



St Michael's Parish

Incorporating the Churches of Holy Family Bell Park, Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West & Holy Spirit Manifold Hts.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Minh Tran

OFFICE: 147 Separation St Bell Park 3215. Phone: 5278 1343

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm Email: bellpark@cam.org.au

PARISH SECRETARY: Bernadette Bilogrevic Email: bellpark@cam.org.au Phone 5278 1343

PASTORAL WORKER: Sr Anne Lourey Email: anne.lourey@mercy.org.au Phone: 5278 1343

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:

Holy Family	Peter Brunt	Separation St, Bell Park	Phone 5278 4634
Holy Spirit	Rachel Holdsworth	Minerva Rd Manifold Hts	Phone 5229 8298
St Patrick's	Luke Sheehan	Petrel St, Geelong West	Phone 5229 4412

Web Page Address:

www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au
www.facebook.com/michaelparish.st

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Ross Keeath; Michael O'Dwyer

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Gallagher; Damian Dougherty; Nicola & Nick Occhibove;
 Domenica Mirabile; Dante Scudellaro (1st anniversary);

BAPTISMS: Georgie & Polly Jeans; Nakoaah Matkovic; Octavia Nicholson; Isabelle Romeo;
 Frankie Traficante; Henry Axon; Cooper & Max Jones; Celeste Winiecki; Lucy Hewitt

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



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!

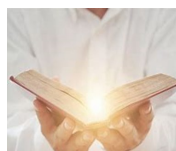
We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C—6 November 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
 Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14 **1st: Mala 3:19-20**
2nd: 2 Thess 2:16—3:5 **2nd: 2 Thess 3:7-12**
Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38 **Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

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: English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday
Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts: 11am Sunday
Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West: 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

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

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

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

St Michael's Parish Advent Retreat Day

Saturday, December 3, from 10am to 1pm at Holy Spirit Church Hall

25-31 Bostock Ave, Manifold Heights

Facilitator—Sr Mary Wickham (RSM)

To register, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au
by Wednesday, November 30.

This is a free event and a light lunch will be provided



PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Tuesday Nov 8	Craven; Brady & Other Family Members
Wednesday Nov 9	Jeanette Sheahan & Andrew Sheahan
Thursday Nov 10	Ferreira; Silvestre, Gomes & Other Family Members
Friday Nov 11	Iannuzzi; Pitaro; Lechino & Other Family Members

Liturgy at St Michael's

- **WELCOME TO FR GEORGE HOGARTY:** We extend a warm welcome to Fr George Hogarty from the Columbans' who will be the celebrant at this weekend's Masses.
- **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASSES:** At all Masses this weekend, 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"*. 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.
- **LEGION OF MARY:** Mass for the deceased Legionaries, Holy Family 9.15am Tues 8 Nov. All welcome.
- **PARISH ADVENT CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** St Michael's Parish Christmas Carols, **Sunday Dec 11 from 2.30pm - 4pm** at Holy Family Church.

St Michael's News

- **PARISH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY & CHILD SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP:** Saturday Nov 19, from 11am—1pm. Please arrive at least 10 mins prior to the start to register.
- **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au Thank you all, for your continuing regular support.
- **2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** Now on sale for \$10 at the Parish Office
- **BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2023:** Lectors, your copy of Break Open The Word 2023 is now available from the sacristy where you are rostered at.
- **HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP: Lunch at Pekish**—Geelong Bowls Club, Ballarat Road, North Geelong on Monday 7 November at 12.30pm. See you all there!
- **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.
- **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.
- **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS—SUMMER 2022:** In this edition, the topic centres on Vocations—Building the human family. The writers explore how the Holy Spirit works in those called to priestly and religious life; to marriage, and to inspire others through their profession or by volunteering. Please take a free copy, now available at all churches and the parish office.

Community News:

- **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us to a social get-together for food and friends at our next dinner on Tuesday Nov 8, 6pm at The Bistro, Belmont Hotel. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. Please RSVP by phone or text to Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by Friday November 4.
- **ST MARY'S PARISH ADVENT REFLECTION:** You are invited to join singer-songwriter Maria Forde for a beautiful evening of musical reflection in preparation for the Holy Season of Advent. **Wed Nov 30**, in the **Basilica** at **7pm**. A light supper and socializing before at 6pm in the Pioneer Room. Please bring a plate to share. **Cost \$5** payments can be made at the Parish Office, 150 Yarra St, prior to the event, and will be accepted at the door on the night.

Community News cont'd:

- **ST VINCENT De PAUL'S** Flood Appeal for those effected by the devastating floods
1—Calling 13 18 12;
2—visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3—making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase or
4—via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.
- **SANTHOME FEST:** St. Sebastian's Syro-Malabar Mission, invites you to be with us for the Syro-malabar Cultural Night on Sunday November 27, from 5pm at the Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington St, Geelong West for Indian food/Music/Live Performances. For tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDBIU>.
- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** A meeting will be held on Friday 11 November at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra Street, Geelong at **10am** to prepare for WDP Service on Friday 3 March 2023. As this is a world wide Ecumenical Service, it would be greatly appreciated that at least one representative or more from each Church in Geelong attend this Meeting. Please ring Sue O'Donoghue, 0429 784 331 for more information.

Reflection by Richard Leonard:

Today's Gospel focuses on those nagging questions that plague us all from time to time. What will heaven be like? What will happen to me in the resurrection of the body? While these are interesting enough questions on which to speculate and pray, this story from Dan McAuley reminds us that resurrection and a taste of heaven are often closer than we think.

'One day when I was in my early years of High School I noticed this boy from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends the next afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They knocked all his books out of his arms and tripped him up so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses, and I saw a tear in his eye.

'As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and just said, "Thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to another school before now. We talked all the way home, and I helped him carry his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool guy. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same.

'Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are going to really build some serious muscles with this pile of books every day!" He just laughed and handed me half the books. Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were in our last year of school we began to think about university. Kyle wanted to study overseas, I was going to stay at home. I knew wherever we were that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem.

'Kyle topped our class at school. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. But when he took the microphone he looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Sometimes I was jealous.

'Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said. As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduating from school is a time when you can thank those who helped you make it through the tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach, but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to another person can save someone from hell. Let me tell you a story."

'I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mother wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying all his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, my friend saved me from doing the unspeakable. I looked at hell, but the kindness of a friend showed me heaven. And he didn't even know it and I haven't looked back since."

If we want to know what heaven or the resurrection is like, then Jesus says, go and do likewise.