



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: Maria Cociani; John Bohan; Roma Austin; Marija Turjak (Slovenia).

ANNIVERSARIES: Lucy Murphy; Hilda Smith; Salvatore, Rosa & Antonietta Valentino;
 John Bove; Kamala Kazzazi; Sulaiman Al-Loos ; Michele (Mick) Vannata;
 10th Anniversary of Tindara Rao.

BAPTISMS: Audrey Furze; Alfred Matthews; Coco Wright;

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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C – 10 July, 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
 you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Deut 30:10-14

2nd: Col 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Gen 18:1-10

2nd: Col 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



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

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators	
Lectors	K Maddalena
Special Ministers	K Maddalena
Welcomers	A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey, N Tuddenham
Projectionist	
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

M Kroger
J McKenzie

L Fossey, B Bilogrevic
F Kearney

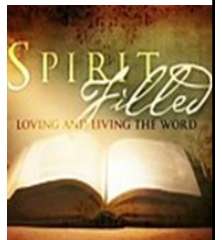
HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators	P McBride
Lectors	P Carvalho
Special Ministers	Sr Concepta; P Ruggeri; R Culo
Projectionist	R Allum
Co-Ordinator	L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

A Scaddan
H Verdnik; T McMahon
M Fiorillo; M Perera
C Resciniti
J Mann 0488 784 802



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: Congratulations to the students from the Parish Sacramental Program who will make their First Eucharist this Sunday!



St Michael's News:

- ♦ **NOTE OF THANKS—CONCRETING AT HOLY FAMILY:** A special note of thanks to Paul Saric & son Luka from the Croatian Community, who volunteered their time and effort during the week, to organise & co-ordinate concreters and other tradesman for the preparation & concreting around the church grounds. Thank you also to David Lunn, Frank Pellizzeri and Michael Scaddan for assisting with path cleaning and temporary fencing etc. A job well done!
- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre. July 14 & 28; August 11 & 25; September 8 & 22; October 6 & 20; November 3 & 17; December 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.

Community News:

- ♦ **FR PETER FOLEY IS CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION:** Sunday, 24 July 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.
- ♦ **FR DES PANTON is celebrating 60 years of Priestly Ordination:** The community of St Thomas Parish Drysdale extends an invitation to all who know Fr Des, to come and join us for this special Jubilee Mass and Celebration, **Sunday 17 July** with Mass at St Thomas Drysdale Church at 4pm. **RSVP** Brendan Nicholls: nichollsb@ignatius.vic.edu.au if you wish to attend.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get together at our second dinner for 2022. **Tuesday July 12, 6pm at the Bistro, Belmont Hotel**, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. To book, please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111.
- ♦ **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG:** Our next meeting on Saturday July 16, 1.30pm—4.00pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, 150 Yarra St Geelong. Faith & Light provides Christian friendship and support for those with a disability, their family and friends. We gather for prayer, Gospel sharing, afternoon tea, fun. Please RSVP Tricia O'Keefe 0414 672 267 by July 9th or email patriciaok65@gmail.com.
For further information: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/friends_of_faith_and_light_geelong.
- ♦ **PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK—GEELONG...** invites you to an informative and fun activity a **COMFORT SHAWL WORKSHOP** Wednesday, 13 July at 10.30am-1.30pm at St Bernard's, 74 Fryers Road, Highton.

Reflection by Richard Leonard:

Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies.

Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it too. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters.

It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps.

St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret!

For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

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