



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: Antonio Tassone; Barry Humphrey; Ivan Skorjanec

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosa Rizzo; Marianna Mamone; Josie Mullavey; Hannah Barr and the 25th Anniversary of Maria Ivelja

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



Anzac Day - April 25, 2022

'.....as we that are left grow old;
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.....'

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY (Year C – 24 April 2022)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
 Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
2nd: Rev 5: 11-14
Gospel: John 21: 1-19

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.



I would like to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt, thanks and gratitude to our parishioners and staff who contributed their time and effort throughout the Easter Celebrations. Holy Week is essential to our Catholic Christian Faith and again, we have celebrated the elements of this time so very well.

Special thanks to the Holy Angels Sisters for setting up the altars and arranging the flowers so beautifully. Thank you to the Musicians & Choirs; Technicians; Commentators; Lectors and Special Ministers. A note of thanks also to Fr Kevin O'Neill who helped out and covered some of our Masses. Thank you and God Bless you all. Fr Minh Tran.

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	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
Co-Ordinator	L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

J Siketa
M Bird, M Scaddan
E Karakchi, B Kline, Horoba
M & E Hoffman
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

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...	<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>



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!

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed on Monday April 25 due to the Anzac Day Public Holiday.
- ♦ **FR MINH ON LEAVE:** Fr Minh is taking leave and will be visiting his family in Vietnam. He will be away from Monday April 25 until May 18. Fr Gerry Medici will be the supply priest and Fr Denis Ryan & Fr Philip Gambin will also help out with some of the daily Masses.
- ♦ **DAILY MASS CHANGE AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** Daily Masses at Holy Family Church are now 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 at the Parish Community Centre after Mass.
- ♦ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL will be held on **Wed May 4, 1.30pm** at 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.
- ♦ **ITALIAN MASS, THURSDAY MAY 12, 11AM AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** Padre Gerry Medici sarebbe felice di celebrare la Messa in Italiano durante il suo soggiorno in parrocchia. Questo avverrà Giovedì 12 Maggio alle ore 11am nella Chiesa Holy Family. Tutti Benvenuti!
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Lunch: **Monday May 2, 12.30pm at Cucina One Restaurant,** High Street, Belmont. See you all there!
- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre on 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.**
- ♦ **DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY IT'S COVER!** The St Michael's book group next meets on **Monday May 2, 2-3pm** at the Parish Community Centre. All most welcome. For further details contact **Michael** on **0428 336 080.**

Community News:

- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—**Prayers & Devotions; This Sunday 24 April at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Holy Hour & Confession 2pm, Mass 3pm, refreshments after. Enquiries: Chris K 0407 522 558.
- ♦ **CARITAS AUSTRALIA** would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return them next week to the parish office or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.
- ♦ **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2023:** Online enrolments for Year 7, 2023 close on Friday May 6. All families seeking enrolment for their son/daughter are encouraged to apply online via the link <https://enrol.ignatius.vic.edu.au/enrolment-application/start>.
- ♦ **YCW REUNION LUNCH:** Friday May 13, 12.30pm at the Waurin Ponds Hotel Bistro. Please contact Maureen Zampatti on 0407 680 751 before May 4 for enquiries and bookings.
- ♦ **SANTA CASA RETREAT:** *'Treasuring our later years: a spirituality of ageing'* Wednesday June 29, 10am—2.45pm at Santa Casa Retreat Centre, Queenscliff; Cost \$25; 16 participants maximum; Facilitator: Nicole Rotaru RSM. To register email: Sr Lizzie Finnerty santacasa@ismapng.org.au.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and also to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation from the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's risen presence are *his* marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today.

You and I know, however, that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God are greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone.' By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations.

While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy.

Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.

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