



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: Domenico Servello, Michael Velcek, Wladyslawa Jordan, Snjezana Pavic,



BAPTISMS: Elke & Arlo Walker, Giovanna Ricciardi, Rafael Traficante, Brooklyn Davies, Max McCann

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



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

Children must be accompanied to the toilets by a parent of guardian at all times.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in ordinary time (Year B/1- 12 September, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Is 50:5-9
2nd: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st: Wis 2:12, 17-20
2nd: James 3:16-4:3
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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 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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

At St Michael's we are committed to the protection of every person in our parish. The parish has established a Child Safeguarding Committee, with representatives from each of our churches and catechesis programs, supported by the Parish Priest, Staff and the Parish Leadership Team.

The role of this group is to raise awareness of child safeguarding practices across the parish and report to the Parish Leadership Team on activities.

The Child Safeguarding Committee members are Fr Minh Tran, Bernadette Bilogrevic, Marg Gifford, Louise Iacobaccio, Joan Mann and Veronica Pavlovic.

We are committed, through our actions to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of adults, children, and young people. As a Parish, we aim to provide a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually and in their everyday lives; affirming the Gospel values of love, care for others, compassion and justice.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday.

*Gracious God, You love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.*

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace, communities and families will find understanding and support.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk.

*We pray for all parishioners to see the dignity of every person and respond with love,
kindness, respect and tolerance.*

We ask this pray through our Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH AT PRAYER

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE WHICH ALLOW A MAXIMUM OF 20 AT RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS, THE WEEKEND MASSES WILL NOT RECOMMENCE UNTIL THIS NUMBER IS INCREASED. MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED SUNDAY MORNING AT 10AM.

WEEKDAY MASSES: COMMENCING FROM SEPTEMBER 13, DAILY MASS WILL NOW BE CELEBRATED ON MONDAY MORNINGS, 9.15AM AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH AND NOT ON THURSDAY MORNINGS.

Holy Family: 9.15am Mon, Tues (Followed by Novena to St Anthony),
(8.45am Rosary before Mass on Mon & Tues)

N.B. There is no longer a 9.15am Mass on Thursdays at Holy Family

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

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **UPDATE ON RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS:** Current restrictions for religious gatherings allow a maximum of 20 persons, the numbers are not workable to recommence our weekend Masses. Our midweek Masses will still be celebrated in the Parish and it is recommended that you book in for these Masses for the time being.
- ◆ **COVID CATCH UP:** Now that regional Victoria has come out of lockdown, it would be a nice time to catch up with someone by phone, text, or for a walk, you would normally see around the Parish or at Mass.
- ◆ **PARISH OFFICE:** We are now open again!
- ◆ **PARISH BULLETIN:** Please contact the parish office on 5278 1343 if you would like a copy of the weekly bulletin emailed or posted out to you. There will also be bulletins available to collect from the parish office or at the main entrance of Holy Spirit Church.
- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Congratulations to Luke Sheehan, current acting principal at St Patrick's who has officially been appointed as the new principal commencing in January 2022.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFEGUARDING MEETING:** Next Tuesday September 14 at 7pm via zoom.
- ◆ **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 soon.
- ◆ **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: 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.
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS —SPRING 2021: CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION!** In this edition, we celebrate the past, present and future of Catholic education in Australia. Copies are now available to collect from the parish office. We can also post a copy to you.

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.
- ◆ **FRIENDS OF FAITH & LIGHT GEELONG UPDATE:** Although COVID restrictions have eased somewhat we have decided it best not to hold our next meeting at St Mary's scheduled for September 18th. We do hope to be able to meet on Saturday 16th October. Details will be provided closer to that date. Faith & Light provides Christian fellowship and support for those with a disability. For members and interested parishioners, further information and updates, please contact Tricia O'Keeffe on 0414 672 267 or by email patriciaok65@gmail.com. Thanks.

Pope Francis asks Catholics to pray that the world makes ‘courageous choices’ to protect the environment.. “We pray that we all make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this,....”

“It makes me happy to see that young people have the courage to undertake projects for environmental and social improvement since the two go together. Let us take advantage of their example and reflect on our lifestyle especially during these moments of health, social and environmental crisis.”

“Let us reflect on the way we eat, consume, travel, or the way we use water, energy, plastics, and many other material goods, is often harmful to the earth.”

“Let us choose to change! Let us advance with young people towards lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful of the environment!”

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Peter: earthquaked and then upside down

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: ‘It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.’

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: ‘Satan, get behind me.’ Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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