



# 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:** Guido De Angeles

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Klara Vanslooten; Dennis Ingles; Marie Gallagher; Paul Fernandes; Angelo, Teresa, Grazia, Angelo & Vito Monteleone; Kamala Kazzazi; Sulaiman Alloos; Antun & Marija Fantella; Patrick, Agnes & Peter O'Shea; Antonio & Josephine Puglia; Teresa De Luca; one month since death of Sofia Mure and the first anniversary of Rosalia Puglia.



**BAPTISMS:** Angus Moloney; Pia Stillitano; Teo Persic; Angelina Kunovic; Scarlett Boyar; Milena Verdichizzi;

**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 Third Sunday in ordinary time (Year B/1- 14 November 2021)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

### TODAY'S READINGS

1st Dan 12:1-3  
 2nd: Heb 10:11-14, 18  
 Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST  
 KING of the UNIVERSE

1st: Dan 7:13-14  
 2nd: Apoc 1: 5-8  
 Gospel: Jn 18:33-37

### 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.

## COVID SAFE INFORMATION!

- Registering your attendance at the 5pm Ss Peter & Paul's Mass is required and also recommended for the other weekend Masses.
- Proof of full vaccination status or exemption status is compulsory, and once sighted by the covid marshals, a YES status will be noted.
- Mask wearing for attendees 12 years & over is compulsory whilst indoors and remember to sanitise your hands before entering the church
- QR Check-in at all religious gatherings
- The one person per 4sq metre rule applies, please maintain a safe distance from others when seated in the Church and when entering, exiting and proceeding to receive Communion.



## PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



Monday Nov 15	Henriques & Ferreiras Family
Tuesday Nov 16	Macarol Family, Relatives & Friends
Wednesday Nov 17	Sells, Kelly, McFarlane & Welsh Family Members
Friday Nov 19	Millns & McGlinchey Family Members

We Need Your Help



The Season of Advent is nearly upon us and as we begin preparations for our Christmas Masses, we are reaching out once again, to our parishioners for your help. Whilst, we are still in the initial stages of planning and await the next round of covid regulation updates, we are taking names now. Sign-up boards are in the churches or alternatively, contact the parish office on 5278 1343 if you can assist.

**Please note, we are taking names of volunteers only, not attendees.**

## ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(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, P Perera  
C Resciniti  
J Mann 0488 784 802

## St Michael's News:

- **PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP:** We are happy to report that over the past 18 months, St Michael's Parish Community which includes our three Primary Schools, raised \$11,200 through the support of the annual raffles and school fundraising efforts. We welcome Sr Kate O'Neill who will speak at all Masses this weekend.
- **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 5278 1343 or you can email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au). Thank you for all your continuing regular support.
- **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. Dates are: Nov 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 CALENDARS** are now on sale for \$10 at the Parish Office.

## Community News:

**Nov 27... PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK - GEELONG...**invites you to an afternoon of pampering & pastoral healthcare, 1-3pm at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave, Geelong West. Bookings essential (3 days before the event- for catering): Call Rod on 0410 471 005. Cost is free, but a donation is always appreciated.

**Dec 14... PURE HARMONY MUSIC AND EVENTS** is proud to present the most enduring choral work in history, **Handel's Messiah**, at 7pm. Geelong West Town Hall, Pakington St Geelong West. Tickets from [www.trybooking.com/events/landing](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing).

## 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.



## REFLECTION by Richard Leonard

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting.

This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way.

John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.