



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: Evica Kovac; Regina Saldukas; Jesus Herrera; Joao Henriques

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Mick Fitzpatrick; Matthew Barr; Margaret McFarlane; Anne Moore; Vincenzo & Elisabetta Pitaro; Caterina & Salvatore Giacomazzo; Breda Gajic; Josip Dubrovic (25th year anniversary)

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



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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C – 26 June, 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!



TODAY'S READINGS

1st: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

2nd: Gal 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Lk 9:51-62

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Isaiah 66:10-14

2nd: Gal 6:14-18

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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

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

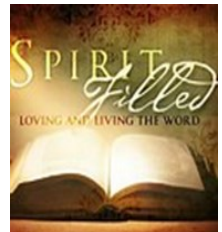
C Nielson
M Kroger
G Wright
L Fossey, B Bilogrevic
L Coles

HOLY FAMILY 8.00AM

Commentators	R Allum
Lectors	V Pavlovic
Special Ministers	J Bartolo, P McBride
Welcomers	K McArthur, L. Allum
Projectionist	R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa
M Bird, M Scaddan
E Karakchi, B Kline, Horoba
M & E Hoffman
C Resciniti



SAFETY AND WELLBEING:

The safety and wellbeing of our parishioners, staff and the wider community is important to us all. Please report any accidents, incidents or near misses to the Parish Office on 5278 1343. Also, if you notice any potential hazards or risks, please bring these to our attention so that we can address them as soon as possible.



Liturgy at St Michael's:



- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:** Congratulations to the students from the Parish Sacramental Group who will make their First Eucharist this weekend.
- ♦ **FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL:** Parishioners are invited to attend a Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of Sts Peter & Paul on **Wednesday June 29, 7pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church.**
- ♦ **LEGION OF MARY:** Celebrating the 1000th Meeting of the Holy Family Praesidium of Legion of Mary. Join us in our celebration of the 1000th Praesidium Meeting on **Tuesday June 28, 2022, 10am at the Parish Community Centre.** The essential aim of the Legion of Mary is the sanctification of its members through prayer; the sacraments; devotion to Mary; the Trinity and of the whole world through the apostolate of the Legion. All are most welcome!

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre. June 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.**
- ♦ **CUPPA & CHAT AFTER THE 9.30am MASS SUNDAY:** Parishioners are welcome to catch up for the regular get together in the Parish Community Centre after Mass.
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Lunch, Monday 4 July 12.30pm at 'Pekish' Geelong Bowls Club, Ballarat Road, All Welcome!
- ♦ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL will be held on Wednesday 6 July at 1.30pm, in St Michael's Parish Community Centre. 147 Separation Street, Bell Park. All St Michael's ladies are most welcome to attend. If you require transport please phone Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598.
- ♦ **FREE FRIDGE:** We have a fridge from the old Manifold Parish hall, in good working order to give away. If interested, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

Community News:

- ♦ **FR PETER FOLEY IS CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION:** Sunday July 24 during the 10.30am Mass at St Bernard's Church Belmont. If you wish to stay to share light refreshments afterwards, please RSVP by Friday July 8 belmont@cam.org.au or ph 5243 2739.
- ♦ **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: by email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or Phone 02 8912 4818. or visit the website www.marymackillopplace.org.au
- ♦ **menALIVE - GROWING GOOD MEN WEEKEND:** Taking place at Forest Edge in Neerim East; August 12 - 14. A Father & teenage son (Age 12-15 years) weekend; cost \$200 per person. This is a great opportunity for Dads and their teenage sons to grow their relationship and for Dad's to be able to affirm their sons as they move out of adolescence into adult life and into men of courage, conviction and generosity. For more information, please contact emma@cycministries.org.au.

Reflection by Richard Leonard:

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables... I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished...

"When you think what?" I asked...

"I don't know. When you think."

"What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important.

"When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.'

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth.

In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities – farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom.

Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.