



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: Joan Donnellan

ANNIVERSARIES: Marianna Mamone, John Da Costa

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Clare Magimuthan, Fr Philip Godsell, Cheryl Lambert, Paul Secon



DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID LOCKDOWN, ALL MASSES & LITURGIES IN THE PARISH ARE CANCELLED. THE PARISH OFFICE IS ALSO CLOSED. 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.

Child Protection Week (5-11 September) - Safeguarding Sunday 12 September

Twenty-Second Sunday in ordinary time (Year B/1- 29 August, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

2nd: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Is 35:4-7

2nd: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

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.

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION ONCE MASSES RESUME AGAIN!!

- ♦ Due to the reduced numbers permitted at Masses, registering your attendance at our weekend Masses is required.
- ♦ The one person per 4sq metre rule now applies. It is important that you maintain a safe distance from others when seated in the Church.
- ♦ Sanitise your hands on entry and maintain the 1.5 metre distance at all times, especially when going to receive Communion.
- ♦ 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 - 1st Sunday

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators C O'Brien
Lectors G Podbury
Special Ministers N Neeld, P McGlinchey
Welcomers
Projectionist
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators R Allum
Lectors V Pavlovic
Special Ministers J Bartolo, Peter McBride
Welcomers K McArthur, L. Allum
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

8.00AM

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson
M Kroger
G Wright,
L Fossey
L Coles

9.30AM

J Siketa
M Bird, M Scaddan
E Karakchi, B Kline, Horoba
M& E Hoffman
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

Due to the lockdown all St Michael's Parish at Prayer Services are cancelled.

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



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE CHILDREN FROM THE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM AS THEY CONTINUE LESSONS VIA ZOOM IN PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION (FATHER'S DAY APPEAL):** Next Sunday Sept 5, and provided that the lockdown has ended, there will be a **special third collection** taken up after Communion which goes towards the care of retired and sick priests. Funds raised go towards providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for our retired priests.
- ♦ **CHILD SAFE COMMITTEE:**—Our next meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday September 8, 2pm at the Parish Office.
- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** 'Lockdown blues getting to you?' Why not come along to the craft conversation group. BYO project or come along for a cuppa, chat and inspiration. NB: We do need to follow the Covid guidelines and yes, masks are required and QR scanning available. We will be meeting at Holy Family Community Centre Thursday afternoons, 2-4pm. It is most Thursdays so keep an eye on the dates. Naturally if another lockdown/stay at home order occurs, we are cancelled. Dates are: Sept 9 & 16 (Break); Oct, 7, 14, 21 & 28; Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25; Dec 2 & 9 Dec (Christmas Break). **To book your seat**, please contact Debbie on 0409 416 945 as we do have a space limit to adhere to.

Community News:

- ♦ **PERMANENT DIACONATE:** Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the **Information Session on September 4 is CANCELLED**. For more information, contact Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335; (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au.

Caritas AUSTRALIA—Humanitarian Crisis unfolding in Afghanistan & Lebanon.

As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit caritas.org.au/Lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 to provide support.



Pope asks for prayers for Afghanistan... “I join in the unanimous concern for the situation in Afghanistan, I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace, so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue...” Only through dialogue he added, “can the battered population of that country—men, women, elderly and children—return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect.”

Pope Francis.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

I read a terrific book the other day entitled ‘Shadows and the Dark’. It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne. This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil.

The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident. Sister said, ‘Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall’. John replied, ‘If that's true Sister I'm pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!’ From Jesus' day to ours, when bad things happen to good people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is ‘The-devil-made-me-do-it’ theology. And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine.

For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way.

The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion. For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option.

May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart.

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