



# 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:** Ivan Roksa; Maria Karacsonyi; Carole Lyons; Frank Kevric;  
Stephen Critchley

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Josipa & Boris Ribaric; Andrew Marshallsea; Kathleen Welsh

**BAPTISMS:** Liam Kelly; Grace & Charlotte O'Neill; Ruby Richert; Sienna Thompson

**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!**

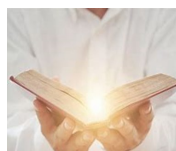
We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

## **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

(Year C— 16 October 2022)

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,  
O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words,  
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the  
shadow of your wings protect me.



### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the  
thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**1st:** Exod 17:8-13

**2nd:** 2 Tim 3: 14- 4:2

**Gospel:** Luke: 18: 1-8

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**1st:** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

**2nd:** 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

**Gospel:** Luke: 18: 9-14

### **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.

## **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...**      *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      A Henderson  
Lectors      G Tolan  
Special Ministers      A Henderson; G Tolan  
Welcomers  
Projectionist      B Middleton  
Co-Ordinator      M Gifford, 5229 1656

#### **HOLY SPIRIT 11.00AM**

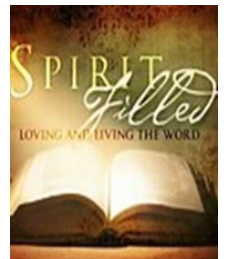
M Burn  
J Fraatz  
L Fossey, L Vannata  
L Fossey  
A Zarb

#### **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



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

The Holy Spirit Gives Life To The People of God. "The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church..... Pope Francis.

## Liturgy at St Michael's

- **CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL:** This year's World Mission Day Appeal is scheduled for next 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](http://catholicmission.org.au/families); envelopes are available at all churches to take home if that suits.
- **LITURGY MEETING:** The next Parish Liturgy Meeting is on Thursday Nov 3, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASSES:** The Parish Annual Remembrance Masses will be on the weekend of November 5 & 6.
- **PARISH ADVENT RETREAT DAY:** Parish Advent Retreat Day at Holy Spirit Hall on Saturday, December 3 from 10am—1pm. The guest presenter is Sr Mary Wickham (RSM).
- **PARISH ADVENT CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** Please also pencil in your diaries, our Parish Christmas Carols Event on Sunday December 11 from 1pm—3pm; Holy Family Church. More information on this provided soon.

## St Michael's News

- **PARISH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY & WORKSHOP:** Saturday November 19, 11am –1pm. Rosemary Teed, Safeguarding Officer Western Region, at the Archdiocese will be in attendance and present a 45 minute Child Safeguarding Training Workshop. This event is also a social catch up and catered lunch to thank our dedicated volunteers in the parish. Please RSVP your attendance to the parish office [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au); ph 5278 1343 by Friday November 4.
- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** On Tuesday Nov 1, due to the Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday.
- **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!
- **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Wednesday, Nov 16, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- **COMBINED CATHOLIC CHURCHES RAFFLE BOOK RETURN:** 150 books issued and 114 have been received to date. Balance of 36 books still to be returned by **Sunday October 23**. Raffle books can be dropped off at the parish office or placed on the collection plate at any of our weekend Masses. Thank you for your participation and co-operation. David Lunn.
- **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre, on October 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 CONVERSATION WITH MARY EBERSTADT hosted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli:** You are invited to attend a public conversation hosted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, featuring internationally renowned speaker and author Mary Eberstadt discussing the topic: The future of humanity passes by way of the family. The conversation will be held on Tuesday 25 October; 12.30 - 2pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. Tickets are free; however, bookings are essential with a light lunch provided. Tickets can be booked via: [www.trybooking.com/CDKKN](http://www.trybooking.com/CDKKN) or 9926 5612.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023:** Journey together with more than a million young people for the largest youth gathering in the world—World Youth Day (WYD) 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal!

First stop!

Join us for regional youth gatherings to hear more about the exciting options on offer. Perfect for parish leaders, priests, parents and of course interested young people.

The gatherings will cover: an overview and what you should expect at WYD; travel itineraries, with indicative pricing and fundraising tools; leadership opportunities and other ways you can serve at WYD, how your parish can support young people from across the Archdiocese to attend.

Session dates and times across the Archdiocese:

18 Oct 7-9pm St Patrick's Parish, 10 Rogers St, Mentone

19 Oct 7-9pm St Mary MacKillop Parish, 152 Odessa Ave, Keilor Downs

**20 Oct 7-9pm St Francis Xavier Parish, 143 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio**

25 Oct 7-9pm St Benedicts Parish, 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood

26 Oct 7-9pm Good Shepherd Parish, 88 S Circular Road, Gladstone Park

27 Oct 7.30-9pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

For more information visit the WYD 2023 [website: https://udisciple.me.bournecatholic.org.wyd](https://udisciple.me.bournecatholic.org.wyd)

## *Reflection by Richard Leonard*

Many years ago I remember hearing the story of a charismatic prayer meeting which went all night. Apparently the leader was convinced that, 'God wants to do a strong and powerful work here tonight and we have to show we are worthy.' So he insisted that everyone stay until it happened. By dawn nothing had overtly occurred, so the leader declared, 'God has worked hundreds of miracles here tonight – on the inside.' He may have been right, but it sounded like mystical spin doctoring to me! What worries me about his story is that it can portray God as a remote and severe figure whom we need to convince that we are serious about him before he will be moved by our plight.

Today's Gospel is often used to support this idea. The persistent widow gets her way because she nags the judge into submission. While Jesus praises her endurance, he tells the disciples that God is NOT like the judge, but rather that God will quickly attend to our needs, rather than see us cry out all night.

There is a long and venerable tradition in the Church that prayer can influence God's will. Our belief in the power of intercession is predicated on it. This tradition holds that God regularly and actively intervenes to effect good outcomes in the world. In this school God is waiting to be asked or have us ask others to petition him.

The problem with this school is how much an all-knowing, unchanging God changes his mind in regard to our petitions. Furthermore God's interventions in the world are fine if all the decisions are running our way, but what happens when they run against us?

This approach can downplay free will. It can minimise our role, with God, to discern our options and choose carefully. If most of our petitions are focused on what God can do, it shifts all the responsibility (and the blame) on to God.

An equally long and venerable tradition in the Church, however, is that prayer changes us. This tradition has had less airplay. Fasting, abstinence and pilgrimages, for example, do not change God, but are meant to change the person who undertakes them. These things can enable us to be more responsive or receptive to whatever happens in life. I think this tradition needs to be reclaimed.

The idea of prayer changing us, changes our prayer – giving it greater dynamism and urgency. While we may not know the mind or will of God, we often know our own thoughts and desires. We can usually pinpoint what needs recrafting or reshaping in us so that we may live out the goodness and love of God more clearly. Confronting and converting these obstacles, with God, can see our prayer at its boldest and bravest. At these times we can enjoy God's healing and forgiveness. And because conversion is a lifetime process, Jesus encourages us not to lose heart but to pray always and hold on to faith even when the going gets tough.

John Powell once said, 'God knows what we want and need before we open our mouths. In prayer, then, he does not need a performance from us. He longs for an act of love.' May this Eucharist help us to move away from demanding that God change his mind or will to allowing his love to keep converting and changing us.

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