



# 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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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to the people who enjoy his favour" Lk 2: 14



Dear parishioners, friends and visitors,

We, with people around the world, have prepared to celebrate Christmas. Traditionally, Christmas is a time for coming home to our family and friends. It is a wonderful time to be close to those who are close to us. Also, St. Michael's parish community gathers as a family to express its faith in the birth of Christ, symbolized in most churches by the presence of the Crib. As we stand before the Crib, we reflect on God's infinite love and uniting himself with humanity as one like us. In the Crib there are many different figures of various sizes. But it is important that everyone looks at the central person, Jesus, as did Joseph and Mary, with the ox and the ass, (representing nature) and see in the birth of Jesus the "Saviour of the world."

Although everything in the crib is simple, poor and humble, it teaches us this is the way God relates to us - a faith in Jesus who became flesh in order to save every human being. Each one of us is represented in the Crib. The question we need to ask is: where am I?

As we stand before the Christmas Crib, let us pray quietly before the Lord, asking Jesus for the gift of faith, love and hope in each of us and our community.

This is my first Christmas at St. Michael's parish. I look forward to serving you in the coming year. I wish you and your families a most blessed, joyful and peaceful Christmas, and Happy New Year. (Fr. Minh Tran)

*Have a Holy, Happy and New Year!*

- **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** -  
(Year A - December 29, 2019)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Feast of the Epiphany

1st Reading: Is 60:1-6  
2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3,5-6  
Gospel: Mt 2:1-12



### 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 3rd Tuesday, (1st, 2nd & 4th Communion Service)

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

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

### **RECENT DEATHS:**

Valda Dobbyn and Vito Tucci

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Nellie McFarlane, Maria Pino, Silvestro Uzzo, Silvana Bruschi

### **BAPTISMS:**

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### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Veronica Werzek, Ken Fusea, John McDonald, Angela Reed, Narciso Baldasso



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

**Tues December 31...** Mairos family members

**Wed January 1...** Gdak family members

**Thurs January 2...** Bauer and Radojevic family members

**Fri Jan 3...** Baulch family members

## **News:**

- ◆ **OFFICE CLOSURE:** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on January 1.
- ◆ **KINGS PARK PARISH - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Fr Gerard Keith will take you to watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem as we prepare for a powerful encounter into the heart of His passion. 10 nights/12 days commences Friday June 5, 2020. Dead Sea (1 night), Masada, Bethlehem (2 nights), Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee (3 nights), Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel, Haifa, Jerusalem (4 nights). Optional: Oberammergau Passion Play (3 nights) commences Tue 16 June 2020 - Munich (1), Oberammergau (2). Book now - 1800 819 156 or [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

## **Roster for Next Sunday**

(1st Sunday of the Month)

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

Commentators C O'Brien  
Lectors Sr J McGonigal  
Special Ministers N Neeld, P McGlinchey  
Welcomers  
Projectionist D Whelan  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### **HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM**

C Nielson  
M Kroger  
G Wright,  
L Fossey  
L Coles

### **HOLY FAMILY**

Commentators R Allum  
Lectors V Pavlovic  
Special Ministers J Bartolo, I Baulch, Peter McBride  
Welcomers K McArthur, L. Allum  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

### **9.30AM**

J Siketa  
M Bird, M Scaddan  
P Carmody, B Kline, Horoba  
M&E Hoffman  
C Resciniti  
J Mann, 0488 784 802