



# 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:**

Mary McMahon; Janina Cedro; Julian Polic; Antonino Salvo; Gary Round.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Madalena Ferraz; Jose & Almor Mairos; Tindara Rao; Carmelo Montalto; Matilda & Darmel Fernandes; Lucy Murphy; Hilda Smith;

**3 months Anniversary:**

Vincenzo Cammare

**1 month Anniversary:**

Manuele Zevrino.

**BAPTISMS:**

Oakley Butterfield; Stephanie Gittins; Oliver & Ruby Ybarzabal; Rosie & Sebastian Kerr; Neve Palmieri and Chelsea Smith.



**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Clare Mathimugan; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Paul Secen; Damiano Costa

**MASKS ARE COMPULSORY 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!**

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B/1- 11 July, 2021)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**TODAY'S READINGS**

15th Sun in Ordinary Time

1st Amos 7: 12-15  
2nd: Eph 1:3-14  
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

16th Sun in Ordinary Time

1st: Jer 23:1-6  
2nd: Eph 2:13-18  
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

**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!!**

- ♦ Due to the recent easing back of restrictions, registering your attendance at our weekend Masses is no longer required.
- ♦ The one person per 2sq metre rule now applies. It is important that you maintain a safe distance of 1.5metres from others when seated in the Church.
- ♦ Sanitise your hands on entry and maintain the 1.5 metre distance at all times.
- ♦ QR Check-In at all Masses & Church Services is compulsory.
- ♦ Masks are still compulsory for all attendees over the age of 12 years.

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

(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:

Mon...	Rosary Prayer Group	11.00am	Holy Family Community Centre
Tues...	Meditation Group	5.30pm	Holy Family Community Centre
	Legion of Mary	10.00am	Holy Family Community Centre
Fri.:	Divine Mercy	3.00pm	Holy Spirit Church

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

**PLEASE NOTE: The Prayer Room will no longer be open from 1 August.**

## 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:

- ◆ **2021 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL— Weekend of July 24 & 25**  
This year, Catholic Mission invites us to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies. These mothers find hope and a new start at the Mother and Babies Home at the Good Shepherd Centre.  
There will be an extra third collection taken up after Communion at all weekend Masses. We call on your generosity in supporting this important appeal. Envelopes are now available in our churches if you prefer to take one home to complete.
- ◆ **Music Coordinator Role at St Michael's Parish** - St Michael's Parish Bell Park currently has a part time position available for the role of Music Coordinator. If you know of anybody who would be interested or just require more information, please contact the parish office on 52781343.
- ◆ **CWL:—** Our next meeting will be our memorial Mass on Wednesday 4 August, God and COVID willing. More details closer to the date.
- ◆ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP: Holy Family Community Centre: Thurs afternoons 2-4pm,** Public /School Holidays excluded. BYO craft project or just come along.  
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.

## Community News:

- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED:** St Vincent de Paul Society has run a **hospital visitation programme for many years**—a friendly face to call on the sick and say 'hello'. If you are interested in the **role of co-ordinator**, or would like to **assist as a hospital visitor**, please contact John McCarthy 0409 042 393.
- ◆ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:** Congratulations to the children from St Pat's Primary School who will receive the Sacrament of first Eucharist. We wish them all the best as they prepare for their special day.
- ◆ **MARY MACKILLOP ROSARY:** A commemorative set of rosary beads for the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop, Cost \$40. For any questions or to submit your order form email [orders@aidtochurch.org](mailto:orders@aidtochurch.org) or call 1800 101 201. **Orders close TUESDAY 31 AUGUST.**
- ◆ **FRIENDS OF FATH AND LIGHT GEELONG:** All are warmly invited to join our next community gathering of people with disability, families, carers & friends. We meet to support one another in faith, friendship with prayer, sharing music & afternoon tea. **SUNDAY 17 JULY 1.30-4pm.** St Mary's Pioneer Room, Level 1, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong. RSVP and enquiries to Tricia O'Keefe, 0414 672 267
- ◆ **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong.**  
**Sunday, 8 August 2021, 3pm—BACH'S GENIUS-THE MOTETS-Australian Chamber** Choir/Director: Douglas Lawrence; Cello-Rosanne Hunt. Tickets \$50 Full; Seniors \$45; Concession \$40, children and school students free. Tickets available from the website. [www.auschoir.org](http://www.auschoir.org) or at the door.  
**Sunday, 29 August 2021 3pm—MELBOURNE CHAMBER CHOIR**-Director; Alan Cook. Tickets \$35 Adult and Senior, \$30 Concession, children & school students free. Tickets available from [www.trybooking.com/BPQYK](http://www.trybooking.com/BPQYK) or at the door.  
**Friday, 17 September 2021 7.30pm—SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST** BY Theodore Dubois. Conductor- Joseph Hie, Teresa Duddy-Soprano, David Campbell-Tenor, Manfred Pohlenz-Baritone, Windfire Choir and Orchestra. Tickets \$50 Full, \$45 Seniors, \$40 Concession, children & school students free, Tickets available from [www.trybooking.com/BPQZE](http://www.trybooking.com/BPQZE) or at the door.  
**Friday, 1 October to Sunday 10 October 2021—12TH ANNUAL WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL.** Check our website for details: <https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/music-festival/> Tickets be available soon.

## 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

Many centuries ago the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was an uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews had to leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. Problem was that no one wanted to debate the Pope. The only volunteer was a poor, simple, old man named Moishe who opened the door to the synagogue each Friday night. Not being used to words Moishe asked for only one addition to the debate – that neither side be allowed to talk. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moishe and the Pope sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moishe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his hand in a circle around his head. Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moishe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

Later, the Pope explained what happened: 'I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that we believe in the same one God. Then I waved my hand around my head to show that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was present right here. I pulled out the bread and wine to show that God has given us the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything. What could I do?'

Meanwhile, Moishe explained to the Jewish scholars how he won the unwinnable debate. 'Well', said Moishe, 'First he said that the Jews had three days to get out of Rome. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' 'And then what clinched the debate?' asked the Rabbi. 'I don't know', said Moishe. 'It was strange. He took out his lunch, and I took out mine!'

Life always depends on how we read the signs!

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality. These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders.

For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which reveals whether our wealth possesses us or not.

For Jesus, being 'a rock and an island' was not a sign of strength but one of fear and despair. A strong Christian is the one who rejoices in our dependence on each other, and is always grateful for the interconnectedness of life.

For Jesus, making room for others, especially toward those in legitimate need and even when it makes a large claim on us, is a pre-eminent sign of his Kingdom.

The Christian life is about reading the signs of the times. May our Eucharistic signs of his presence amongst us, the bread and wine, change us today, to match it with the best in being simple in lifestyle, happily dependent and extravagantly hospitable with our time, talent and energy for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

