



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: Craig Mitchell; Joh Van Slooten; Andy Culjak

ANNIVERSARIES: Leo Consedine; Gerry Shanahan; Angela Zuclich; Fr Tim Tolan; Salvatore & Caterina Giacomazzo

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



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!

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (Year C – 17 April 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen, and I am with you still,
 alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me,
 alleluia.
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
 alleluia, alleluia.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
 let us feast with joy in the Lord.
 Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts 5:12-16
2nd: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20:1-31

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.



ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!

As we lived our Lenten season, we were blessed to welcome everyone back to our parish spiritual community. We learnt, through experience and hard work, how to gather in a covid safe way. In this our safety and well-being is assured.

Thank God, we can celebrate Easter 2022 with the whole community.

Today, we join with the universal church in celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has conquered death. It is a mystery to be lived every day in our Christian faith.

After the resurrection, Jesus now lives among us, in countless places and in countless cultures. We, as the community gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to proclaim the Word of God in word and deed. Through the Eucharistic celebration, Jesus gathers us as he did his disciples, He reconciles sinners, heals the sick and calls us to service. In these ways, we give witness to the mystery of Jesus living among us. We become the children of light for the world.

Every Sunday we come together as Church - the Body of Christ - to celebrate the source and summit of everything we do, at the table of God's Word, and at the altar of the Eucharist. We gather every Sunday as active participants in the life of our Resurrected Lord. We share the great news of the Lord who is among us.

Easter Sunday brings so many of God's promises to us and the world; life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, peace destroys war, and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny. I pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts and that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude.

Dear St. Michael's parishioners, on behalf of all parish ministries: The Parish Leadership Team, Bernadette, Sr Anne and Lynne, I wish you blessings in this Easter season and every day. I pray that our Risen Lord, will be revealed to you in Word and Sacrament, in the love of family and friends.

Happy Easter to you all.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Fr. Minh Tran.

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... 5.00 Sunday (temporary change of time)

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family:

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

8.45am (Rosary before Mass on Tues & Thurs)

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

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **DAILY MASS CHANGE AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** Commencing from this coming Monday April 18, daily Masses at Holy Family Church will be on Tuesday & Thursday at 9.15am. Please note this is a permanent change and there will no longer be Mass on Monday morning.
- ♦ **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 0435 780 716.

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 522 558.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA, PROJECT COMPASSION—

THANK YOU, Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion—past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(4th Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators	A Henderson
Lectors	G Tolan
Special Ministers	A Henderson; G Tolan
Welcomers	A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey, N Tuddenham
Projectionist	B Middleton
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

M Burn
J Fraatz
L Fossey, L Vannata
L Fossey, B Bilogrevic
A Zarb

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators	F O'Neill
Lectors	L Kelly
Special Ministers	L Sells; E Kelly
Projectionist	R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic
P Gizycki
D Lunn; C Simpson; V Resciniti
C Resciniti

Reflection by Richard Leonard

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition-narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

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