



# 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:** Anica Backo; Mattheus Scheelings; Miro Spaleta; Eileen Sherwell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ercole Iazzi; Vincenzo Cammarere; George Rodrigues; Theo & Dimmy Da Costa; Clifton Diniz; Alki Da Costa; Fr Peter Ba; Miroslav Macarol; Salvatore & Caterina Giacomazzo; Josef Lichtenfeld; Joao Henriques; Antonino Marcantonio (Italy); Mathilda Fernandes

**BAPTISMS:** Archie Coppe; Wilbur Douglas; Kash Smith; Luna Stebih; William Allison; Emily Bowles; Neive O'Malley; Mary & Ivy Quinn

**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!**

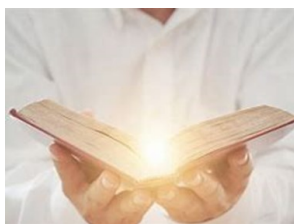
We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C – 7 August, 2022)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you..



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

### TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Wis18: 6-9

2nd: Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10

2nd: Heb 12: 1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

### 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.



The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period.

- Whilst face coverings are not mandated, we strongly encourage Parishioners and Special Ministers to wear a mask at all Masses and Liturgies
- Maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres from others especially when entering the Church; whilst seated; proceeding to Communion and exiting after Mass
- Always sanitise your hands on entering the Church
- If you are feeling unwell, stay home, rest and keep warm
- Please note, Holy Communion will only be given in the hand

## **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*

*Parish Community Centre*

*Legion of Mary*

*10.00am*

*Parish 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**

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM**

Commentators

M Carson

Lectors

A Don

Special Ministers

P McGlinchey

Welcomers

A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey,  
N Tuddenham

Projectionist

B Middleton

Co-Ordinator

M Gifford, 5229 1656

### **HOLY SPIRIT—11AM**

L Strzelecki

M Martin

V Trinder, L Vannata

L Fossey

R Martin

### **HOLY FAMILY**

#### **8.00AM**

Commentators

K Saunders

Lectors

F O'Neill

Special Ministers

R Allum, J Genova,  
C Marcantonio

Welcomers

C Marcantonio, L Allum

Projectionist

R Allum

Co-Ordinator

L Kelly, 0409 291 138

#### **9.30AM**

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik

V Resciniti

V Resciniti

J Mann 0488 784 802

## Support the People of Sri Lanka:

Sri Lanka's economy has hit rock bottom and as a result the majority of the ordinary people are struggling to meet their basic needs, and the poor people have to rely on only one meal per day. All essential services including health, education, electricity, fuel and transport have been disrupted.

The Sisters of the Holy Angels reach out and invite the generous hearts at St Michael's Parish Community to help us to provide assistance to the most vulnerable people in Sri Lanka.

Thank you to all the Parishioners who have donated to this important cause. For more information on donating, please contact Sr Conepta on 0421 470 490 or the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

*May God bless you all.*

## Liturgy at St Michael's:

- **FEAST DAY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP** - Mary MacKillop Feast Day is held every August 8th, in honour of the revered Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She was the first Saint of Australia, and her influence in the country has spread far and wide. She is recognised for her commitment to the poor, helping those who needed it the most in any way she could.
- **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** - Monday August 15, 9.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Manifold Heights (Holy Spirit School students in attendance)

## St Michael's News:

- **CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL: Next weekend of August 13/14:** There will be an extra third collection taken up after Communion at all Mases. We call on your generosity in supporting this important appeal. Envelopes are now available in the churches if you prefer to take one home to complete.
- **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Meeting on Wednesday August 17, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- **HOLY SPIRIT HALL UPDATE:** We are excited to inform our very patient parishioners that the handover of the new hall recently took place and we are now in the process of moving back tables, chairs, crockery etc. The official opening by the Regional Bishop, Martin Ashe will be on Sunday September 25.
- **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre. 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:

- **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>
- **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG:** A supportive Faith community for those with disability, family, carers and friends. Come and join our gathering on Saturday August 13th from 1.30 - 4 pm. Prayer, sharing, afternoon tea. New members welcome. RSVP by Friday Aug 12th to Tricia O'KEEFFE 0414 672 267. Venue: St Mary's, 150 Yarra Street, Hibernian Hall Downstairs. For more Info: [www: faithandlight.org](http://www.faithandlight.org)
- **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends on **Tuesday, 9 August, 6pm** at 'The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr Mt Pleasant Road, Belmont. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. Please RSVP by phone or text to **John Santospirito PH: 0409 165 943** or [john.santospirito@bigpond.com](mailto:john.santospirito@bigpond.com)
- **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:** In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

## Community News cont'd:

- **CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL:** CatholicCare Victoria delivers over sixty programs & services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seekers, help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. **Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelopes available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.
- **PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK-GEELONG**—invites you to an informative and fun activity at St Bernard's, 74 Fryers Rd, Highton. **COMFORT SHAWL WORKSHOP**—Wednesday 10 August 10.30am-1.30pm. Please bring along a Size 5 or 5.5 crochet hook (or your preferred size) and/or Size 4 knitting needles and some 8 ply wool.—or your own project. We will expand your knowledge and skills on a range of various stitches. **BYO Lunch. RSVP** by 5 Aug to Rod Bush, 0410 471 005 or [rodbush@gmail.com](mailto:rodbush@gmail.com). For more info. Or... if sewing is a passion, we produce small felt hearts to provide comfort to those in need. Your help sewing these would be very much appreciated.

## Reflection by Richard Leonard:

As offensive as the Monty Python film, *The Life of Brian* was to some Christians, the scene in which several competing messiahs try to convince the market-place crowd that they are the real thing, brilliantly and humorously captures Jewish expectations in 1st century Palestine. Not unlike the fervour at the end of the last millennium, some religious people believed the end of time was close at hand. Far from selling his messianic wares at the market, however, Jesus crept in beside us and lived, suffered, died and was raised from the tomb in a way no one anticipated. Even after his resurrection the earliest Christians believed Jesus would return very soon, so they could afford to live as if they were, literally, in the last days. When this didn't happen there was crisis in the community. The earliest disciples, to whom much had been entrusted, had to hand on a faith in a more unpredictable God who does not fulfil all our expectations or run to our timetable.

Luke points out that the greatest gift we Christians have received is knowing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. What a relief to know we do not have to shop around any more. From everyone to whom much has been given, however, much will be required and so knowing who Jesus is only goes halfway. Living out the reality of the Christian life is the other half. Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials.

Two thousand years later we are still waiting for Jesus' return and many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this sombre reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation:

'The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

'We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health.

'We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

'We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

'These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.'

We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?

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