



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: Mary Hunter

ANNIVERSARIES: Frano Skratulja; Agnes Tuddenham; Antonio & Maria De Angelis; Benito & Rosa De Angelis

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!

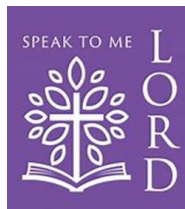
We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C – 25 September, 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Amos 6:1, 4-7

2nd: 1 Tim 6: 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2nd: 2 Tim 1:6-8; 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-9

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.

WELCOME TO BISHOP MARTIN ASHE

This Sunday we warmly welcome **Bishop Martin Ashe**—our Regional Bishop—to our Parish of St Michael's.

Bishop Martin Ashe was born in Ireland, ordained at All Hallows College in Dublin, and at the age of 24 arrived in his new Home Australia.

Since then he has served in various Melbourne parishes, has been pastoral director at Corpus Christi College Seminary and was director of Ministry to Priests for five years.

Bishop Martin Ashe is known for his gentle, kind and pastoral nature. Throughout his priestly ministry, 'being close to the people' and 'being a living sign of God's love among the people' has been his focus.



St Michael's Parish at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park: **Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:** **Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:**

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday 11am Sunday 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

(1st Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S -

Commentators	M Carson
Lectors	P Balkin
Special Ministers	N Neeld,
Welcomers	A Bordonaro, P McGlinchey
	N Tuddenham
Projectionist	B Middleton
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

5.00PM HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson
M Kroger
G Wright
L Fossey



HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators	
Lectors	V Pavlovic
Special Ministers	P McBride
Welcomers	K McArthur, L. Allum
Projectionist	R Allum
Co-Ordinator	L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

J Siketa
M Bird, M Scaddan
E Karakchi, B Kline, Horoba
M & E Hoffman
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

CHANGE OF WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:

Thank you to the St Michael's Parish Community for your feedback; suggestions and support of the proposed change of Mass times and combining the 8.00am & 9.30am at Holy Family Church into one Mass at **9.00am**. The majority of feedback that we received was positive and accepting of the need and benefits for this change

The new **9.00am Mass time will begin on Sunday Nov 27 which is the First Sunday of Advent.**

Early October, parish office staff will contact co-ordinators; lectors; commentators and special ministers to arrange a new roster.

On behalf of the Parish Leadership Team, I take this opportunity to thank you all, for your support and understanding, and may we pray for our parish community as we move forward.

Fr Minh

Liturgy at St Michael's

- **OPENING AND BLESSING OF THE NEW PARISH HALL:** Please join us for the opening of the new parish hall by Bishop Martin Ashe at Holy Spirit Church this **Sunday September 25**, following the 11am Mass.
- **FEAST OF ST MICHAEL:** Parishioners are invited to attend a Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St Michael the Archangel on **Thursday 29 September, 7pm at Holy Family Church.**

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- **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP LUNCH:** Monday 3 October, 12.30pm at the Great Western hotel, Shannon Avenue. See you all there!
- **CWL:** The Annual General Meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL will be held on Wednesday 5th October 1.30pm, Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Heights. All St Michael's parishioners are most welcome to come and hear about the Catholic Women's League. If you require transport please phone Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598.
- **RAFFLE BOOKS:** Supporting the Kuya Centre in the Philippines. Thank you to those who took raffle books last Sunday. I still have some left and will be at the 9.30am Mass today. For Holy Spirit and St Peter & Paul's, please phone 0408 378 982 for home delivery. \$15 from every book sold will go to 'Kuya' to support their Needs. David Lunn.
- **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday Oct 4th at 7pm.
- **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre, on 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.
- **MEDITATION:** If you are interested in meditation, there's a group that meets at the Parish Community Centre 147 Separation St, Bell Park during the school term, on Tuesdays nights at 5.30pm. Feel free to come along and see. Contact Mary 0408 527 396 for more info.
- **ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY:** will host on **10 October 2022, 10-11.30am AEDT** the Prof Julie Hanlon Rubio from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA, who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled **'Does the Catholic Sacrament of marriage have a future?'** Given consistently decreasing rates of Catholic marriage in Australia and other places around the world, it is more important than ever to consider the future of this beautiful and essential Christian vocation. For more information and to register, please to **www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy**

The safety and wellbeing of our parishioners, staff and the wider community is important to us all. Please report any accidents, incidents or near misses to the Parish Office on 5278 1343. Also, if you notice any potential hazards or risks, please bring these to our attention so that we can address them as soon as possible.



Community News:

- **DAYLIGHT SAVING:** Just a reminder, Daylight Saving begins 2am Eastern Standard Time on **Sunday October 2, 2022.**
- **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend: 'Live Your Best Life in Love'—22-23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie.** (Book early to avoid disappointment). This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details. Information/Bookings: PH: Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au
- **PART TIME POSITIONS:** Applications are invited for 2 part-time positions at **St Bernard's Parish Belmont—Secretary & Pastoral Worker.** Detailed job descriptions are on the CAM website <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies> Applications close Monday 3 Oct.
- **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: GEELONG ART GALLERY—**Please Note new venue, 55 Lt. Malop Street, Geelong. **'RE-CONNECTIONS'—YOUTH SERIES CELEBRATION—MUSIC AND IMAGES** Music Mentor—Emily Anderson, Musicians—String Ensemble; Sacred Heart College; Written Word Mentor—Gillian Turner; Writers—Year 7 students, Sacred Heart College. **Admission Free.**
- **March for the Babies 2022:** Please keep this date free—**Saturday 8 October** and come to show your support for the unborn Babies. The March will be gathering in the Treasury Gardens at 12.30pm and will walking to Parliament House at 1.00pm. Come and help us celebrate life, **EVERY LIFE**, great or small, born or unborn. Show your Support: **Wear Pink and / or Blue.**

Reflection by Richard Leonard

Maybe the reason this Gospel-story has become so famous is its extraordinary attention to detail; the regal colours of Dives' clothes, his exquisite tableware and fine dining. It all conjures up a vivid picture. At the same time Lazarus' world is equally well described. Begging at the gate, Lazarus' only companions are the dogs and his sores. Even giving names to both these characters adds to the power of the parable. These people are not just a rich man and a beggar. They are Dives and Lazarus, well-known to everyone in the village. All these years later they are well known to us too. Not the actual characters, of course, upon whom the story could be based, but all the Lazarus' and Dives' in our own villages. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.

Recently the United Nations published a paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places. There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition.

This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen.

The UN report goes on to say that 1.2 billion people live on \$1.50 a day or less. And while we might be personally very generous in assisting the poor in a variety of ways, our Dives-like countries are not. Australia only gives \$98 per person per year to aid third world development. Canada gives \$108, the UK gives \$112 and the USA's third world development budget is just \$67 per person per year. And for all the moral scorn sometimes heaped upon Scandinavia, Denmark is the most generous country in the world, giving \$649 per capita last year.

The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words.

Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why?

There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.

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