



# 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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Martin Groher &amp; Jo Vanjek

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Matt De Grandi, Jeanette Sheahan &amp; One Year Anniversary of Giacinto (Jack) Palmieri

**SICK:**

Veronica Werzek, Josica Markov, Giuseppa Forestieri, Julita Aquino, Fr Philip Godsell, Theresa Vickers

**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.



## St Michael's News:

**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020** was drawn on September 26.

Unfortunately, there were no winners from St Michael's Parish. Raffle results are listed on the next page.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Due to **stage 3 restrictions** currently in place, all religious gatherings, including private prayer in the parish remain **cancelled** until further notice. Let's hope and pray that the easing of restrictions will happen soon.**LIVESTREAMING OF MASS:** This Sunday at 10am. Also available on Channel 10 at 6am and 11am on Channel 31 & 44. Mass is also available on You Tube daily, from St Simon's Parish, Rowville.**DAY LIGHT SAVING:** Begins this Sunday October 4th. Clocks go forward an hour.**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(Year A - Oct 4, 2020)  
Is 5:1-7  
Phil 4: 6-9  
Mt 21:33-43**CANONISATION 10TH ANNIVERSARY SAINT MARY MACKILLOP:** To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop, the Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world. To order your free exclusive copy of *Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer*, please go to [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book) or call the sisters direct on 02 8912 2777

| Prize No | Prizes                      | Ticket No | Parish                              |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1        | Suzuki Beleno               | 032770    | Good Shepherd, Mulgrave             |
| 2        | Suzuki Beleno               | 095457    | St Patrick's, Lilydale              |
| 3        | Suzuki Beleno               | 049753    | Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale      |
| 4        | \$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card | 083496    | Our Holy Redeemer, Surrey Hills     |
| 5        | \$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card | 011368    | Clairvaux Primary School, Belmont   |
| 6        | \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  | 024215    | Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dromana |
| 7        | \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  | 069241    | St Damian's, Bundoora               |
| 8        | \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  | 077953    | Resurrection Parish, Keysborough    |
| 9        | \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  | 109047    | St Simon's, Rowville                |
| 10       | \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  | 077525    | Resurrection Parish, Keysborough    |
| 11       | \$500 Coles Myer gift Card  | 092015    | St Michael's, Ashburton             |
| 12       | \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  | 056036    | St Scholastica, Bennettswood        |
| 13       | \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  | 015841    | St Agatha's, Cranbourne             |
| 14       | \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  | 069696    | St Damian's, Bundoora               |

## Reflection by Richard Leonard:

Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvelous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha', where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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