



# 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:** Angela Alizzi; Dante Scudellaro; Vlado Brljevic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Salvatore & Damiano Modica; Giuseppa & Giuseppe Lo Piccolo;  
 Mary Sells

**BAPTISMS:** Darcy Kearney; Thomas Kearney; Elkie Baulch; Roshan & Ethan Ritchie;  
 Kenzie Stafford

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



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!**

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 King of the Universe  
 (Year B/1- 21 November 2021)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**TODAY'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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st: Jer 33:14-16  
 2nd: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2  
 Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



### 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 UPDATE!

- Proof of full vaccination or exemption status is now compulsory for all attendees aged **12years+2months and over**. Once sighted by the covid marshal, a YES status will be noted.
- Density limits no longer apply and registration for our weekend Masses is not required. (Subject to change if numbers exceed safe capacity limits).
- Whilst mask wearing is no longer compulsory, however, where we cannot guarantee safe distancing, we request that masks still be worn, especially now that there is no density limits or caps on numbers attending.
- QR Check-in at all religious gatherings remains. To enable checking in before the start of Mass, it is important that you arrive early and please remember to bring your mobile phone.
- Where possible, please continue to maintain a safe distance from others when seated in the Church & especially when entering, exiting & proceeding to receive Communion, and remember to sanitise your hands.
- Communion will only be received in the hand.



## PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



Monday Nov 22	Lehpamer Family Members
Tuesday Nov 23	Caccamo, Genova & Rao Family Members
Wednesday Nov 24	Lancaster Family Members
Friday Nov 26	Bartolo Family Members

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. This year, more than ever, we need extra help especially with covid marshalling requirements. Sign-up boards are now 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. Registration for Christmas Masses will begin in early December.**

We Need Your Help



## ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(4th Sunday of the Month)

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

Commentators	A Henderson
Lectors	G Tolan
Special Ministers	A Henderson, G Tolan
Welcomers	
Projectionist	B Middleton
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

### HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Burn
J Fraatz
L Fossey, L Vannata
L Fossey
A Zarb

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators	<b>8.00AM</b> F O'Neill
Lectors	L Kelly
Special Ministers	L Sells, E Kelly
Projectionist	R Allum
Co-Ordinator	L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

### **9.30AM**

M Lukesic
E Karakchi, P Gizycki
E Karakchi, C Simpson, V Resciniti
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

## St Michael's News:

- **SUNDAY MASS AT HOLY FAMILY 5PM TO END—** Due to Fr Minh's increased workload leading up to Christmas, the extra 5pm Mass will finish on December 5 and will not recommence at this stage.
- **BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2022-** Please note, due to delays in delivery, we have not yet received 2022's edition. Hopefully, this coming week the books should arrive and will be left in the sacristy for each Lector to collect their copy.
- **CWL—** Christmas lunch for the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on Wednesday 1st December, at Pekish, City of Geelong Bowls Club, 7-9 Ballarat Rd, North Geelong at 12 midday. Please bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$10 for our lucky dip Kris Kringle. We need to have accurate numbers so if you plan to attend, please call Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 515 598 by Friday 26th November.
- **2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are now on sale for \$10 at the Parish Office up until December 18.
- **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 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.
- **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.

## Community News:

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

#### Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

11am Sunday

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

5.00pm Saturday

**(Extra 5pm Mass- N.B. This Mass will finish after December 5)**

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

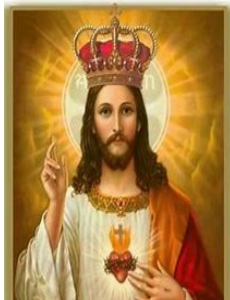
Holy Spirit Church

## 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



Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.

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