

# 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:** Robert Dillon

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Iolanda Tortoreto; Fr Hugh McDonald RAN;

1st Anniversary of Ivan Krasic

**BAPTISMS:** Hazel Message; Macey Morrison

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

Solution Children

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!

We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(Year C - 12 June, 2022)

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.



#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O Lord, our God,

how wonderful your name in all the earth!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS NEXT WEEK'S EADINGS

 1st:
 Prov 8:22-31
 1st:
 Gen 14:18-20

 2nd:
 Rom 5:1-5
 2nd:
 1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15 Gospel: Jn 6:51-52

#### 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: Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts: Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday 11am Sunday 5.00pm Saturday

Croatian... 5.00 Sunday (temporary change of time) Slovenian..12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

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WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

8.45am (Rosary before Mass on Tues & Thurs )

9.15am Wed, 9.15am Fri. (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) **Holy Spirit:** 

Reconciliation after Friday Mass each week.

Please contact the parish for new bookings BAPTISMS:

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

Tues... Meditation Group 5.30pm Holy Family Community Centre

Holy Family Community Centre Legion of Mary 10.00am

Divine Mercy Holy Spirit Church Fri.∴ 3.00pm

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**

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

#### Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

**HOLY SPIRIT—11AM** 

9.30AM

Commentators K Maddalena Lectors Special Ministers K Maddalena

A Bordonaro, P McGlinchev, Welcomers

N Tuddenham

Projectionist John Cook

Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656 N. B. Holy Spirit School Children & Teachers to cover all roles at this First Eucharist Mass

#### **HOLY FAMILY** 8.00AM

Commentators P McBride A Scaddan

Lectors P Carvalho

H Verdnik; T McMahon Special Ministers Sr Concepta; P Ruggeri; R Culo M Fiorillo; M Perera

C Resciniti Projectionist R Allum

J Mann 0488 784 802 Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138



## Liturgy at St Michael's:

 FIRST EUCHARIST MASS— HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH: At next Sunday's (June 19) 11am Mass Holy Spirit Church, students from Holy Spirit Primary will make their First Eucharist. Parishioners are most welcome to attend this Mass.



## St Michael's News:

- ◆ **PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL**—Thank you to the parish community for your tremendous support of the recent Catholic Mission Appeal. \$1533.70 was raised.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS WINTER 2022: In this edition, the topic centres on Spirit of Justice Understanding the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please take a copy, now available at all Churches and the Parish Office.
- ◆ PARISH OFFICE CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday June 13 for the Queen's Birthday long weekend.
- CRAFT AND CONVERSATION: We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre. June 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:

- ◆ MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE / Mercy Works Ltd. Is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult Centre. Experience, working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July. Email: <a href="mailto:somml@bigpond.com">somml@bigpond.com</a> (preferred contact). Website: <a href="mailto:www.mercyworks.org.au">www.mercyworks.org.au</a>. PH: 9326 1895.
- ♦ **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. Ph: on 0418 194 261 or <u>santacasa@ismapng.org.au</u>. 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



#### PRAYER to the HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to the Father,

Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,

Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,

Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces

I receive daily from His bounty.

## Reflection by Richard Leonard:

A teacher asked her grade one class to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about the task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Beckie was particularly focused on her painting. 'What are you painting Beckie?' asked the teacher. 'I'm painting God, Miss' replied the little girl. 'Well that must be difficult because no one knows what God looks like.' At which Beckie stopped, looked up and confidently announced, 'But they will when I'm finished.'

The names Christians give to God – Father, Son and Spirit – are both ancient and important. But we should never think they exhaust the possibilities of God's reality. Creator, mother, lover, redeemer, Saviour, higher power or friend all go some way to help us put words around our experience of our God, who is more and beyond all names we can possibly use.

The naming of God, however, is an important, but secondary focus to today's feast. There are two other facets to it that are more central.

The first is that the Trinity declares that relationships are at the very centre of God. We believe that the Father, Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch the divine.

The second extraordinary thing we celebrate today is that the Father invites us into this loving relationship with Him, Jesus and the Spirit. What is especially consoling about this is that we are the only world religion that believes our God took our flesh. So through Jesus' life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love we not only discover who he is, but, at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like.

Some people think themselves unworthy of such invitation. Others argue they have to be a better person to deserve such an offer. While both of these responses to God's invitation are understandable, they fail to take into account that in Jesus we have been made worthy of God's love and if we are waiting to get to a certain level of goodness to deserve God's love, we will wait forever.

God invites us into the compassionate embrace of the Trinity where we are and as we are, so that we can become all that God knows we can be. We don't have to get good to get God. We have to get God before we can get good.

Let's not be like the small boy who once said to me, 'The feast of the Trinity is all about that old bloke, his younger son and that bird.' On this Trinity Sunday let's celebrate the intimacy and dignity to which we are called by signing ourselves with the focus of our love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response celebrate the marvels of creation and the marvelous creator who brought them into being. Proverbs states that God created all of these things through Wisdom. While later theology will identify Wisdom with both the Word of God, the second person of the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit, the third person, the reading itself does not suggest this.

Paul credits God with our justification through faith. Justification or salvation is accomplished by God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Paul does not clearly state that the love of God that we receive through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, but one could certainly understand it in this way.

John's theology resembles very closely that of Paul. In it, Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit. The Spirit continues the mission of Jesus, neither adding anything to his teaching nor omitting anything from it.

While this is a feast that glorifies the central mystery of our faith, a mystery that is based on the way the three divine persons relate to each other, the readings all address ways that God relates to us. If we concentrate, as the texts for today suggest that we do, on all of the ways that our Triune God has blessed us, we may be more inclined to cry out with the psalmist: 'O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

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