



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: Phillip Allison; Catherine Kent; Kata Risek; Domenico Del Vecchio;
 Concettina Santoro-Di Pasquale (Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Craven; Antun & Marija Fantella; 1st Anniversary of Vlado Brljevic

BAPTISMS: Hudson & Elsie Daniel; Ava Matijevic; Isabella Patti; Kristian Rabar; Theodore Sanguinetti;
 Addison Crossley; Zoe & Harper Damon-Kwan; Hali Mannes; Keiren Uyttenhove

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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(Year C—20 November 2022)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!



TODAY'S READINGS

1st: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

2nd: Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Isaiah 2:1-5

2nd: Rom 13: 11-14

Gospel: Matt 24: 37-44

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 next Sunday Nov 27 which is the First Sunday of Advent.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am

Croatian... 5.00pm Sunday

Slovenian..12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

Sunday 11am Sunday

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

Saturday 5.00pm

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 11AM

M Burn

J Fraatz

L Fossey, L Vannata

L Fossey

A Zarb

HOLY FAMILY 9.00AM

Commentators M Lukesic

Lectors F O'Neill; P Gizycki

Special Ministers D Lunn; C Simpson; V Resciniti

Welcomers: V Resciniti

Projectionist C Resciniti

Co-Ordinator 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 22

Wednesday Nov 23

Thursday Nov 24

Friday Nov 25

Krasic Family

O'Neill & Wallace Family

Baldasso & Bisinella Family

Duggan & Killian Family



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.



Volunteers-Christmas Masses:

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist at our Christmas Masses particularly in the areas of Special Ministers & Collectors. If you can assist, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343. Masses are:- Christmas Eve, 5pm Holy Family; 5pm Ss Peter & Paul & 8pm Holy Spirit. Christmas Day 9am Holy Family & 9am Holy Spirit Church.

St Michael's News

- **PART TIME POSITION:** St Michael's Parish is looking to employ a Parish Mission and Committees' Coordinator to join the Parish Team in February 2023. The role is for 12 hours per week, with negotiable days and work periods. If you know of anybody who may be interested, please ask them to contact the parish office on 5278 1343 so that we can provide a more detailed job description.
- **PLT & CHILDSAFEGUARDING COMMITTEES:** There are currently vacancies on both committees and we invite new members to join our teams and would love to hear from you. The committee position would be for a minimum period of two years and attendance at three or four meetings per year. The committee role is very straight forward with just a few procedures involved. Please contact the Parish Office on 5278 143 for more information.
- **NOTE OF THANKS:** The Sisters of the Holy Angels and Sri Lankan Community sincerely thank you for supporting the community stalls last Sunday. \$1200 was raised and the funds will help support the most vulnerable people in Sri Lanka.
- **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE RECENT CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:** Many thanks for your generous support of the Catholic Mission Appeal which raised \$1251.80
- **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.
- **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Monday December 5, 6.30pm at R.S.L. Belmont. Please R.S.V.P. to Liz by November 30 on 0411 243 382. Look forward to seeing you all there!
- **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.
- **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.
- **CHILDSAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING:** For volunteers who were unable to attend the workshop on Nov19, the training can be completed online. To access the training module, please use the following link: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org>. You will also require your Working With Children Check card to register. On successful completion of the training, you will receive a certificate of completion. Could you please provide a copy to the parish office.
- **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 socialising 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.
- **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>

Community News cont'd:

- **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. To purchase tickets please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CDBIU>.
- **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.
- **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 flood-lit in red on this night.
- **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.

Reflection by Richard Leonard:

Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.

David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories.

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feast day! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God! So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

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