



# 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:** Djuro Perse; Heather Rhodes; Maria Valitutti

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francesco & Serafina Lecchino; Giuseppe & Maria Teresa Pitaro;  
 Romeo Zanoria; 1 month since death—Joao Henriques .

**BAPTISMS:** Samuel Budge; Zac & Angus Elford; Aston Paliouras; Bruno Obaldo

**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!**

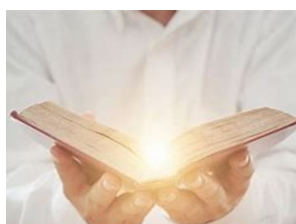
We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C – 17 July, 2022)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good..



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

### TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Gen 18:1-10  
 2nd: Col 1:24-28  
 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Gen 18:20-32  
 2nd: Col 2:12-14  
 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

### 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:**

<b>Tues...</b>	<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>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<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**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S— 5.00PM**

Commentators	
Lectors	G Tolan
Special Ministers	A Henderson; G Tolan
Welcomers	A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey, N Tuddenham
Projectionist	B Middleton
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

### **HOLY SPIRIT—11AM**

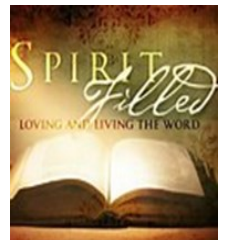
M Burn
J Fraatz
L Fossey, L Vannata
L Fossey, B Bilogrevic
A Zarb

### **HOLY FAMILY 8.00AM**

Commentators	F O'Neill
Lectors	L Kelly
Special Ministers	L Sells; E Kelly
Projectionist	R Allum
Co-Ordinator	L Kelly, 0409 291 138

### **9.30AM**

M Lukesic
P Gizycki
D Lunn; C Simpson; V Resciniti
C Resciniti
J Mann 0488 784 802



## St Michael's News:

- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre. July 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](mailto:belmont@cam.org.au) or ph 5243 2739.
- ♦ **DEDICATION OF ST. MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BANNOCKBURN:** A warm invitation is extended to parishioners to attend the Dedication Mass of St. Mary MacKillop Church, Bannockburn which will take place on Sunday August 7th at 5pm. This is the vigil for the feast and will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli. All are welcome using this link to book: <https://bit.ly/3GbDk9F>
- ♦ **YOUNG MEN'S WINTER BBQ & BONFIRE:** Meet other Young Catholic Men around Geelong. **St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Parish House, 143 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio. Sunday 17th July • 5.30pm—9pm • Ages 18 - 35.** Contact Fr Daryl for more info [daryl.montecillo@cam.org.au](mailto:daryl.montecillo@cam.org.au)—4212 0791
- ♦ **INNER HEALING THROUGH MEDITATION ON JESUS:** Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul. Retreat begins at **6pm Friday 5 August and concludes at 4pm Sunday 7 August. Guided by Fr Gilbert Carlo SVD** Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road Boronia, **RSVP** Tel: (03) 9762 6625 or Email: [gilbertcarlo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realizing that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

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## Reflection by Richard Leonard:

A Queensland grazier, a Sydney stockbroker, and a woman barrister from Melbourne died and were standing in line, waiting for their chance at the entrance to Heaven.

St Peter called the grazier first. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' St Peter said, 'You must spell "God".' 'Easy enough,' said the bloke from Queensland, 'G-O-D.' And he entered Heaven.

Next, St Peter called the man from Sydney. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' he said. 'You must spell "God".' 'No problem,' said the stockbroker, 'G-O-D.' And he went in.

Finally, the woman barrister approached St Peter. 'Good riddance to the world,' she said. 'My whole life, I've tried to excel in a male-dominated society, only to continuously bump into the proverbial "glass ceilings" at every point. I can't tell you, St Peter, how glad I am finally to be rid of male chauvinism.'

'Well, you'll certainly find none of that here,' said St Peter. 'I'm sure you'll enjoy heaven, if you can meet this one simple requirement for entrance. You must spell "Czechoslovakia".'

One of the things I find reassuring about today's Gospel is that the Church seems to have been wrestling with women's leadership since the very beginning. It's the issue that will not go away.

When it comes to interpreting scripture, I am always pleased that I'm a Catholic. We're not fundamentalists or literalists. We believe that the truth of the scripture lies not just in the words themselves, but also in the careful interpretation of the text in history. The story of Martha and Mary is a complex narrative. It can be read on at least two levels.

The first level is extraordinary enough: it focuses on Mary who assumes the position of the Rabbi's student and is defended against any attack on her right to be there. In first century Palestine, Jewish women were 'not permitted to be taught the Torah, but only instructed about how they should live their lives in obedience to its demands. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures nor to take part in public debate or official liturgical ritual.' (Fitzmyer, Luke p.892) From this context we can see the sort of freedom Jesus envisaged for women, against the practice of his own day.

On another level, however, this story focuses on Martha. The writer of Luke's Gospel tells us that we are in Martha's home and, that with Jesus as special guest at table, she is serving the members of her household with care and devotion. Martha comes across as strong and outspoken. Mary, meanwhile, is passive and silent. It is likely this story is criticising a call in Luke's community for women to move away from the leadership Jesus gave them and to adopt again the traditional roles to which the Jewish/Christians were more familiar.

At the Vatican on 21 May 2000 the Pope told a group of Bishops from the USA: 'The genius of women must be ever more a vital strength of the Church of the next millennium, just as it was in the first communities of Christ's disciples.'

To that end today's story from such a community holds a key to our own dilemma. Just as Jesus broke through the gender boundaries of his own day, so too must we. We must renew our commitment to ending anything that degrades, exploits or dehumanises women throughout the world.

But more, it's time for the Church to take some strong symbolic and practical steps to defend the leadership of women within our own Catholic community. For example, Church teaching does not stand in the way of re-admitting lay people, and this time lay women, into the College of Cardinals; women could continue to assume high profile positions in each Diocese and also leaderships roles within the Roman Curia, starting with those departments that deal with instructions and decisions that directly affect them; and the Church could welcome the ordination of women as Deacons.

These avenues would enable women to have even more options for them to demonstrate and realise the full extent of their genius, as the Pope puts it.

At this Eucharist, then, let us recommit ourselves to using, in the best possible way for the mission of the Church, the gifts, talents and strengths of over half our community. May we learn from the earliest Church, described in today's Gospel, 'that which is the better part' and never 'take it away from her.'

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