



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: Rosa Zanardo; Ippolito Feola; Antoinette Romeo (Canada)

ANNIVERSARIES: Constance Tolan; Carmela & Filippo Caccamo; Antonio Croce; Raffaele Traficante

BAPTISMS:

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 cares for all the children, the vulnerable.

A REMINDER: Children must be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian at all times!

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Year C – 29 May, 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Acts 1:1-11

2nd: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts 2:1-11

2nd: Rom 8:8-17

Gospel: Jn:14:15-16, 23-36



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

(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

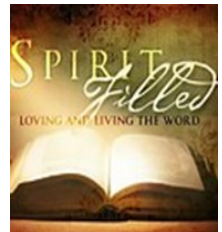
HOLY FAMILY

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



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.
- ♦ **PARISH LITURGY MEETING:** The next Liturgy Meeting is on Tuesday May 31, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **CWL:** The May meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL, will be a lunch on **Wednesday 1st June at Pekish**, City of Geelong Bowls Club, 7-9 Ballarat Rd, North Geelong at 12noon. If you are planning to attend, please call Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 415 598.
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Lunch, **6 June 12.30pm** at **Geelong RSL Belmont**. See you all There!
- ♦ **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.**
- ♦ **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. A limited number are still available, so please contact the Parish Office if interested.
- ♦ **HEATER AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH:** The plumber is waiting on a replacement part from New Zealand, for one of the heaters which is not currently working. We hope to have this heater fixed and operating soon. In the mean time please 'rug' up at Mass to stay warm.

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.
- ♦ **TAIZE- PRAY- PEACE:** An invitation *to gather and pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit this Pentecost*. Where: Santa Casa, 33 Flinders St, Queenscliff on Saturday June 4, 2022 at 2.30pm followed by a cuppa at 3.30pm. Limited spaces to a maximum of 60 participants. If you wish to attend, please contact Lizzie on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.au. Future Gatherings in 2022:- Sept 17 & Nov 26.
- ♦ **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**
- ♦ **SACRED HEART COLLEGE:** We have our second Circle of Mercy for 2022 on **Thursday 9 June at 7pm via Zoom**. Titled: Laudato Si': Integral Ecology Emerging Leaders Panel. A presentation by three Integral Ecology Fellows from The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea Integral Ecology Fellowship Program led by Sally Neaves. The Fellows, Tara Egger, Brigitte McDonald, and Juliet Talarico, will present key Integral Ecology knowledge, awareness and animations gained from the program, and include practical applications for one's own personal eco-spiritual journey, and school application. **RSVP via: trybooking.com/BZTFO.**
- ♦ **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 June 10, 1.30pm - 4pm. Guest speaker: Tracy Tohl on Zoom at 2pm. Tracy is the Coordinator of Faith and Light Australia & L'Arche SA. Prayer, sharing, fun, afternoon tea. RSVP or Enquiries by June 8 to Tricia O'Keeffe on 0414 672 267 or Kevin Mark at St Mary's office. Venue: St Mary's Parish Rooms, 150 Yarra St. Geelong (park entry Lt. Myers Street).

National Reconciliation Week: 27 May - June 3

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships, between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships, and communications that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

Reflection by Richard Leonard:

A teacher told me recently that when she asked her grade fours to draw a picture of the Ascension, not unsurprisingly most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, David, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and David provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. He concluded, without a hint of irony, that, 'the Ascension must have been a real blast!'

None of us can blame David for marrying our modern culture with an ancient story. In fact if some of us are honest, David's 'space shuttle Jesus' is not far from what we think as well.

The Ascension stories, however, are not primarily interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven. John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone's right is a place of honour. In the Old Testament being on the right hand of David, Samuel or Elijah was to be the anointed and favoured one, the true son or daughter. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God's right hand, the Gospels use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that's why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.

And because the Ascension is an Easter feast it develops even further that there is nowhere, bar evil, where God does not dwell. Because of the Resurrection and Ascension we can find God everywhere we want to: in our homes, our work, our suffering, our old age, our emotional, sexual or financial turmoil – and even in our death.

Even though the writers of the New Testament are not too clear on the details of how the Ascension happened, what we initially see in this wonderful feast is not what we get. Thanks be to God, it's so much more.

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