



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: Barry McFarlane; Daniel Howell; Lyn O'Keeffe; Salvatore Borello (Italy); Ruza Baresic; Rosa Zanardo; Rosika Borsas

ANNIVERSARIES: Alfred Bird; Francesco & Giuseppa Bucolo; Peter Bordonaro; Eric Smith; Nell Cummins; Marianna Macarol (20 year Anniversary);

BAPTISMS: Allegra Pantano

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!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year C – 22 May, 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people. Alleluia.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
2nd: Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14: 23-29

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts 1: 1-11
2nd: Rev: Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Matt 28:19-20

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:

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

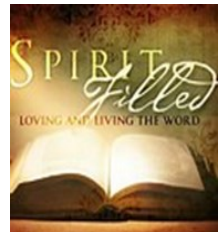
STATUE OF OUR LADY:

If you are interested in having the statue in your home, please phone Cristita on 0435 780 716.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(5th Sunday of the Month)

4th Sunday roster to cover!



Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

G Tolan

A Henderson; G Tolan

A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey,
N Tuddenham

B Middleton

M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

A Henderson

J Fraatz

L Fossey, L Vannata

L Fossey, B Bilogrevic

A Zarb

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

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F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells; E Kelly

R Allum

L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

M Lukesic

P Gizycki

D Lunn; C Simpson; V Resciniti

C Resciniti

J Mann 0488 784 802

Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:** Congratulations to the children from our Primary Schools who will be making the Sacrament of First Eucharist over the coming weeks. We also pray for the children from the Parish Sacramental Group as they prepare for their First Eucharist later in June.
- ♦ **CATHOLIC MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL:** This Weekend there will be an extra third collection taken up after Communion in support of Catholic Mission. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.
- ♦ **FEAST DAY MAY 24:** This coming Tuesday, May 24 is the Feast Day of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia. Rosary will be recited at 8.45am prior to the 9.15am Mass at Holy Family Church.
- ♦ **PARISH LITURGY MEETING:** The next Liturgy Meeting is on Tuesday May 31, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **FREE STANDARD ROSES– HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** For parishioners to take from one of the garden beds outside the church (next to the grass area). The brick fence and garden bed will be demolished in a couple of weeks time. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **THE MANIFOLD BRANCH OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)** provides funeral catering in our Parish. We are able to keep this service low-cost, due to the generosity of our parishioners who make cakes, slices, sandwiches etc. As we are an ageing group, we are reaching out for your help to keep this valued service going. The commitment would be probably, twice a year at most. Please phone Noella Duggan 5278 2142 for further details. Thank You.
- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre. June 2, 16 & 30; Jul 14 & 28; Aug 11 & 25; Sep 8 & 22; Oct 6 & 20; Nov 3 & 17; Dec 1 & 15. **Please contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.**

Community News

- ♦ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together with food and friends at our first dinner for 2022. **Tuesday 14 June, 6pm** at The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont. Purchase of meals & drinks at your own cost. Bookings:- Please ph or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111, by Friday, June 10.
- ♦ **NAZARETH PARISH GROVEDALE- POSITION - PARISH FINANCE OFFICER:** We are currently looking to employ a Parish Finance Officer at the Nazareth Parish encompassing Grovedale, Torquay and Angelsea. The part-time position is 2 days per week located at St Therese Catholic Church, Torquay. For further information, including a Position Description, please email the Parish Office: Grovedale@cam.org.au. Applications to be sent to Fr Linh Tran Grovedale@cam.org.au and should include a cover letter together with a current resume, by **Monday 30 May 2022.**
- ♦ **SANTA CASA RETREAT:** *'Treasuring our later years: a spirituality of ageing'* Wed June 29, 10am—2.45pm; Santa Casa Retreat Centre, Queenscliff; Cost \$25; 16 participants maximum; facilitator: Nicole Rotaru RSM. Register email: SrLizzieFinnerty@santacasa@ismapng.org.au.
- ♦ **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP—**Starting in **Melbourne** & finishing in **Sydney**, experience the early life of Mary and the MacKillop Family. An Australian Pilgrimage lead by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, Melbourne **18 October—29 October 2022**, Bookings & Enquiries. For an application, please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator: email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or Phone **02 8912 4818**. or visit the website www.marymackillopplace.org.au
- ♦ **CLONARD COLLEGE:** Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the 65years of Ministry of the Brigidine Sisters in Wathaurung Country Geelong. **Monday 23 May 2022, 11am**
- ♦ **PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK - GEELONG** invites you to an afternoon of pampering & pastoral healthcare, at **St Bernard's, 74 Fryers Rd, Highton 3216, Saturday May 28; 1-3pm.** Bookings essential (at least three days before the event– for catering). Call Rod on 0410 471 005. Cost is free, but a donation is always appreciated.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

Have you noticed how many books, films, television and radio programs harken back to yesteryear? 'Retrospectives' are huge in the art world. Have you noticed when musicians play more romantic classical music in the first half and contemporary music in the second half that people leave at half time? It seems the public likes the art of the 19th Century more than that of today. Nostalgia is big business and we cannot get enough of it.

Nostalgia literally means 'a yearning for home'. And if our artistic tastes reveal anything about who we are at present, maybe the home we yearn for is where things are clearer, roles are more defined, accepted harmony is developed and discord and dissonance is avoided – at least in public.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we perform, not a home where we know each other. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is.

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FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS— TUESDAY MAY 24, 2022

O most holy Mary, immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and **Patroness of Australia**,
Queen of all the world and **Help of Christians** graciously have regard
we **pray** Thee, for the safety of our Nation.

Once in a world at peace, we choose Thee as Patron.

Now, when there is no peace, we beseech Thy powerful protection.

