



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: Jan Ostrowski (Poland)

ANNIVERSARIES: Zivka Vanjek; Joseph Gillett (Snr); Joe Vanjek (Jnr); Liam McCloskey; Max De Grandi; 5th Anniversary of Jeanette Sheahan; 1st Anniversary of Sofia Mure

BAPTISMS: Anastasia & Sophia Nikpourian; Gabrielle Abaquita; Kimberlea Lucas; Aurora Arnold; Patrick Ladgrove; Romeo Ruzzier

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C— 9 October 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
 Lord, who could stand?
 But with you is found forgiveness,
 O God of Israel.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 For all things give thanks to God,
 Because tis is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
 Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: 2 Kings 5: 14-17

2nd: 2 Tim 2: 8-13

Gospel: 1 Thessal 5:18

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Exod 17:8-13

2nd: 2 Tim 3: 14-42

Luke: 18: 1-8S

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.



Congratulations to Maria & Montano De Angelis on the recent celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Oct 6. May they be blest with many more years together of happiness and good health!

St Michael's Parish at Prayer

CHANGE OF WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:

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

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... 5.00pm Sunday

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...	<i>Meditation Group</i>	<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Parish Community Centre</i>
	<i>Legion of Mary</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Parish Community Centre</i>
Fri.:	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>

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 K Maddalena

Special Ministers K Maddalena ****

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

M Kroger

J McKenzie

L Fossey

F Kearney

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators P McBride

Lectors P Carvalho

Special Ministers Sr Concepta; P Ruggeri

Projectionist R Allum

Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik; T McMahon

M Fiorillo; M Perera

C Resciniti

J Mann 0488 784 802





Liturgy at St Michael's

Congratulations to the candidates from our three Primary Schools and Parish Group who will be Confirmed over the coming weeks.

- **CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL:** This year's World Mission Day Appeal is scheduled for the weekend of October 22 & 23. There will be a leaving collection at the conclusion of Mass. You can also donate on the website catholicmission.org.au/families; envelopes will also be available at all churches to take home if that suits.
- **LITURGY MEETING:** The next Parish Liturgy Meeting is on Thursday November 3, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASSES:** The annual Remembrance Masses will be on the weekend of November 5 & 6.
- **PARISH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY & WORKSHOP:** Saturday November 12, 11am—1pm; at the new Parish Hall, Holy Spirit Church. An invitation to all volunteers to attend this event. There will be a 30 minute Child Safeguarding Training Workshop followed by a catered light lunch. Please RSVP your attendance to the parish office bellpark@cam.org.au; ph 5278 1343 by Friday November 4.
- **PARISH ADVENT RETREAT DAY:** Please pencil in your diary the Parish Advent Retreat Day at Holy Spirit Hall on Saturday Dec 3. This will be a half day event and the guest presenter is Sr Mary Wickham (RSM).

St Michael's News

- **SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY STALL:** Sisters of the Holy Angels and Sri Lankan Community are organising a stall at Holy Family Church on Sunday November 13 from 8am—10.30am. Fresh produce; delicious food and craft items (handy Christmas gift ideas) are available to purchase. Funds raised will help support the most vulnerable people in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is currently facing a dire economic crisis and the people are struggling to survive. Your generous support will be greatly valued. Thank you and God Bless You!
- **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:

- **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.
- **PUBLIC ROSARY:** In support of the Australia Needs Fatima (ANF) on Saturday October 15, 11am outside, near the grotto at Ss Peter & Paul's Church
- **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.
- **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.**
- **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

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn.

At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts"!'.

Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best.

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'.

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*"Jesus Christ loves you, he gave his life to save you;
And now he is living at your side every day to
Enlighten, strengthen and free you."*

Pope Francis.