



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: Bishop Hilton Deakin; Sharon Nofi; Josepina Battaglia

ANNIVERSARIES: Francisco Coelho Alfaiate; Ivan Matijevic; Luigi Palmieri; Giuseppa Resciniti;
 1st Anniversary of Jozo Balic

BAPTISMS: Xavier Bucovaz; Hayden, Sadie & Sonny Knight; Myles McKay; Flynn McKay

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!

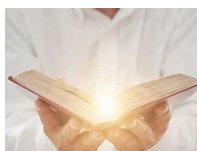
We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C—2 October 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
 2nd: 2 Tim 1:6-8; 13-14
 Gospel: Luke 17: 5-9

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: 2 Kings 5: 14-17
 2nd: 2 Tim 2: 8-13
 Gospel: 1 Thessal 5:18

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.



OPENING OF NEW PARISH HALL: A huge thank you to parishioners who assisted with the preparation and catering at the opening of the new Parish Hall last Sunday which was a lovely occasion.

An extra big thank you to Noella Duggan & granddaughter Paris; Mary Fiorillo, Anne Scaddan & others who took care of the serving and cleaning up.

LANDSCAPING AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH: The new grassed area outside Holy Family Church has come up a treat and looks amazing. A note of thanks to Paul Saric for overseeing this project; Alex Bowd for the landscaping and a special mention to Joe & Maria Erceg; Kathy Mikulic & Family from 'Big River Instant Turf' who generously donated the instant turf at no cost to the parish.

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

(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

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

St Michael's News

- **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.
- **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.

Community News:

- **ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BELMONT:** Applications are invited for **two part time positions**—Secretary & Pastoral Worker. Job descriptions are on the CAM website <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>. Applications close on **Monday October 3.**
- **125th ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION—ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL:** As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese— we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites parishioners to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's on **Thursday 27 October 2022, 1pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.** Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App, an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum.**
- **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 be 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.**
- **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get together for food & friendship on **Tuesday October 11, 6.00pm** at the Bistro, Belmont Hotel, High St Belmont. Purchase of meals & drinks at your own cost. Please phone, text or email to John Santospirito by Oct 7 0409 165 943; john.santospirito@bigpond.com.
- **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT** A supportive, growing Faith and Friendship community for those with disability; family; carers and friends all over Geelong. Come and join our gathering on Saturday, October 8th from 1.30pm—4.00pm at the Hibernian Hall, St Mary's 150 Yarra St. Geelong. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tricia O'Keefe on 0414 672 267 by Oct 7.

Community News cont'd:

- **DAYLIGHT SAVING:** Starts this Sunday at 2am. Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour.
- **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**
- **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.**
- **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 information and to register, please to to **www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy**
- **MULTI-FAITH SERVICE IN GEELONG:** Parishioners are warmly invited to attend 'Faiths 4 Climate Justice 2022 Multi-Faith Service' in Geelong on October 13, 8am at Christ Church Anglican Church, Cnr McKillop & Moorabool Sts Geelong.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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