



St Michael's Parish

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS....

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Kristian Verdnik

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



Please Note: Due to the extended lockdown, all Masses & Liturgies in the Parish are cancelled.
Mass will be Livestreamed this Sunday at 10am.



What makes a real dad....

God took the strength of a mountain; the warmth of a summer sun; the calm of quiet sea and the generous soul of nature.

Satisfied He called it...dad

"A Dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and let's you try again."

Twenty-Third Sunday in ordinary time (Year B/1- 5 September, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS READINGS

Time

1st: Isaiah 35:4-7

2nd: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

NEXT WEEK'S

24th Sunday in Ordinary

1st: Isaiah 50:5-9

2nd: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35

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.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

5 - 11 September 2021



St Michael's Parish and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

Next Sunday September 12, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday
You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Through our behaviour we show we are followers of Jesus who cared for all - the children, the vulnerable....

KEEPING OUR PARISHIONERS INFORMED:

Due to the reduction in numbers of Priests, our Parish has been notified by the Melbourne Archdiocese of a proposal called "Mission- Taking the Way of the Gospel" to reform current Parishes across the whole Archdiocese, as we have in St Michael's. Parish Priests and Parish Leadership Team (PLT) representatives have attended two information meetings to learn about the Mission's objectives. Details of the proposed reforms have been supplied and our PLT has responded in writing to the Archbishop, seeking further clarification on several areas of concern. We are now waiting on his response.

As more information becomes available, and is discussed by the PLT, we shall advise you via the Bulletin and on St Michael's Parish website.

Yours in faith,

Debbie Horoba

On behalf of Fr Minh Tran and the St Michael's Parish Leadership Team

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NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER - 2nd Sunday

Ss PETER & PAUL'S

5.00PM

Commentators M Carson
Lectors P Power
Special Ministers P McGlinchey
Welcomers D Dougherty
Projectionist B Middleton
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT

11.00AM

L Strezelecki
M Martin
V Trinder, L Vannata
L. Fossey
R Martin

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

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

9.30AM

C Simpson
D Lunn, A Negro
H Verdnik, E Glynn, D Lunn
V Resciniti, E Glynn
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION (FATHER'S DAY APPEAL):** Donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website at www.cam.org.au/foundation. A special collection to be scheduled when Masses return.
- ♦ **CHILD SAFE COMMITTEE:**—Our next meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday September 8, 2pm via Zoom.
- ♦ **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 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:

- ♦ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINER'S CLUB:** Due to Covid restrictions the CDC Club dinners have been suspended until further notice. Please stay safe. As always, please don't hesitate to phone me at 0425 785 277 or email me at maryflatt01@gmail.com regarding any issues. Take care until next time. Mary Flatt.

Caritas AUSTRALIA—Humanitarian Crisis unfolding in Afghanistan & Lebanon.

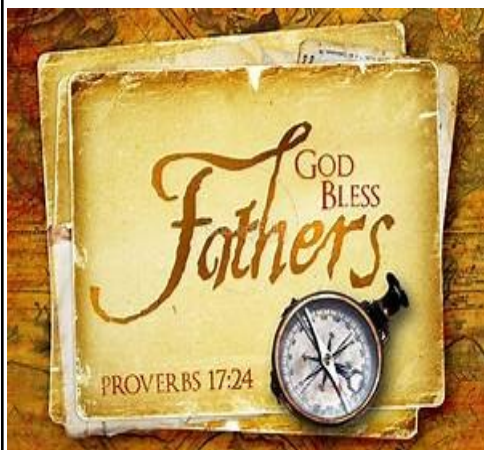
As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

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.

Important Covid Safe information -When Our Churches Reopen!!

- ♦ 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.



A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocations; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering, may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

I read the other day a true story about a baby girl who was seriously ill in a Neonatal ICU. The paediatric specialist said there was very little hope. The baby's five-year-old brother, Michael, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. 'I want to sing to her', he kept saying. Children were not allowed in the ICU, but Michael's mother eventually insisted that he be able to see his sister.

When he got to the humidicrib he sang: 'You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey'. The nurse reported that as Michael sang, the baby's pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. 'Keep on singing, Michael', encouraged his mother with tears in her eyes. 'You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.' The baby recovered and left the hospital three weeks later.

I am not pretending for a moment that Michael's song healed his sister, but we should never underestimate the power of human support and love. It helps us to be healed.

The Gospel story of the healing of the deaf mute is striking because it is one of the few stories where the crowd makes the request of healing from Jesus. This is understandable given that the man cannot speak for himself, but the scene, as Mark writes it, is very touching. Mark tells us that the crowd brought the man to Jesus. 'They' beg Jesus to heal him, 'they' are ordered not to tell anyone about the miracle, but 'they' go straight out and tell everyone about it.

What happens there is what happens here every Sunday. Coming to Mass is not a private affair. It is not my Mass, my prayer, my Church. The pronouns we use reveal a lot about our attitudes. It's our Eucharist, our prayer and our Church. Within the Mass there are opportunities for private prayer, but Eucharist is, essentially, an action of the assembled community. In our own way we bring the deaf and the mute to Jesus each time we gather. This is what the Prayers of the Faithful are all about. This is why they are so important.

When we visit another parish we can tell a lot about it by the care with which the intercessions are composed and compiled. If they only attend to the needs of the parish and never with the wider Church or the world, if they focus on the needs of the Catholic world and never with the plight of those in crisis, who may not share our faith or may hold to another or no faith, it says so much.

The Church has always believed in the power of intercessory prayer. Not that God needs to be reminded what our world needs. God knows that better than we know it. But intercessory prayer sorts our priorities and establishes who has a claim on our affections and concerns. It also enables others to know that we stand in solidarity with them.

And miracles still happen when we are one with those for whom we hope and pray. Sometimes the first miracle that occurs is that we notice the needs of some group beyond our immediate circle. Their suffering moves us and we choose to help them.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that Christ removes our blindness, opens our ears and loosens our tongues so that we speak up for those who are most in need of a healing word that brings them justice and peace.