



# 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:**

Ludwik Szalinski; Ricky Bartolo; Ivan Krasic;  
Kathleen (Kath) Fogarty

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Joseph Moore & 1st Anniversary Iolinda Tortoreto

**BAPTISMS:**

Alfred Andersen, Cove & Fern Garner, Matilda Waller

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Fr Philip Godsell, Cheryl Lambert, 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!**

## **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*(Year B/1 - June 13, 2021)*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help,. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!



### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**11th Sun in Ordinary Time**

**1st** Ezek 17:22-24

**2nd:** 2 Cor 5:6-10

**Gospel:** Mk 4:26-34

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**12th Sun in Ordinary Time**

**1st:** Job 38:1, 8-11

**2nd:** 2 Cor 5:14-17

**Gospel:** Mk 4:35-41

### **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 75. 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 75, 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 1.5 metre 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.

### **(3rd Sunday of the Month)**

#### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM**

Commentators  
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

## **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:

- ◆ **Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed Monday 14 June due to the Public Holiday.

## Community News:

### 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.*



- ◆ **SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG:** Homelessness can happen to anyone, Winter is the toughest time of all for those affected by homelessness in the Geelong Community. Samaritan House provides crises and transitional accommodation and support for homeless men. **Independent Living Units** are being installed onsite from April 2021. Please consider making a donation to our 2021 Winter Appeal so we can continue to provide a place of warmth, sanctuary and hope. Donations of \$350 will provide an evening meal for a week. \$1000 will provide electricity & gas for the year for the units. \$2500 will support a homeless man to go through the six-week Accom Living Skills Program
- ◆ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP—Holy Family Community Centre:** Thursday afternoons 2-4pm, Public /School Holidays excluded. BYO craft project or just come along.  
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.
- ◆ **2021 WINNERS—Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle**

Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Originating Parish, Location
1	Suzuki Beleno (White)	067629	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
2	\$5,000 Gift Cards	076169	St Simon's, Rowville
3	\$2,000 Gift Cards	032504	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
4	\$1,000 Gift Cards	049130	St Michael's, Ashburton
5	\$1,000 Gift Cards	051855	St Thomas, Clyde Nth
6	\$1,000 Gift Cards	032099	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
7	\$500 Gift Cards	047457	Resurrection, Keysborough
8	\$500 Gift Cards	034273	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
9	\$500 Gift Cards	030396	St John Evangelist, Epping
10	\$500 Gift Cards	053783	Sts Peter & Paul, Doncaster East
11	\$500 Gift Cards	063650	St Paul, Endeavour Hills
12	\$500 Gift Cards	044181	Resurrection, Keysborough
13	\$500 Gift Cards	044752	Resurrection, Keysborough
14	\$500 Gift Cards	050482	St Michael's, Ashburton
15	\$500 Gift Cards	048859	Resurrection, Keysborough
16	\$500 Gift Cards	067768	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
17	\$500 Gift Cards	076793	St Simon's, Rowville
18	\$500 Gift Cards	067736	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
19	\$500 Gift Cards	041340	Nazareth, Beaumaris
20	\$500 Gift Cards	040880	Nazareth, Beaumaris

## **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 Dianne Bergant CSA**

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

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## **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

### **The Sowing of the Seed**

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

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