



# 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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[www.facebook.com/michaelparish.st](https://www.facebook.com/michaelparish.st)

## RECENT DEATHS:

Betty Venuto

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Orlando Longo, Ann Consiglio, Betty Dark

## SICK:

Veronica Werzek, Angela Reed, Josica Markov, Giuseppa Forestieri, Julita Aquino



## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

**WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS:** Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tell us:

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts and perceive the passage of God in our lives.

'Let us pray for the young people in community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocation'.

## St Michael's News:

- **CONGRATULATIONS :** To Fr Minh on his official appointment as Parish Priest at St Michael's Parish.
- **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** Can be dropped in at the Parish Office at a time that is suitable to you or, if you prefer to make a one off payment, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343 .
- **READERS & COMMENTATORS:** If you would like to participate in our live streaming of Masses each Sunday, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office.
- **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Until further notice, the parish office will opened daily from 9am-1pm.
- **LIVESTREAMING OF MASS:** This Sunday at 10am.
- **CHANNEL 10:** Mass at 6am & CHANNEL 31 or 44 Mass at 11am every Sunday
- **Catholic Club at Deakin:** A Catholic friendship and faith formation group has now been established at Deakin University. Given the present corona virus restrictions, the group will focus on presenting and discussing on-line a refresher course on the Catholic faith. If you are a student at Deakin and are interested in joining this group, or are simply seeking more information, please contact Len Monk, Chaplain [lenjmonk@gmail.com](mailto:lenjmonk@gmail.com) or 0402082937.

## 4th Sunday of Easter

**Good Shephard Sunday  
(Year A - May 3, 2020)**

Acts 2:14, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10: 1-10

## **Stay at home! But what if you are a homeless child?**

### **COVID-19 is a threat to children living on the streets in Manila.**

Orphaned, abandoned and runaway children are among the most destitute in Filipino society. Surviving as best they can on the streets in the heart of Manila, they are highly vulnerable to abuse, exploitation and malnutrition. The COVID-19 pandemic is hitting this group the hardest, leaving them without access to food, shelter and health care.

Australian Marist Solidarity supports homeless children and young people in Manila through a partnership with the Kuya Centre for Street Children. Staff at the Centre use games and drama to focus on topics such as substance and drug abuse prevention, child rights, sex education and life skills. They provide practical support and skills but importantly also a safe and supportive space where these young people have a sense of belonging and community.

Australian Marist Solidarity CEO Rebecca Bromhead commends the project “the work being done at the Kuya Centre provides important social development for homeless children, including their education, personal development and values formation”. She continues “There are thousands of children living on the streets of Manila who have broken all bonds with their families. Victims of violence and of drugs, their survival strategies include begging, stealing and prostitution, leaving them marginalised and very vulnerable”. The Centre’s Street Services Team spend five afternoons per week with the street children in their own environment, getting to know them and offering non-formal education.

Australian Marist Solidarity is receiving regular updates from all of its 70+ projects across the region. In the case of the Kuya Centre, Metro Manila is currently under “enhanced community quarantine” until April 13. Movement between cities in Metro Manila is virtually impossible and now it has become very difficult to move between local areas (Barangays) within Quezon City. People are requested to remain at home, and only one person per household is able to go out to get food. Therefore, all of the Kuya Center's community and street-based programs have been temporarily suspended since March 17, 2020, leaving the children in a vulnerable situation.

It is anticipated that the poverty in Metro Manila will increase severely as so many people have lost their employment or livelihood. Sister Kate O’Neil RNDM said, “once our community and street-based programs resume, the needs of the people in our areas of work will be high. There may be more street kids in need of residential shelter, however it is not easy to predict.”

Rebecca Bromhead confirmed the ongoing commitment by Australian Marist Solidarity to the Kuya Centre for Street Children “Australian Marist Solidarity is proud to partner with the Kuya Centre for Street Children and acknowledges in particular the importance of its residential care service during this challenging time, providing safety and belonging for very marginalised children. We are committed to ensuring this service can continue and preparing for the anticipated increased need for their community programs as soon as it is safe to continue”.

To support Australian Marist Solidarity and the Kuya Centre for Street Children program, visit [www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au](http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au) or contact the Parish Office.