



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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Bordonaro; Rosa Rizzo; Marianna Macarol; Eric Smith; Nell Cummins; Carmela Caccamo; Aldo, Bruno & Agnes Accheni; Iolanda Marruso; Michael Sparsi; John Bove.



1st Year Anniversary: Vito Resciniti

BAPTISMS: Florence Dyer; Ivy Owen; Parker Stannard; Jayden Telenius.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr Philip Godsell, Cheryl Lambert, Jenny Maloney, Carl & Jennifer Stewart; Paul Secen.



St Michael's Parish is committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

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

-Pentecost Sunday- (Year B/1- May 23, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of yor faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday
1st Acts 2:1-11
2nd: Gal 5:16-25
Gospel: Jn 15:26-27

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Most Holy Trinity
1st Deut 4:32-34, 39-40
2nd : Rom 8:14-17
Gospel: Mat 28:16-20

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 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◆ QR Check-In at all Masses & Church Services is now **compulsory**. Please arrange for the Services Victoria App to be installed on your phone and please, please bring it to Mass.
- ◆ We request that you arrive early so that everyone is properly check-in; seated; and ready to go prior to the start of Mass.
- ◆ **Please check in correctly**, as failure to do so may risk a fine of \$1593 for an individual and \$9900+ for organisations.
- ◆ For parishioners who do not have access to a mobile, please complete a **COVID Safe Information Slip** by entering your name and Phone No. Return this slip and a volunteer will scan you in. Whilst masks are no longer mandatory, please remember to sanitise your hands on entering; continue to adhere to the 1.5m distancing rules, especially when seated in the church, entering & exiting and proceeding to the altar to receive communion.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(5th Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators A Henderson
Lectors G Tolan
Special Ministers A Henderson, G Tolan
Welcomers J Cowell
Projectionist B Middleton
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Burn
J Fraatz
L Fossey, L Vannata
D Dougherty, L Fossey
A Zarb

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators F O'Neill
Lectors L Kelly
Special Ministers L Sells, E Kelly
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

M Lukesic
P Gizycki
D Lunn, C Simpson, V Resciniti
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

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:

Mon... Rosary Prayer Group 11.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

Tues... Meditation Group 5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

Fri... Divine Mercy 3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

Prayer Room is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-2.30pm

Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ◆ **RECRUITMENT OF LECTORS, COMMENTATORS, PROJECTIONISTS, SPECIAL MINISTERS & COLLECTORS:** The parish is currently looking to recruit more volunteers to assist at our weekend Masses. Some of these roles may be on a regular basis or to cover when needed. We would love to hear from you and training & guidance will be provided. Please contact the parish office on 5278 1343 if you are interested or would like more information.
- ◆ Pope Francis has called on the faithful to unite in praying the holy rosary this May to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession for an end to the corona virus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the resumption of social and work activities. During the remainder of May at all our weekend Masses, we invite our parishioners to pray the rosary prior to the start of each Mass.

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **CONGRATULATIONS:** We congratulate **Sr Carmel** as she celebrates her Silver Jubilee of Religious Profession (25 years) with the Sisters of the Holy Angels.
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** Winter Edition 2021—The focus of this edition is Work and Human Dignity and the Year of St Joseph. Pick up your free copy today!
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** The Sisters of the Holy Angels wish to thank you for supporting us with the purchase of flowers on Mother's Day. Proceeds of \$850 will go towards helping those in need in Sri Lanka and Australia.

Community News:

- ◆ **GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHINA:** The Archbishop has asked to bring your attention to the upcoming week of Prayer for the people of China from the 23-30 May 2021. As you may be aware, there are reports that the persecution of people of faith in China has increased in recent times. This not only includes Catholics and Christians but also Buddhists, Muslims and other believers who are routinely persecuted, imprisoned and tortured. More information and resources can be found at www.globalprayerforchina.org
- ◆ **PHNA Pamper day Next** Saturday, 29 May at St Bernard's Belmont 1.00-3.00pm. Fun, Fine Food, Massage & Music with Jacqui Dreessens. Bookings essential for catering call Rod 0410 471 005. We are in need of some extra hands to help with welcome and hospitality so please contact us if you can help.
- ◆ **CWL:** A memorial Mass for deceased members and for members who have lost loved ones in the past year will be held on **Wednesday 9 June, 1.30pm at Holy Family Church**. Family members and parishioners are welcome to attend. A brief meeting of the CWL will be held in the Parish Centre after the Mass (**no meeting on 2 June**).
- ◆ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP—Holy Family Community Centre:** Thursday afternoons 2-4pm, Public /School Holidays excluded. BYO craft project or just come along and chat.
3 June 17 June 15 July 29 July 12 Aug 26 Aug 9 Sept 23 Sept
23 Sept 7 Oct 21 Oct 4 Nov 18 Nov 2 Dec
Scan in using the App for more information please contact Debbie 0409 416 945.
- ◆ **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG:** All are warmly invited to join our small community of people with Disability, their families, carers, friends and other supporters. We sing, pray and share our faith—and afternoon tea! Next monthly meeting is Saturday 29 May from 1.30 to 4pm. We will celebrate Pentecost as well as our 2nd birthday as a group. Venue: St Mary's Pioneer Room, Level 1, 150 Yarra Street Geelong. RSVP and enquiries to Tricia O'Keeffe, Ph: 0414 672 267 or www.FaithandLight.org



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:

Over the coming weeks of May & June, grades 4&5 children from Holy Family, Holy Spirit and St Patrick's Schools will be making the Sacrament of first Eucharist, we wish them all the best as they prepare for their special day.

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

Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard.

In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

When it comes to listening in the Church today, some people mistake mono for stereo, uniformity for unity. At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians had no such difficulty; they knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another.

The early Church was a very complex and diverse community. Like today they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world was nigh. Through it all, however, the bass notes played: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the Gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it compliments the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture which oppress, demean and diminish the women and men within it.

In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early Church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's pre-eminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it, and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the market places of our own day and age.

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