



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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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Rosalia Patti Catalano (Italy); Catherine Consedine; Alessandrina Fierro; Bruno Segon

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Langerano; Antonio Bagnato; Maria Vannata; David Grant; Nina Croce; Rocco, Francesca & Salvatore Daniele; Vincenzo Cammarere; Salvatore & Damiano Modica; Giuseppa & Giuseppe Lo Piccolo; Paul Fernandes; Mary Smith; Francisco Alfaiate & Family Members & 30th Anniversary of Rosilino Spitale

BAPTISMS: Alison Lovenbury; Ida Grozdanovski; Annabelle McDonald; Rosie Sodomaco

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr Philip Godsell; Raymond Carroll.; Fr Josip Vranjes, Helen Dean.



St Michael's Parish is committed to upholding the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Through our behaviour we show we are followers of Jesus who care for all - the children, the vulnerable.....

A REMINDER: Children must be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian at all times!

Fourth Sunday in ordinary time
 (Year C – 30 January 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will sing of your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to the prisoners.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Jer: 1:4-5, 17-19
 2nd: 1 Cor 12-31– 13:13
 Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Is 6:1-8
 2nd: 1 Cor: 15:1-11
 Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

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.

COVID SAFE INFORMATION!

Welcome back to our 1st Parish Bulletin for 2022. With Covid numbers so high, now more than ever, it is important that we protect the elderly and vulnerable in the Parish. Please continue to adhere to our Covid Safe procedures as follows:-



- Mask wearing for attendees 8 years & over is **compulsory** and for parishioners who are exempt, please provide a copy of your valid exemption to the Welcomers.
- Please remember to always sanitise your hands before entering the church
- QR Check-in at all religious gatherings
- Always maintain a safe distance from others when seated in the Church and when entering, exiting and proceeding to receive Communion.
- If you are feeling unwell, stay at home and rest.

St Michael's Parish at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

11am Sunday

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday

Croatian... 11am Sunday

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family:

9.15am Mon & Tues (Followed by Novena to St Anthony),

8.45am (Rosary before Mass on Mon & Tues)

Holy Spirit:

9.15am Wed, 9.15am Fri. (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Reconciliation after Friday Mass each week.

BAPTISMS:

Please contact the parish for new bookings

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

Tues...	<i>Meditation Group</i>	<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
	<i>Legion of Mary</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Fri.:	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY (1st Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators	M Carson
Lectors	P Balkin
Special Ministers	N Neeld,
Welcomers	
Projectionist	B Middleton
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson
M Kroger
G Wright
L Fossey, B Bilogrevic
L Coles

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators	R Allum
Lectors	V Pavlovic
Special Ministers	J Bartolo, Peter McBride
Welcomers	K McArthur, L. Allum
Projectionist	R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa
M Bird, M Scaddan
E Karakchi, B Kline, Horoba
M & E Hoffman
C Resciniti



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Summer Calendar

- **30th January** – Help Create the St Michael's Parish Banner. St Michael's Parish Centre.
2-4 pm Do you have experience creating/making a Banner. Your input and creativity is welcome and needed as we prepare the St. Michael's Parish Banner.
- **19 & 20th February** after each Church Service – Official Welcome – Gather and Graze after Mass. Join us after mass for light refreshment after each church service. To Thank you for your continued support and attendance at St Michael's Parish.
- **6 March** - Inaugural St Michaels's Parish Picnic – Venue/details to be advised.

NB: This is just the start of our social calendar and future items are in still in the planning stage. Please keep an eye on the Bulletin, St Michael's Face Book and website for further information. Contact Debbie MB: 0409 416 945

New Group/s in 2022

Don't Judge a book by it's cover! – commencing in February. The St Michael's book group. First Monday of the Month 2-4 pm Parish Community Centre. Bring along whatever you are currently reading be it Novel, magazine, Poetry, graphic novel, special interest journals etc. Come along, make new friends and chat about your reading interests. Facilitator Michael MB: 0428 336 080

NB: Is there a group you would be interested in facilitating or being part of. We are happy to help advise and get you started so that hobbies may be shared, and the ministry of friendship created and expanded.

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP LUNCH:** Return for 2022 will be **Monday 7 February at 12.30pm**. Venue: 'Peckish' Geelong Bowls Club, Ballarat Road, See you all There!
- ♦ **CWL:** There will be **NO** February meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL due to the large number of Covid cases in the community. We hope to hold our first meeting for 2022 in March. We look forward to seeing everyone then.
- ♦ **ST MICHAELS' CRAFT and CONVERSATION:** are you interested in any kind of craft work. Then you are invited to join our craft and conversation—we have knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, some people come along for the social conversation and cuppa. We would love to see you join our group and share whatever craft you are enjoying. We meet 2-4pm at St Michaels Community Centre see following dates:

10 Feb,	24 Feb,	10 Mar,	24 Mar,	7 Apr,	21Apr,	5 May,	19 May,	2 June,
16 June,	30 June,	14 Jul,	28 Jul,	11 Aug,	25 Aug,	8 Sep,	2 Sep,	6 Oct,
20 Oct,	3 Nov,	1 Dec	15 Dec.					

For further details contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.

SAFETY AND WELLBEING:

The safety and wellbeing of our parishioners, staff and the wider community is important to us all. Please report any accidents, incidents or near misses to the Parish Office on 5278 1343. Also, if you notice any potential hazards or risks, please bring these to our attention so that we can address them as soon as possible.



ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLICCARE 'Volunteer Tutors' are needed to assist newly arrived refugee students at Northern Bay College on Monday afternoons during school term.

The Refugee Homework Support Group provides Secondary College students with support to integrate into their school environment, develop their English language and study skills, while improving their interpersonal skills and social connectedness. Students are from Refugee, Non English speaking backgrounds and tutors will assist the students to engage in bilingual language learning, homework & learning activities. This provides a rewarding volunteer experience within the refugee settlement and education environments. For further details please contact Nestor Estampa on 0439 358 342 or email Nestor.Estampa@ccam.org.au

REFLECTION by Richard

At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available!

It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

Indeed as St John was to sharply say in his letter in the New Testament, 'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice.

So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love.

And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.

From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles.

On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'.

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death.