



# 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:** Tanja Soldic; Angela Malaspina; Claire Conway.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francesco Bocchicchio; David Bird; John Da Costa; Joao Henriques; Michael Degoldi; Ana & Nadia Siketa; Jele & Djuro Perse; Almore & Jose Mairos; Judita Rosa; Luis Mairos; Noemia Coelho; Darmel Fernandes

**BAPTISMS:** Charlotte Bisinella; Smith & India Condon; Ruby Deppeler; Jayda Murray

**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.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C – 21 August, 2022)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me:  
 save the servant who trusts in you, my  
 God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry  
 to you all the day long.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Isaiah 66: 18-21

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

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Sir: 3: 17-20, 28-29

2nd: Heb: 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Matt: 11: 29

## 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**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM**

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

G Tolan

A Henderson; G Tolan

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

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

## 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:

- Please keep in your prayers the children from the Parish Sacramental Program as they begin their lessons today in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- There will be a **Communion Service** led by the Sisters of the Holy Angels at the 9.15am Mass on **Tuesday August 23** as Fr Minh is away

## St Michael's News:

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday August 25 as Bernadette is attending the 2022 Parish Administration Forum for staff in the Archdiocese of Melbourne at the Catholic Leadership Centre.
- **CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL: Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria.** CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during Sunday's Appeal. \$1569.15 was generously donated by Parishioners. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!. For more info about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au).
- **HEATER AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH:** Unfortunately, the plumber is still waiting on the replacement part to fix the heater. Since Covid there have been major holdups in goods & materials arriving from overseas and as this part can only be sourced from New Zealand the heater cannot be used. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
- **THANK YOU TO DAVID LUNN:** For cleaning the concreting areas around Holy Family; Holy Spirit & Ss Peter & Paul's Churches which looks amazing and so clean. A job well done for the many hours David put in.
- **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.
- **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](mailto:linette.etheredge@svdpvic-vic.org.au) or call C P Singh (State President—Prison Visits) SVDP on 0412 046 985.

## Community News:

- **RCIA PROGRAM:** In September, St. Bernard's Parish will commence its 2022-2023 Rite of Christian initiation of Adults journey (RCIA) to prepare people to become new Catholics. For further information, please email Belmont@cam.org.au
- **NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?** If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to 'Lifeboat Geelong Foundation', a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years as been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to 'Lifeboat', contact Fr Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or emailing frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

## Reflection by Richard Leonard:

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge.

They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours, lines of code streaming up and down the screen.

Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with.

Satan is visibly upset, and cries, 'I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out.'

'Very well, then,' says God, 'let us see if Jesus fared any better.'

Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers.

Satan is astonished. He stutters, 'But how? I lost everything, yet Jesus' program is intact! How did he do it?'

God looks up over his glasses and chuckles, 'Ah you see, Jesus saves.'

Salvation has, rightly, always been the big issue. Who was going to make it, how it was going to happen and when would Christ return in glory have captured the imagination of each generation of believers.

The roots of this thinking can be found in today's Gospel. The earliest Christians, especially the Gentiles, saw that the Jews had been given every opportunity for salvation. They were the Chosen people. They had the Law and the Prophets. They were looking for the Messiah. Jesus, however, did not come as they expected or act as they hoped, so they rejected him and his followers. Within a generation after Jesus' death the Jews were persecuting the Christians and expelling them from the synagogues. The Christians took comfort from saying that in the salvation race the Jews might have started as the favourites, but they had missed the start and were now coming last.

This way of thinking had a strong effect on the Church. While we have always believed in the mercy and love of God, at different times we have been hostile to other religions, other denominations and the secular world. We have often needed to express this in absolute terms about who was going to be saved and, more importantly, who was not!

The Second Vatican Council, however, reflected on the Church's experience of working side by side with religious people and secular humanists throughout the world who were as committed as we are to justice, love and freedom. In the 'Declaration on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions', the bishops thought more generously about how God has a relationship with all people who in turn relate to God, even if they do not name it in the same way we are able to. The Council did not resile from believing that Jesus is the way to the Father, but they also affirmed that God can work in an infinite number of ways to assist people to salvation. It is Church teaching now that our relationship to all people who share the best of our values must be characterised by acceptance, collaboration, dialogue and charity.

This does not make salvation any less important. It just clarifies for us that it is God, not us, who does the saving and the judging. Christian salvation marks us out as people who know who we are following, where we are going, how we are getting there and why this world, and the next, matters to us. Salvation gives our lives meaning, direction and purpose.

The way we live out this salvation should be irresistible to others. As the folk hymn sings, 'They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'