



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: Francesco Alvaro; Marija Rabar; James Petrie; Marion Jones

ANNIVERSARIES: Vjekoslav Iskra; Salvatore Rizzo; Joan Booth; Maria Gulli; Rita Barbic; Joe Trinder; Kamala Kazzazi; Sulaiman Alloos;

BAPTISMS: James, Lucy & Charlie Benne; Ava Cotton; Eden & Oliver Gowans;

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!

- First Sunday of Lent - (Year C – 6 March 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

TODAY'S READINGS NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Deut 26:4-10	1st: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18
2nd: Romans 10:8-13	2nd: Phil 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 4: 1-3	Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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
- Welcomers, Special Ministers & Collectors are required to wear a facemask when they are conducting their role whether it be before or during Mass.



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

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S 5.00PM

Commentators

M Carson

Lectors

Special Ministers

P McGlinchey

Welcomers

A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey,

N Tuddenham

Projectionist

B Middleton

Co-Ordinator

M Gifford, 5229 1658

HOLY SPIRIT 11.00AM

L Strzelecki

M Martin

V Trinder, L Vannata

L Fossey, B Bilogrevic

R Martin

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators

K Saunders

Lectors

F O'Neill

Special Ministers

R Allum, J Genova,

C Marcantonio

Welcomers

C Marcantonio, L Allum

Projectionist

R Allum

Co-Ordinator

L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik

V Resciniti

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J Mann 0488 784 802





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **March 6** - Inaugural St Michael's Parish Picnic at Rippleside Park. Our final event as we move into the Parish Lenten Program
- **Saturday, March 26:** St Michael's Parish Retreat Day at Holy Family Church, 10am - 4pm. Facilitators on the day are Fr Chris Monaghan (CP) and Sr Mary Wickham (RSM). To register please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

***PRAYER for those effected by the floods**—Compassionate God, source of all comfort, we pray for the people whose lives have been devastated by the recent floods in Queensland and New South Wales. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the weak and have mercy on all those working to rescue the stranded and to feed the hungry. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE**—God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **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. Please contact Mary Fiorillo on 0408 527 396 for more information.
- ♦ **Mar 08... 7pm Parish Leadership Team Meeting:** Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - AUTUMN 2022:** In this edition, the topic centres on Biblical Faith. Understanding the Bible and our relationship to God. Please take a copy, now available at all Churches and the Parish Office.
- ♦ **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—Anatercia 12**, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. You can donate by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.
- **DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?** The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An information session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Sat 2 April, 10.00 -11.45am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.
Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>
Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>
Read More: (brochure) <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>
Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate Ph: 03 9412 3357 **Email:** diaconate@cam.org.au
- **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.
- **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.

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Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.