



# 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:** Mirko Volarevic (Croatia); Anton Miletic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Colleen Carroll; Reg Doherty; Wassela Al-Sakal; Majeed Karakchi; Almor Mairos; Jose Medeiros; Madalena, Ferras & Noemia Coelho; Theresa Bahl; Antolin Tambuli; Leoncia & Nazarino Cesar; Jozef Kot; Ercole Iezzi

**BAPTISMS:** .....

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Raymond Carroll; Peta Richards; Joan Hepworth; Von Carmody; Helen Dean



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.

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C— 23 October 2022)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly  
seek his face.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

### TODAY'S READINGS

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

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

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

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**1st:** Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

**2nd:** 2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2

**Gospel:** Luke 19:1 - 10

### 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:

<b>Tues...</b>	<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>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<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

(5th Sunday of the Month - 2nd Sunday roster to cover)

#### Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators	M Carson
Lectors	A Don
Special Ministers	P McGlinchey
Welcomers	
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

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



Congratulations to the candidates from Holy Spirit School who will be Confirmed during the upcoming week.

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:** World Mission Day Appeal is this weekend. 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).
- **ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY:** Just a reminder, on Tuesday Nov 1, we celebrate 'All Saints Day' and on Wednesday Nov 2 we remember the souls of those departed. There will be the normal 9.15am daily Mass on these days.
- **LITURGY MEETING:** The next Parish Liturgy Meeting is on Thursday Nov 3, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASSES:** On the weekend of November 5 & 6 at all Masses, the focus will be "*Remembering and Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones*". As part of the Bereavement Mass there are notelets entitled "*In Loving Memory of*". At this year's Masses and in keeping with covid safe social distancing practices, your leaflets will be collected by members of the bereavement team and placed at the foot of the Cross on your behalf.  
  
These leaflets are now available, if you would like to take one and fill out in preparation for the Masses.
- **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 2.30pm - 4pm** at Holy Family Church. More information to be 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.
- **CWL:** The November meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL will be held at 1.30pm on Wednesday November 2 at Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave, Manifold Heights. Our membership fees are payable at this meeting. Fees are:- Membership \$35; Membership plus Horizon subscription \$45 and diaries \$10. For transport please call Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598.
- **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.
- **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet from 2-4pm at the Parish Community Centre, on 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.

## 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.
- **SANTA CASA RETREAT CENTRE:** Workshop of "Nurturing body, mind and spirit". Thursday Nov 3; 10am-2.30pm at the Santa Casa Retreat Centre, Queenscliff; cost \$25. The presenter is Nicole Rotaru RSM. Please register by Oct 31 to Sr Lizzie Finnerty 0418 194 261; Email: [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au).

## *Reflection by Richard Leonard*

A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, *humus*, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

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## *Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSB*

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

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