



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:

Beverley Anderson, Helena Niekrasz

ANNIVERSARIES:

Theresa Radojevic, Ljerka Lehpamer, Filippo Caccamo,
Fr Hugh McDonald

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Fr Philip Godsell, Cheryl Lambert, Jenny Maloney,
Paul Secen.



MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY AT ALL MASSES AND CHURCH SERVICES!!



St Michael's Parish is committed to upholding 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!

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ- (Year B/1- June 6, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Ex 24:3-8
2nd: Heb 9:11-15
Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Ezek 17:22-24
2nd: 2 Cor 5:6-10
Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

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 COVID INFORMATION!!

- ◆ Until further notice, the maximum number of attendees allowed at Masses & Church Services is capped at 50. You will need to pre-register your attendance for next weekend masses either by email bellpark@cam.org.au or telephone on 5278 1343. If numbers exceed the 50, we would then place you on the list for the following week.
- ◆ Face masks are now compulsory at all Masses & Church Services.
- ◆ The one person per 4 square metre rule now applies, and we ask that you keep every 2nd pew vacant.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands on entry and maintain the 1.5metre distance at all times.
- ◆ 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.

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators M Carson
Lectors
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

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

8.00AM

9.30AM

C Simpson
D Lunn, A Negro
H Verdnik, E Glynn
V Resciniti, E Glynn
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:—CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

Our Lady's Statue - Month of June - Ramois Family

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.



St Michael's News:

- ◆ **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!



Community News:

- ◆ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Please Note the Dinner at Capri Receptions on Tuesday June 8 has been cancelled.
- ◆ **CWL: Please Note**, the Memorial Mass for deceased members and for members who have lost loved ones, scheduled for June 9 has been postponed to a later date.
- ◆ **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.

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

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:

Congratulations to the grade 4 & 5 children from our Primary Schools who will receive the Sacrament of first Eucharist, We wish them all the best as they prepare for their special day.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (eucharistia). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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.



Reflection by Richard Leonard

In years gone by the major focus of this feast of Corpus Christi was a procession that usually concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Many of us have fond memories of Benediction: a bejewelled cope and monstrance, the flickering candles, the Divine Praises and Latin hymns. It all worked to create a magical atmosphere. As richly theatrical as it was, the magical side of it was part of the problem.

In medieval times Catholics rarely received Holy Communion. So much so it was in this context that the Church ruled that we have to communicate at least once a year. In the absence of communion, veneration of the Blessed Sacrament took on a great significance. Seeing the host was thought to impart an intense power.

Although in the last 100 years we have been encouraged to receive communion more frequently, the magical properties ascribed to the host persist in some people's devotional thinking.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Eucharist. And although we believe that Christ is present in the Scriptures, the assembly and the ministers of the Church, we hold that Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy and uniqueness.

The Eucharist is not intimate and unique because it is magic. It's not intimate and unique because we gaze upon the elements. The Eucharist is intimate and unique because earthly signs are transformed by God's love, and are consumed in faith. As we eat and drink these elements Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ.

In the fifth century Saint Augustine taught his people that if they truly loved the Eucharist they would become what they eat. The same is true for us today. By receiving into our hands the bread – blessed and broken, the cup – poured and shared, we say 'Amen' to becoming the same in Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love. We commune with God and God with us in the Eucharist so that just as earthly gifts are transformed into Christ so through us will be the entire world, and all things in it.

There is a huge and important difference between grace and magic. One is a trick for show. The other is the power of love, which expresses itself in faith, hope and service.

In a profound poem French Jesuit Didier Rimaud challenges those of us who love the Eucharist to see it linked to the liberation begun in the Exodus, consummated in the Resurrection and working in our world today.

In remembrance of you,
We take the bread of Easter in our hands,
This Bread do we consume:
It does no longer taste of bitter herbs,
nor of unleavened bread.
It is the bread of a land promised us
where we shall be set free.

In remembrance of you,
We take the wine of Easter at our feast,
This wine do we hold dear.
It does no longer taste of bitter springs,
nor of dark salty pools.
It is the wine of land promised us
where we shall be made whole.

In remembrance of you,
From exile we return.
In remembrance of you,
We walk across the sea!

No wonder the early Christians called the Body and Blood of Christ, 'food for the journey'. May this Eucharist strengthen and embolden us to help God liberate and transform the world through how we spend our lives.

