



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:



ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Pollard; Bruno Scopacasa; Giuseppina Mazza; Santanna Da Costa; Louisa Rodrigues; Arnald Colaco; Joao Henriques; Joseph Gillett (Jnr) Rocco Resciniti; Bruno De Cristoforo; Angelina Scopacasa (1 year anniversary).

BAPTISMS: Scarlett Boyar; Valentina Jurcic; Ella Vuckovic; Jayde Wesseling

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!

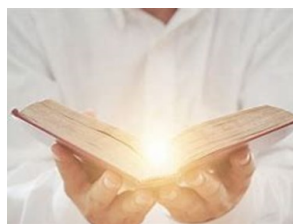
We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C – 14 August, 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God our shield;
and look on the face of your
anointed one; one day within your
courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

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

2nd: Heb 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Isaiah 66: 18-21

2nd: Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

K Maddalena

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A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey,

N Tuddenham

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

M Kroger

J McKenzie

L Fossey

F Kearney

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

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Lectors

Special Ministers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

P McBride

P Carvalho

Sr Concepta; P Ruggeri; R Culo

R Allum

L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik; T McMahon

M Fiorillo; M Perera

C 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 OF THE ASSUMPTION** - This 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:** This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community—those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. You can donate by using the appeal envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.
- **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Meeting on Wednesday August 17, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- **AFL GRAND FINAL DAY—SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER:** Do you sit at home and watch the Grand Final by yourself or with your partner? The Parish Leadership Team is considering having a "Grand Final Afternoon Tea" in the new Parish Hall at Holy Spirit. Sandwiches; party pies/sausage rolls; tea and coffee are provided. Alcohol is not provided, but feel free to BYO to celebrate the 'Cats Win'. If you would like to attend, please notify the Parish Office by 1st September so that we can confirm the function and for catering.
- **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre. August 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.
- **CWL FASHION PARADE:** —The Manifold branch of the CWL is hosting a Blume's Fashion Parade on Wednesday, 14 September at 1.30pm in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Avenue, Manifold Heights, Cost \$5 entry fee. Come along and bring a friend to update your wardrobe after our long Covid Lockdowns. Any inquiries phone Bernadette 0417 514 598.

Community News:

- **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK—National Vocations Awareness Week—**Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.
- **PRISON VISITATIONS—VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** Make a difference. A call to serve some of the most marginalised in our community. St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria (Vinnies) are involved in Custody Welfare Programs in the CBD and Barwon Prison in the Geelong region. They deliver the Barwon Behaviour Based Program (BBBP) and are looking for volunteers whom they can guide, train and support for the role. Applications must pass a Victoria Police Check. If you are interested or require more details, please contact via email linette.etheredge@svdpvic-vic.org.au or call C P Singh (State President—Prison Visits) SVDP on 0412 046 985.
- **GEELONG CURIA—LOM** invites you to a FREE Retreat, 'Walk with Our Lady' Saturday 20 Aug at St Francis Corio 9:00am to 3:00pm. Start with Rosary / Holy Mass / TALKS / Holy Hour / Confessions. (Bring a plate to share for lunch. More info, please contact Adela Buaya 0409 135 589.

The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary, you are our Mother in Heaven.
What a blessed day it was when Jesus took you into Heaven,
body and soul, to be with Him.
You were crowned Queen of Heaven and earth,
a position of love and service to Jesus' Church.

At your Assumption,
you beheld the face of Your beloved Son once again.
Please pray for me, that I, too,
may gaze on the glorious face of your Son, my Lord, Jesus Christ,
in Heaven one day.

May my life be inspired by your holiness,
O Blessed Virgin, my Mother.
May our prayers for me and your example of great faithfulness
Aid and inspire me to holiness in this life
So I may be with Jesus in Heaven as you are
May your Assumption remind me of God's love and faithfulness
To those who also love Him.
May I love Jesus with my whole heart and soul,
both now and forever. Amen



Reflection by Richard Leonard:

In our desire to affirm that the scriptures are inspired, it can be easy to forget that they come out of the lived experience of a community of faith. Indeed, one of the things that is wonderful about our belief in God's revelation is that it occurs within human experience. Today's Gospel is an excellent example. Jesus predicts that one of the consequences of believing in him is that divisions will follow.

We can tell from the whole text of Luke's Gospel that these divisions were certainly a part of the earliest Christian community which wrote this book and that their faith in Christ led them to confront some very tough issues: how could Gentiles inherit the promises made to the Jews; why the rich members of the community had special responsibility to the poor; the centrality of forgiveness in the Christian life; and what leadership role women should have in the earliest Church. We know that fights over these issues and faith in Jesus as the Christ or the Messiah, divided families and villages, cities, nations and a religious tradition.

This gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can domesticate the Christian community into a 'feel-good' society. Our religious words and actions, however, are always meant to have an edge; our faith should 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted'. If Christians at home, at work, in society and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we are not worthy of this Gospel.

Sometimes when we hear Jesus use the metaphor of a blazing fire we can see a violent image, but I am not sure if it has to be exclusively interpreted this way. Fire is sometimes necessary and good to clear out the layers of undergrowth built up over time that smother the soil of a forest and prevent new growth. Fire is a beacon that gives guidance and attracts attention. A blazing fire can attract everyone to its light, warmth and power. So maybe this Gospel is a call to purge the weight of old growth that can stop fresh thinking. Maybe it gives guidance to us in the justice we are meant to live and the attention we must call to the needs of all God's children. And maybe it is a reminder that the life of our Christian community is meant to be attractive through its gentle power and warmth. If the price we pay for witnessing to any of these values is that we divide the crowd, so be it.

What's comforting about this gospel is that it recognises conflict as a necessary part of the Christian life. There are some who want to pretend that the followers of Jesus should never disagree with one another or with those outside the Church. Conflict in itself, Jesus teaches us today, is an element of our commitment to the kingdom of God. What marks out the way we should disagree with one another inside and outside the Church, however, is that it is conducted with charity, dignity, careful listening and compassion. Christians always look to put the best possible interpretation on the opinions of those with whom we disagree and to be reconciled to those we have hurt, to heal divisions where we can.

May this Eucharist give us the courage to divide the crowd for the right reasons. May we be a blazing fire that casts light on darkness where people are exploited and injustice smothers the growth Christ wants to see in the human family. No one promised us that Christian faith was ever going to be a picnic!