



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:

Maree O'Shannassy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alison Da Costa, Jim Pollard, Brian Hennessy, Allan McFarlane, Maria Vannata

BAPTISMS:

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr Philip Godsell, Cheryl Lambert

After approx 5 weeks, names will be taken off sick list. If you wish names to be reinserted, please contact the office.



- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B- January 24, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deut 18:15-20;
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel: Mt 1:21-28



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



WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday

Croatian... 11am 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 (Followed by Novena to St Anthony), 9.15am Thurs
(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

Holy Family Community Centre

Fri... Divine Mercy 3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

PRIVATE PRAYER:

Prayer Room will reopen on February 1st

St Michael's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

A REMINDER: Children must be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian at all times.

Face masks are no longer mandatory at Mass.

However, they are required if distancing measures of 1.5m cannot be maintained between people. We must also be respectful of those who 'want' to wear them.

REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

- ◆ Saturday 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's
- ◆ Sunday 8am at Holy Family
- ◆ Sunday 9.30am at Holy Family
- ◆ Sunday 11am at Holy Spirit

To book your initial place, please contact the Parish Office either by telephone on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au to register your contact details. You can also pre-register for midweek Masses on the day.

Please note, if you have previously registered your name will remain on the list for that particular Mass.

Roster for Next Sunday

(5th Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators M Carson
Lectors K Maddalena
Special Ministers K Maddalena
Projectionist
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Kroger
J McKenzie
L Stalio,
F Kearney

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM
Commentators
Lectors P. Carvalho
Special Ministers Sr Concepta, P Ruggeri, R Culo
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

Liturgy at St Michael's:

SCHOOL MASS DATES:

Feb 4... St Patrick's Primary School Opening School Mass - 11.45am St Patrick's School
Feb 5... Holy Spirit Primary School Opening School Mass - 9.15am at Holy Spirit Church
Feb 11... Holy Family Primary School Opening School Mass - 9.15am Holy Family Church

LITURGY MEETING:

Feb 9... 7pm at St Michael's Parish Community Centre

SPECIAL MINISTER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

St Michael's Parish is in need of volunteers who would like to visit the elderly or sick in our Parish, in their homes. Through prayerful consideration, this is a wonderful contribution that can be made to the life of the Parish.

It is important that those who are unable to attend Mass still have the opportunity to feel that they belong through Prayerful contact and the reception of Holy Communion.

The work as a Minister is both enriching and rewarding in service to others, and a need to those who can benefit from it.

Training and support will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343, who will provide further information.

THANKYOU:

We take this opportunity to thank John McCarthy for his contribution to St Michael's Parish in various ministries over the past 23 years. We wish him all the best.

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish office will be closed next Tuesday, January 26 - Public Holiday.
- ◆ **WARNING:** Should you receive an email from any Priest asking for money, please ignore it no matter how authentic it may appear to be. This is a scam!
- ◆ **HO FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Return Get Together for 2021 - Monday 1st February with 12pm Luncheon at "PEKISH", Ballarat Rd (Geelong Bowls Club). RSVP Liz by Monday 25th January. Look forward to seeing you all there.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with the 'Bread Run' on Wednesday nights. Please contact Sr Concepta on 0421 470 490 or 5277 3620.
- ◆ **CWL:** The first meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL for 2021 will be held on Wednesday 3rd February, 1.30pm in St Michael's Parish Community Centre. Please check current regulations regarding mask wearing and come prepared. If you require transport please phone Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT:** As part of Child Safeguarding Regulations, every volunteer in St Michael's Parish is required annually to sign a Code of Conduct. Bernadette will notify you over the next few weeks.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFETY POLICY:** The Parish Child Safe Policy has been reviewed and updated. A copy can be viewed on the parish website at www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au

SAFETY AND WELLBEING:

The safety and wellbeing of our parishioners, staff and the wider community is important to us all. Please report any accidents, incidents or near misses to the Parish Office on 5278 1343. Also, if you notice any potential hazards or risks, please bring these to our attention so that we can address them as soon as possible.

**HOMILY by Richard Leonard**

Seeing today's Gospel is set by the water's edge, this story seems appropriate.

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources ... and the intelligence ... to cross this river.' In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, went upstream a couple of hundred metres, then walked across the bridge!

The three men's prayers were all about gaining something: strength, resources and intelligence. Today's readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers' prayers, Jonah, Paul and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly, and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it's at the centre of our life of faith.

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle.

All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God's call in personal terms. It's sometimes called 'me and God' theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died 'for me', or that 'here I am Lord' or that 'I will follow you'. Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's US-and-God-IN-the-world.

May this Eucharist give us the strength, resources and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again this Sunday.