



# 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:** Brother Russell Peters; John Kubale; Jessica Springall; John Ries

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anna Menchise; Paul Fernandes; Rosalia Puglia

**BAPTISMS:** Axelle Austin; Matteo Dafter; Allegra Henriques; Riley Music;

**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!**

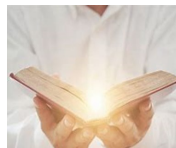
We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C—13 November 2022)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer your, and I will lead back your captives from every place.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The comes to rule the earth with justice.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

### TODAY'S READINGS

**1st:** Malachi 3:19-20

**2nd:** 2 Thess 3:7-12

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**1st:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3

**2nd:** Col 1:12-20

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43

### 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  
Croatian... 5.00pm Sunday  
Slovenian... 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

**Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:** 11am Sunday

**Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:** 5.00pm Saturday

### **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**

(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

L Fossey

R Martin



### **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

## **St Michael's Parish Advent Retreat Day**

**Saturday, December 3, 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](mailto: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 15	Henriques & Ferreira Family
Wednesday Nov 16	Hinkley Family Members & Ruggles Family Members
Thursday Nov 17	Millns & McGlinchey Families
Friday Nov 18	Kennedy Family, Relatives & Friends



## ***St Michael's Parish Christmas Carols***

**Sunday December 11, 2.30pm - 4.00pm**

**Holy Family Church.**

A warm welcome to family and friends to attend a Christmas Carols afternoon of festive and spirited cheer to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.



### ***St Michael's News***

- **PARISH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY & CHILD SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP:** Saturday Nov 19, from 11am—1pm; Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Heights. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior, to register. A light lunch is provided.
- **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](mailto: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.
- **SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY STALL:** This Sunday November 13, Holy Family Church 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!
- **PLT 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:***

- **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.
- **TAIZE\*PRAY\*PEACE:** An invitation to gather and pray this Advent, in preparation for Christmas. Santa Casa, 33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff on Saturday November 26, 2.30pm (followed by a cuppa at 3.30pm) To book, please contact Lizzie 0418 194 261 or [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au).
- **ST. BERNARD'S BELMONT PARISH:** Is recruiting 2 staff members to join its team. Positions of Pastoral Worker and Administrative Officer. Do you know someone who is interested in undertaking one of the abovementioned roles? If so, please contact the parish office on 5243 2739 or follow the link: <https://melbournecatholic.org./about/job-vacancies/pastoral-worker-st-bernards-parish> or <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/job-vacancies/administrative-officer-st-bernards-parish>
- **RED WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL:** All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral for a Prayer Vigil with Exposition: 7.30pm, Wednesday November 23 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and *Aid to the Church in Need* are working in partnership to mark **Red Wednesday**, a day dedicated to praying for, and standing in solidarity, with Christians who face increasing violence, torture and often death for their peacefully held faith in Jesus Christ. Joining many other cathedrals and churches around the world, St Patrick's Cathedral will be floodlit in red on this night.

## Community News cont'd:

- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL LAUNCHES FLOOD APPEAL:** Many people have been impacted by the devastating floods across the state. Even a little bit of water can displace a family for weeks if not months, and there are longer-term and wider-reaching effects from these floods. To donate or find out more about the Vinnies Appeal, please visit:-
  - 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>.

## *Reflection by Richard Leonard:*

Among the frightening things said by Christian leaders in the USA following the bombing of the World Trade Centre was that 'God turned away from America because we have turned away from God' and that 'God sent these acts as a wake-up call for us to live righteous lives and return to Him.' One went as far as to confidently assert that, 'September 11 tells us we are living in end times.'

We all have different reactions to shock and grief. Everyone asks, 'Why is this happening to us?' when tragedy strikes on any scale. Christian ministers, who should know better, must never resort to bad theology to further their own social and political agendas. They give us all a bad name.

For as long as I can remember there have been people predicting the end of the world. Whenever there is a tidal wave, cyclone, hurricane, earthquake or other natural disasters, someone declares that 'the end is nigh'. Just recall the Year 2000. Never mind that the dating of our calendar is out and so that the 2000th year occurred in 1996. The truth rarely gets in the road of the doomsday story. Sadly for us they usually invoke today's Gospel to support their case. The good news for us is that we are still waiting for the end of time. The good news for doomsday prophets is that one day they're going to be right!

We know from a variety of documents around the time of Jesus that the people of Palestine thought the world was soon coming to an end. Given they were being persecuted under an occupying Roman army and that their nation was in tatters, they seemed to have a better cause for this view than we do. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to a demoralised people who thought, and maybe hoped, that it would all be over soon. In such a context people are liable to follow the loudest voice to what appears like the safest place and so Jesus offers us the hope of God's fidelity whatever suffering we may endure. We are challenged to counter despair, not place our trust in things or institutions which we can see but to not be afraid and stand up for faith and hope.

When bad things happen to good people, when they happen to us, we have choices. We can give into desolation, depression and despair. Some of us make a life-long career out of it. This is understandable and tragic. Or we can choose to hope. Christian hope is not about 'pie in the sky when we die'. It is not about 'putting on a happy face, come what may'. St Augustine tells us hope is based on the justice God wants in this world, and will see done in the next. Interestingly, one of the signs Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel is famine. We have known for thirty years that if we all lived justly and shared from our abundance, we could have seen an end to starvation. We choose otherwise and sometimes blame God.

St Thomas Aquinas teaches us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the prongs in the anchor of Christian belief. No matter how stormy are the waters, how much we are tossed and buffeted by life's winds, this anchor keeps us rooted in God until calmer seas return. Hope is about holding on, come what may.

Today's Gospel is not interested in a timetable for disaster. It's about encouraging us to drop the anchor of hope overboard when the times get tough.

May this Eucharist help us to keep choosing to hope until the end of time.