



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: Jozef Luco; Nicola Daniele; Rosario Leone; Ron Sahlberg.

ANNIVERSARIES: Stefani Lehpamer; Mario Ambrosio; Lorenz & Katharina Hoffman; Orlando Longo

BAPTISMS: Charlie Basil; Olivia O'Brien; Darcy Zampatti

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Raymond Carroll; Peta Richards; Joan Hepworth; May Howard.



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!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year C – 10 April 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David;
 Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
 Hosanna in the highest



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on
 the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave
 him a name above all other names.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Is 50:4-7
2nd: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts: 10-34, 37- 43
2nd: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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.

Roster for Holy Week 2022

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Spirit - 7.00pm

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| Commentator | M Carson |
| Lectors | T McMahon, M Bird |
| Special Ministers | M Fiorillo, C Marcantonio |
| Music | K Lynch |
| Projectionist | M Kroger |

GOOD FRIDAY:

Holy Family - 3.00pm

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| Narrator | J McKenzie |
| Lector | G Tolan |
| Special Ministers | M Fiorillo, P McGlinchey, D Lunn |
| Collectors | P McGlinchey, D Lunn, ****, **** |
| Projectionist | C Resciniti |

EASTER VIGIL:

Ss Peter & Paul's - 7.00pm

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| Commentator | M Carson |
| Lectors | M Gifford, T Balkin, B Middleton, M Carson |
| Special Ministers | P McGlinchey, N Neeld |
| Projectionist | B Middleton |

Holy Family - 7.30pm

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| Commentator | M Lukesic |
| Lectors | J McKenzie, M Kroger, D Lunn, M Bird |
| Special Ministers | M Fiorillo, V Resciniti, M Giles |
| Projectionist | C Resciniti |

EASTER SUNDAY:

Holy Family - 8.00am

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| Commentator | P McBride |
| Lector | P Carvalho |
| Special Ministers | P Ruggeri, J Genova, P McBride |
| Projectionist | R Allum |

Holy Family - 9.30am

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| Commentator | A Scaddan |
| Lector | H Verdnik, T McMahon |
| Special Ministers | M Perera, D Lunn, ***** |
| Projectionist | C Resciniti |

Holy Spirit - 11.00am

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| Commentator L | Strzelecki |
| Lector | J McKenzie |
| Special Ministers | L Fossey, V Trinder |
| Projectionist | L Coles |

Please Note: ***** denotes assistance is still needed. If you are able to assist please contact Bernadette at the Parish office on 5278 1343 by MONDAY APRIL 11.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA, PROJECT COMPASSION—

Shaniella 23 grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities—and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school as enough food and water for its students.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion , by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



St Michael's News:

- ♦ **CONGRATULATIONS** to the students from our three primary schools and parish sacramental program who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.
- ♦ **THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed for Easter from Friday April 15 and reopen on Wednesday April 20.
- ♦ **SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY:** There will be a special collection taken up at the 3pm Good Friday Service on April 15 for the upkeep of the Holy Places, maintained by the Holy Land.
- ♦ **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **no** 9.15am Mass at Holy Spirit Church on April 15 and **no** 5pm Mass at St Peter & Paul's Church on April 16, due to our Holy Week & Easter timetable.
- ♦ **CUPPA & CHAT AFTER THE 9.30am SUNDAY MASS:** Welcome back parishioners, to the regular get together after Mass.
- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre on Apr 21; May 5 & 19 May; June 2, 16 & 30; Jul 14 & 28; Aug 11 & 25; Sep 8 & 22; Oct 6 & 20; Nov 3 & 17; Dec 1 & 15. **For further details, please contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.**
- ♦ **STATUE OF OUR LADY:** If you are interested in having the statue in your home, please phone Cristita on 0435 780 716.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.

Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world.

We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world.

Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world.

Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete' as a result of having a baby and yet each year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world.

The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that:

- our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday;
- our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live;
- our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross.

And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvaries of our world and be Christ-like?

In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

- He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant;
- He spoke the truth to Pilate;
- He empathised with the women of Jerusalem;
- He forgave those who condemned him;
- He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified.

And here's the rub: in facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise.

If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it – processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'.

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...We are an Easter people...

You are warmly invited to share in our Holy Week celebrations 2022

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SECOND RITE

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| Tuesday April 12... | 7.00pm | Holy Family |
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MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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| Holy Thursday April 14... | 7.00pm | Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration |
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WAY OF THE CROSS

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| Good Friday April 15... | 10.00am | Holy Family (School oval) |
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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

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| Good Friday April 15... | 3.00pm | Holy Family (includes Communion) |
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EASTER VIGIL

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| Saturday April 16... | 5.00pm | Holy Family (Croatian) |
| | 7.00pm | Ss Peter & Paul's |
| | 7.30pm | Holy Family |

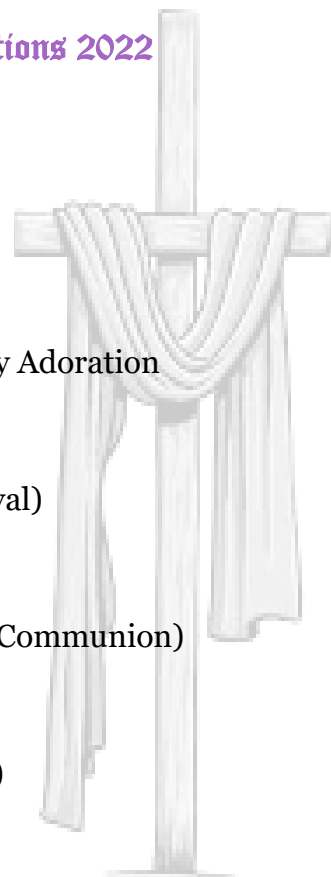
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

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| Sunday April 17... | 8.00am | Holy Family |
| | 8.30am | Ss Peter & Paul's (Lithuanian) |
| | 9.30am | Holy Family |
| | 11.00am | Holy Spirit |
| | 11.30am | Holy Family (Croatian) |

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

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| Saturday April 16... | 3.00pm | Holy Family |
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A reminder of the cancellation of the 9.15am Mass at Holy Spirit Church on April 15 and the 5pm weekend Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on April 16.



Community News

- **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG**— A supportive Faith Community for those with disability, family and friends. Come and join our friendly gathering on **Saturday 23rd April from 1.30pm to 4pm** at the Pioneer Room, St Mary's Parish, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong. RSVP or Enquiries by April 22nd to Tricia O'Keefe. Ph: 0414 672 267
- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**—Prayers & Devotions; Sunday 24 April at St Francis Xavier, Corio, Holy Hour & Confession 2pm, Mass 3pm, refreshments after. Enquiries: Chris K 0407 522 0558.
- **ANNUAL ADMISSION MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS**, The Guild of St Stephen Committee is happy to announce that we will be holding our Annual Mass this year, after a two-year Covid gap!.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli will admit new members to the Guild on Friday 20 May 2022, at **St Patrick's Cathedral**. The Mass will commence at **7.30pm**. Please contact Fr Disham dishan.candappa@cam.org.au to complete an Application Form (**due back 13 May 2022**) (Servers need to be in Year 7 or above to be eligible).