



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.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au
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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Ted Boltong (Son-in-law of Agnus Vanjek) Theo O'Reilly; Jack Maloney;

ANNIVERSARIES: Danuta Augustyn; Lou Resciniti; Carlota Fernandes
 (1st Year Anniversary) John Duggan.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr Philip Godsell; Raymond Carroll.; Fr Josip Vranjes;
 Theresa Vickers; 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!

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – 27 February 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!



TODAY'S READINGS **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

1st Sir 27:4-7	1st: Deut 26:4-10
2nd: 1 Cor 15:54-58	2nd: Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45	Gospel: Luke 4:1-3

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 UPDATE!



Government changes effective from midnight Friday February 25 as follows:

- QR Check-in at Religious Gatherings is no longer required
- Wearing of facemasks is not compulsory, but is still recommended
- Communion will be given in the hand
- Please sanitise hands when entering the church; and maintain a safe distance where possible
- If you are feeling unwell, stay at home and rest.

NOTE OF THANKS: Many thanks for the marvellous work by our Covid Welcomers, especially over the past 4+ months: from making sure that everyone was QR checked in at all Masses and checking attendees vaccination status. At times this could be somewhat trying, especially when they met with a few challenging attendees. We are so very grateful. Thankyou, thankyou!

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... 11.30am Sunday (temporary change of time)

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...

Meditation Group

5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

Legion of Mary

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

Fri.:

Divine Mercy

3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(1st Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators

M Carson

Lectors

P Balkin

Special Ministers

N Neeld,

Welcomers

A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey

N Tuddenham

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, P McBride

Welcomers

K McArthur, L. Allum

Projectionist R Allum

C Resciniti

Co-Ordinator

L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

J Siketa

M Bird, M Scaddan

E Karakchi, B Kline, Horoba

M & E Hoffman

J Mann, 0488 784 802



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Summer Calendar

27 February - Holy Spirit Gather and Graze

Gather and Graze is an opportunity to come together in a social situation, and now that the kids are back at school, a time to reflect, connect and celebrate the ministry of friendship with refreshments provided. It is also a time for Fr. Minh's to say 'Thank you' for your continued support and attendance at St Michael's Parish.

**SUNDAY 6 MARCH - INAUGURAL
ST MICHAEL'S PARISH PICNIC – NOON- 4.00PM
Rippleside Park, Bell Parade Rippleside Vic 3215
BYO Everything
Games, Prizes & Lots of Fun, See you there**

Congratulations to the Grade 5 Students from St Patrick's who will receive the Sacrament of the 1st Eucharist over the next few weeks.



St Michael's News:

- ♦ **LENT AT ST MICHAEL'S, ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES—MARCH 2**
9.15AM...Holy Spirit Church
7pm...Ss Peter & Paul's Church
PLEASE NOTE: there will be no Ash Wednesday Mass at Holy Family Church this year.
- ♦ **St Michael's Lenten Program 2022**—An invitation goes out to those who would like to be involved in a small group, conversations on the Readings for Lent. **When: Thursday evenings during Lent, 7pm.** At the Parish Community Centre, beginning on **Thursday 3 March.** To be part of this please contact the **Parish Office** on **5278 1343** or by email **bellpark@cam.org.au.**
- ♦ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL will be held **Wed 2 March, 1.30pm**, St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St, Bell Park. All St Michael's ladies are most welcome to attend. If you require transport please Ph: Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598
- ♦ **Mar 08... 7pm Parish Leadership Team Meeting:** Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **St Michael's Craft and Conversation:** Are you interested in any kind of craft work? Then you are invited to join our craft and conversation group. We have knitters; crocheters; embroiderers; Some people come along for the social conversation and cuppa. We would love to see you join our craft group, and share whatever craft you are enjoying. We meet 2-4pm at St Michaels Community Centre on the following dates: 10 Mar, 24 Mar, 7 Apr, 21 Apr, 5 May, 19 May, 2 June, 16 June, 30 June, 14 Jul, 28 Jul, 11 Aug, 25 Aug, 8 Sep, 22 Sep, 6 Oct, 20 Oct, 3 Nov, 17 Nov, 1 Dec, 15 Dec. **For further details, contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.**
- ♦ **Don't Judge a book by it's cover!** – The St Michael's book group. **First Monday of the Month 2-3 pm** Parish Community Centre. Bring along whatever you are currently reading be it a novel, magazine, poetry, graphic novel, special interest journals etc. Come along, make new friends and chat about your reading interests. For further details, contact **Michael** on **0428 336 080.**
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP**—Lunch, Monday 7 March, 12.30pm at the **Yardz Church St, Geelong West.** See you all there!



Community News

- **CARITAS AUSTRALIA, PROJECT COMPASSION**—Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season, and help support vulnerable people around the world, to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future **for All Future Generations**. You can also donate by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.
- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**—Fri 4 Mar 2022, 11am at **St Mary of the Angels, Basilica, 136 Yarra Street Geelong (please note change of venue)**. This year the theme is 'I know the plans I have for you' prepared by the people of England, Wales & Northern Ireland. Our Guest speaker is Rev. Father James Clarke. Everyone most welcome, for further information please contact **Sue O'Donoghue on 0429 784 331**
- **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA 2022—WINDFIRE 12TH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**—starting **Friday 11-20 March**. Visit musicatthebasilica.org.au for details. Program from the Elizabethan Period. Information www.auschoir.org \$50 Full, \$45 Seniors, \$40 Concession www.auschoir.org or at the door. Children and school students free.
- **CATHOLICCARE—Catholic Prison Ministry invites you...** As we celebrate the work of chaplains during February and prepare for the opening of a new prison in the Barwon region, later in 2022, the Catholic Prison Ministry team is looking for people to join if you... can relate well to people; can model respectful relating with another person, are able to listen without judging; have a good sense of humour; love and live your faith in God; would be willing to join with the residents and chaplains in prayer, at their Mass or Prayer time in the Chapel, then we would love to hear from you about joining our team. Please contact: Sister Mary O'Shannassy Email: cpmvic@ccam.org.au Ph: 9287 5577 to express your interest. Training will be provided to all before going into any prison.
- **CLONARD COLLEGE**—Open Day **Tuesday 15 March until Friday 18 March**. Multiple information and tour sessions. Bookings are essential via www.clonard.vic.edu.au Enrolments for Year 7 close Friday 6 May 2021.
- **AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS**—The Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) is a free program where volunteers get matched up with an older person for social companionship and friendship on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Australian Red Cross are seeking volunteers in the Geelong Region. If you have time to spare and room in your heart for an elderly member of our community, we would love to hear from you. Please visit the website <https://volunteering.redcross.org.au/cw/en/job/497811/community-visiting-scheme-volunteer-Geelong>. You can also contact Rose Jackson, CVE Program Officer: Email rjackson@redcross.org.au or phone 0419 151 830.
- **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT**—Saturday March 12, 1.30pm-4pm at the Pioneer Room, St Mary's Parish Centre, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong.

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Disciples or Mask-Wearers?

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.