pm at Ss P&P, 3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

## COMMUNAL PRAYER:

**Mon...** Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

**Tues...** Meditation Group

5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

**Wed...** Prayer of the Church

Before 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

**Wed...** Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

**Thurs...** Italian Prayer Group

10.00am

St Patrick's Chapel

**Fri...** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

After 11am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

**Fri...** Divine Mercy

3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

**Sat...** Rosary

After 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

## OUR LADY'S STATUE:

**Nov 19-Dec 3:** Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave; **Dec 10-24:** Moore family, 39 Willana Ave

If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help, ph Tina Montalto on 5278 9314.

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

### RECENT DEATHS:

Mary Johnston, Stefanija Spoljaric, Danica Ivetac and Zanardo Brothers & Zanon Sister (Italy)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Christopher (Max) Lunn, Jim Hickey, John Walsh

### BAPTISMS:

River Moreland, Ned Kevric, Georgina Killeen, Felipe & Laila Martinez

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Joe Vanjek, Frank Mason, Val Howard, Kylie Kosic, Anita Capicchiano, Sandra Klinge, Allan Ansell, Marie Brown, Cheryl Lambert, Elizabeth Topic, Allan Ansell, Alexander, Val Howard



## PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

**Tues Dec 11...** Javni, Ramirez, Gravador, Tambuli & Kirby families

**Wed Dec 12...** Frank Kenney & family

**Thurs Dec 13...** Mitchell Dowling and members of the Mullin & Walker families

**Fri Dec 14...** Tuddenham family members

## Roster for Next Sunday

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

K Maddalena

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D Whelan

M Gifford, 5229 1656

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

### 8.00AM

K Saunders

P. Carvalho

Sr Concepta, P Ruggeri, R Culo

P Ruggeri, R Culo

R Allum

L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

### HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Kroger

J McKenzie

L Stalio

L Fossey

F Kearney

### 9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C Taylor, M Fiorillo, M. Perera

E Dalton

C Resciniti

J Mann, 0488 784 802

## Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



The Catholic Bishops of Australia have begun a process to prepare for the **Plenary Council** that will take place over two sessions, in October 2020 and May 2021. A Plenary Council (or Synod) is the highest formal gathering of all local Catholic churches in a country and can discuss and legislate on a wide range of issues, including matters of faith, morals and discipline. It has been over 80 years since such a Plenary has been held in Australia.

The first phase of the Plenary process, **"A Year of Listening"**, has begun and will continue until Ash Wednesday 2019. All Catholics are invited to contribute, specifically by contemplating, discussing and feeding back to the Bishops their own response to the question: **"What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?"**

Early in the New Year you will be invited to share your answers to this question. You are very welcome to email your ideas to St Michael's Parish or to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

### - St Michael's Parish Christmas Celebrations -

#### Christmas Masses:

Dec 24...	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's
	5.00pm	Holy Family (focus on the children)
	7.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's
	8.00pm	Holy Spirit
	9.30pm	Holy Spirit
Dec 25...	9.00am	Holy Spirit
	9.30am	Holy Family



#### Christmas Masses in Croatian:

Dec 24...	9.00pm	Holy Family
Dec 25...	11.30am	Holy Family

#### Christmas Masses in Lithuanian:

Dec 25...	9.30am	Ss Peter & Paul's
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#### Advent/Christmas Carols Service:

Dec 11...	7.00pm	Holy Family
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#### Second Rite Reconciliation:

Tues Dec 18...	7.30pm	Holy Family
Wed Dec 19...	7.30pm	Holy Spirit

Crib Scene at Ss Peter & Paul's



**Christmas Eve/Christmas Day - Holy Family 5.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve:**  
**Children from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to play a special part as the Gospel is being read.**  
**Names of interested children can be left at the Parish Office as soon as possible.**



#### Advent/Christmas Carols Service:

A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners, family and friends to our Inaugural Advent/Christmas Carols Service at Holy Family Church on Tuesday December 11, commencing at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend supper afterwards in the Parish Community Centre - please bring a small plate of food to share.

Hope to see you all there!



## St Michael's News:

### ◆ FAREWELL & THANKYOU TO FR GEORGE:

On **Sunday Dec 16** at the 9.30am Holy Family Mass, Fr George Slowinski will Concelebrate with Fr Prakash. This will be followed by a cup of tea/coffee and cake in the Parish Community Centre. All welcome!

### ◆ Ss PETER & PAUL'S TOILETS:

We are very excited to announce that the revamp of the existing toilet block is now complete and the end result is amazing. Our thanks and appreciation must go to the team at Bisinella Developments who donated their time, expertise and costs of materials - especially Lino, Richard and Mick Bisinella. We extend our appreciation and thanks also to Peter Serra at Select Architects and Dean Bertuch at BSA Building Surveyors, who donated their expert advice and services. We also thank Peter McCormack who carried out the plumbing on our behalf. Last, but not least, thankyou to Fr Gerard Keith and Dao Tran (Archdiocese of Melbourne) for their input at the early stages and getting this project off and running.

### ◆ Ss PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Repair and maintenance of the stone corbels near the narthex and baptism areas is now complete - just in time for our Christmas Masses.

### ◆ THANKYOU:

To the organisers and helpers who set up, catered and cleaned up for the Anointing of the Sick and Seniors Luncheon at Holy Family on November 24th. Once again, the day was an enjoyable, friendly and hospitable occasion for all. A great outreach, especially for those who are housebound.

### ◆ THANKYOU ALSO

to the Spina family for putting up the beautiful Crib in front of Ss Peter & Paul's Church. (See beautiful result on Page 3).

### ◆ COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

St Vincent de Paul Society are selling Columban Calendars for \$9 available to purchase from the Piety Stall in all three Churches until **December 16**. Also available are Christmas cards for \$7 a set of eight. Proceeds are used to assist those who are in need.

### ◆ LECTORS PLEASE NOTE:

Your copy of the new **Break Open the Word** is now in the Sacristy where you are rostered. Please collect it as soon as you can. Many thanks for your continued support.

### FR MICK'S MATES:

**Christmas Markets** will be held on the following dates:

**Sat Dec 8...** Ss Peter & Paul's after the 5pm Mass

**Sun Dec 9...** Holy Spirit after the 11am Mass

**Sun Dec 16...** Holy Family after the 8am and 9.30am Masses

**Reminder** - Christmas Hampers will be made to order. If you want one please call Margaret Brown 5229 1280 or Betty Rice 5229 4530.

*Thankyou for supporting Fr Mick's Mates.*



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL JESSE TREE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

*Today we ask you to take a ticket out of our Basket Hand Out as we are looking for festive type foods to make Christmas Hampers (approx 75) for the less fortunate in the Community of Holy Family and Ashby.*

## Liturgy at St Michael's:

Dec 11... **Advent/Christmas Carols Service - Holy Family Church, 7pm**

Dec 12... **End of Year Mass - St Patrick's School at Clonard College, 10.30am**

“ **End of Year Mass - Holy Family School at Holy Family Church, 7.00pm**

Dec 14... **End of Year Mass - Holy Spirit School at Holy Spirit Church, 9.15am.**

## Community News:

Dec 9... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** End of Year BBQ/Social 1pm at the home of Louise and Alan Fossey. Invitation to members, ladies and family. Cost \$10/head, incl BBQ & drinks. Just bring a salad or sweet please. Phone Joe Lambert 5229 8442 to confirm attendance.

### MUSIC AT THE BASILICA PRESENTS:

Free Lunchtime Organ Recitals for Advent from 12.30 - 1.15pm at St Mary's Basilica, 136 Yarra St.

Mon Dec 10 - Beverley Phillips, Mon Dec 17 - Colin Jenkins, Mon Dec 24 - Frank DeRosso

Enquiries [jan.lavelle@gmail.com](mailto:jan.lavelle@gmail.com) or ph 0407 095 408

Also on Friday Dec 14 at St Mary's Basilica **Cheryl and Peter in Concert** with arias from opera and oratorio and carols by John Rutter will be performed by Cheryl Barker and Peter Coleman-Wright. Tickets \$50 Adult/Senior, \$45 Concession and children/school students free. Tickets [trybooking.com/TNVC](http://trybooking.com/TNVC) or at the door.

**ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR MATURE AGED NURSE** from January 14-23 within walking distance from Grace Mcakellar Centre, as student does not drive. Happy to pay a reasonable cost. If you can help ph Karen Davies on 0407 820 622.