



# 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:** James 'Jim' Devlin; Fr Mick Mulcahy; Anton Simunitsch

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack & Steven Cummins; Domenico Gagliardi; Francesco & Caterina Iannuzzi; Anne McGlinchey; Kitty Millns; Angelina De Palma; Angelo Negro; Vincenzo, Elisabetta & Giuseppe Pitaro;

**BAPTISMS:** Frankie King; Sadie Loe-Hogan; Molly Tung

**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!**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C – 1 May, 2022)

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

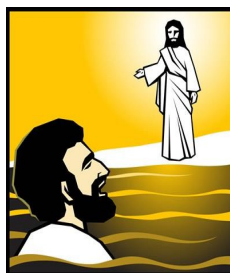
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
 O sing to the glory of his name.  
 O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I will praise you, Lord,  
 for you have rescued me.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
 He has shown pity on all people.  
 Alleluia!



### **TODAY'S READINGS**

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

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**1st:** Acts 13:14, 43-53  
**2nd:** Rev 7:9, 14-17  
**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

## 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.

## 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:

<b>Tues...</b>	Meditation Group	5.30pm	Holy Family Community Centre
	Legion of Mary	10.00am	Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Fri.:</b>	Divine Mercy	3.00pm	Holy Spirit Church

**STATUE OF OUR LADY:** If you are interested in having the statue in your home, please phone Cristita on 0435 780 716.

## ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(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 1656

### HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

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
V Resciniti
J Mann 0488 784 802

## **MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL FLOWERS:-**

Special flowers will be available to purchase next Sunday  
May 8, at the 8am & 9.30am Masses at Holy Family Church.  
Money raised will to go help the Missions.



## *Remembering those we have lost*

### **MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC**

**Sunday 22 May, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral**

As we emerge from COVID and reflect on the experiences of the past two years, **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** invites the community to come together to remember all those we have lost during this time.

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions.

Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during this Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel at St Patrick's Cathedral or **submitting the names online**. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

### **Liturgy at St Michael's :**

- ♦ **WELCOME TO FR GERRY MEDICI:** We warmly welcome Fr Gerry Medici to St Michael's Parish. Fr Gerry is filling in for Fr Minh over the next few weeks.
- ♦ **MIDWEEK MASS MAY 5—CHANGE OF MASS TIME:** **N.B** on Thursday May 5, the daily Mass at Holy Family Church will be celebrated at **10.45am** and not at the usual time of 9.15am. Rosary will be at **10.15am** prior to Mass. This is a one off change only and will be back to 9.15am the following Thursday.
- ♦ **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!
- ♦ **2022 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE:** The Annual Mass Count in the parish will take place over four weekends: 7-8 May; 14-15 May; 21-22 May & 28-29 May.

### **St Michael's News:**

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Lunch: **Monday May 2, 12.30pm at Cucina One Restaurant,** High Street, Belmont. See you all there!
- ♦ **DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY IT'S COVER!** The St Michael's book group next meets this coming **Monday, 2-3pm** at the Parish Community Centre. All most welcome. For more details contact Michael on **0428 336 080**.
- ♦ **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 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.**

## Community News

- ♦ **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 to the parish office or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://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](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au).
- ♦ **ST. BERNARD'S BOOK FAIR: THIS Sunday 1st May 8am—2pm** in the Clairvaux School Hall, Reynolds Rd Belmont. An amazing variety of books, DVDs, CDs & puzzles, with over 15,000 items to sell. Bargain prices!
- ♦ **CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE & CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.** Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians. Donate via our website. <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-Sunday-appeal/>

## Reflection by Richard Leonard

*The Shawshank Redemption* was the hit film of 1994. In it we follow the incarceration and escape plans of Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Robbins is condemned to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover. Freeman says he is the 'only guilty man in Shawshank Prison'. Based on Stephen King's novella, this uplifting film is a surprise package from a writer whose fame comes from the horror genre.

The longer we watch the film, the more we realise that Stephen King has modelled his story on the Gospel of John. It is, in many respects a more modern parable about John's portrait of Jesus. Tim Robbins' character, Andy, like Jesus, is an innocent man, treated harshly by the authorities of his day. He has to endure the condemnation and cruelty of the leading religious zealots who are keepers of law and order, while he inspires others to think of a world free of subjection and oppression where they can be free to live the life of which they dream. Like John's Jesus, Andy has big dreams and often talks in riddles, but he leaves clues for others to follow him in their quest for freedom.

In the last part of the film, after Andy has successfully escaped and the governor of the prison has been exposed for the hypocrite he is, Freeman is paroled after serving 35 years hard labour. He decides to go where Andy has gone and, just as Andy promised when they were together in prison, he finds that Andy has prepared the way for him to follow. The moving climax of the film comes as Robbins and Freeman meet on a beach, embrace each other and share food and drink to celebrate the new life both of them have discovered.

Stephen King understands John's portrait of Jesus very well. For all of Jesus' assuredness and composure throughout the Gospel, the sense of care and intimacy in the encounters with his friends is deeply moving.

In the Easter Gospel to which we have just listened, Jesus returns to where his friends have fled from Jerusalem. In a parable about the growing numbers of the early Church, the Eucharist and the suffering they are enduring, John reaffirms that Jesus is intimately present in their following of him and their suffering for the Kingdom. The only sense John can make of Jesus' death, the martyrdom of the apostles or the persecution of the early church is to see them all as acts of love. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

Those of us who have been caught up in the net of God's love are heirs to the same promises of Jesus' fidelity. Christ is intimately present to us in every act of loving sacrifice we undertake for him. He continues to send us out to tell people of the place that has been prepared for them at the banquet of life and he gives us strength to gird our loins for the times when life takes us to places we would rather not go.

In this Eucharist let's be grateful for this Easter season when we celebrate again that we have been set free from the prison of our fears and shown the way to live a life of sacrificial love and undeserved redemption. © Richard Leonard SJ