



# 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:** Domenica Mirabile

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Damian Dougherty; Anna Menchise

**BAPTISMS:** Tom & Mia Canny; Miles Spence; Theodore & Penelope Dillon;  
 Charlie & James Kelly; Lila & Arlie Strathford.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Clare Mathimugan; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Paul Secon;  
 Harry Howard; Raymond Carroll



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

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

**A REMINDER: Children must be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian at all times!**

## Thirty First Sunday in ordinary time (Year B/1- 7 November 2021)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!



### TODAY'S READINGS

**1st** 1 Kg 17:10-16  
**2nd:** Heb 9: 24-28  
**Gospel:** Mk 12:38-44

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st:** Dan 12:1-3  
**2nd:** Heb 10:11-14  
**Gospel:** Mk 13:24-32

### 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.

## RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS AT ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back to our weekend Masses. As previously outlined in the last few parish bulletins, and in accordance with the government roadmap out of lockdown, all attendees 16 years and over, must provide proof of vaccination or exemption status, to the COVID marshals.

Unfortunately, without this necessary 'proof', you will not be permitted to enter, as the parish risk fines and possible further lockdown, if we are not 100% adhering to this rule.

There will be a weekly Sunday, 5pm Mass at Holy Family Church, beginning this Sunday, for parishioners with an 'unknown vaccination status'. Please note, a maximum of **30** can attend and this is for St Michael's Parish Parishioners only. It is necessary that you book your attendance each week and if demand is high, there will be a roster system put in place. It is important to register for all weekend Masses.

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion with Fr Minh, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343 to book a time.

Face masks are still compulsory indoors. and remember to sanitise before entering the church and social distancing must be maintained..

Fr Minh & Parish Staff.

## PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Monday Nov 8	Jeanette and Andrew Sheahan
Tuesday Nov 9	Stokes Family Members
Wednesday Nov 10	Sylvestre, Ferreiro, Marios and other Family Members
Friday Nov 12	Krasic Family

## READERS ROSTER

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

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

### HOLY FAMILY

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

### HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

L. Strzelecki
M Martin
V Trinder, L Vannata
L. Fossey
B Middleton      R Martin

### 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



**Congratulations** to the candidates from the Parish Group and our three Primary Schools who will be Confirmed over the next few weeks.

**We** also congratulate the children from the Parish Sacramental Group who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this coming Sunday.



## St Michael's News:

- ♦ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS—SUMMER 2021:**—In this edition, the topic centres around Love and Relationships and Making a commitment to God and to others. Please take a copy, now available at all Churches and the Parish Office.
- ♦ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:**—There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order alphabetically by **STREET**. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5378 1343 or you can email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au). Thank you for all your continuing regular support.
- ♦ **LITURGY MEETING:** Tuesday November 9, 7pm - Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **PLT MEETING:** Wednesday November 10, 7pm - Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet 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: Nov 11, 18 & 25; Dec 2 & 9 (Christmas Break). **To book your seat**, please contact Debbie on 0409 416 945 as we do have a space limit to adhere to.
- ♦ **2022 COLUMBAN CALENDERS** are now on sale for \$10 at the Parish Office.

## St Michael's Parish at Prayer

### WEEKEND MASSES:

#### Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday  
(Extra 5pm Mass- Please book)

#### Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

11am Sunday

#### Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday

Croatian... 11am Sunday

Slovenian... 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

#### **Holy Family:**

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

#### **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:

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

## 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.



### A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth.

So precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it., that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain, at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature, as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

## REFLECTION by Richard Leonard

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of the day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come as a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we.

Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that shows us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life.

This story teaches a similar lesson. Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big 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 Jew won, the Jews would stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave.

The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old poor man. Moshe had nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed.

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

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said; 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both our faiths. Then I waved my finger around me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their scholars had insisted was impossible!

'What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe. 'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. 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?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.'

May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing and then leaving here and doing the very opposite.

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