



# 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:

Elizabeth Conole; Michael Christodoulou; Marie Martini; Robert Kelly

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Rocco Resciniti; Bruno Cristoforo; Miroslav Macarol; Joe Lichtenfeld; Ercoli Iezzi; 1st Anniversary of Katica Trupkovic and 1 months since Death of Antonino Salvo

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Clare Mathimugan; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Paul Secon



**DUE TO THE LATEST COVID LOCKDOWN, ALL MASSES & LITURGIES IN THE PARISH ARE CANCELLED. THE PARISH OFFICE IS ALSO CLOSED AND WILL REOPEN ONCE THE LOCKDOWN ENDS. MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED THIS SUNDAY AT 10AM ON FACEBOOK.**



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

## Saint Mary of the Cross

(Year B/1- 8 August, 2021)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul clings to you: your right hand holds me fast.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

### TODAY'S READINGS

Saint Mary of the Cross

1st 1 Kings 17: 8-16

2nd: Col 3: 12-17

Gospel: Matt 6:25-34

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

2nd: Eph 5: 21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

### 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.



## **Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin**

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

### **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:**

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

**PLEASE NOTE: The Prayer Room has CLOSED.**

## St Michael's News:

- ♦ **National Vocations Awareness Week**—Today is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian Saint. Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.
- ♦ **PERMANENT DIACONATE: Do you feel like being called to serve?** The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained minister. COME & SEE! An information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday, September 4 10:00-11.45am** at the **Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne**. For further information, contact Deacon Kevin Pattison, Kevin.pattison@cam.org.au
- ♦ **CATHOLIC MISSIONS**— Weekend of August 14 & 15: 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.
- ♦ **CWL:—** .Our annual membership subscription is now due, \$35 per member, also Horizon subscription \$35, if you subscribe to both it is \$65. Details for payment please contact Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598, Thank You.
- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP: Holy Family Community Centre: Thurs afternoons 2-4pm**, Public /School Holidays excluded. BYO craft project or just come along.  
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.



### FAREWELL TO FR. MICK'S MATES:

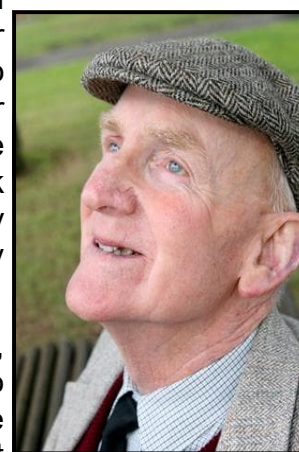
In 2007 Fr Mick was diagnosed with Cancer and in recognition of the love his Parishioners had for him, it was decided to enter a team in the Geelong Relay for Life, which raises money to support the fight against Cancer. (The Relay was a 24 hour event from noon Saturday to noon Sunday). As a Parish we have participated every year and have raised a total of \$167,561.65. Thank you to all of you who participated in Raffles; Film Nights; Melb Cup Day Luncheons; Christmas Stalls; Bunning's Sausage Sizzles; Highway Collections and Donations. Your generosity has been magnificent.

A special thanks must go to the "Organising Committee" who planned, cooked, set up and cleaned up, at these events. It has been a privilege to work with this dedicated group. At our 1st Relay, Fr Mick suggested we extend an invitation to Parishioners to join with us for the Saturday night BBQ, BYO meat; a salad to share and a bottle of wine. This continued for many years with 30 to 40 attending and enjoying a great social experience.

2021 will be the last year that we will be entering a team. Due to COVID restrictions it will be a 10 hour event on Sat 9 October, commencing at noon at St Albans Football Reserve. The Candle Light parade will be at approx 8:30pm followed by a closing Ceremony.

In honour of Fr Mick, and to recognise the work of the committee we would like to have the BBQ meal at 6:00pm and invite Parishioners and family to gather with us to celebrate a Great Man.

If you are interested in attending the BBQ meal, please contact Bernadette at the Parish on 5278 1343 or David Lunn on Ph: 0408 378 982. **Thank you**



## 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 Fr Michael Tate*

### *Mary MacKillop*

This Gospel *does not* say we should not worry about what *others* eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25).

In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor.

She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

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### *Mary MacKillop Prayer*

*Ever generous God,*

*You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop*

*To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.*

*With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop.*

*We ask that you grant our request (insert request)*

*We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.*

*Ever generous God hear our prayer.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Mary MacKillop Amen.*