



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: Margaret Brown

ANNIVERSARIES: Milan Stante

BAPTISMS: Mila Matheson; Olive Sheahan

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Clare Mathimugan; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; 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!

(Year C/2- 28 November 2021)

First Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love; and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st: Jer 33:14-16

2nd: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Lk 3: 1-6



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.

-ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS- CHRISTMAS MASSES...



December 24:

5pm Holy Family Church (Family Mass)
5pm Ss Peter & Paul's Church
7pm Ss Peter & Paul's Church
8pm Holy Spirit Church

December 25:

9am Holy Spirit
9am Holy Family

Christmas Masses in Croatian:

Dec 24 8pm Holy Family
Dec 25 11.30am Holy Family

2nd Rite Reconciliation

Tues Dec 14 7pm Holy Family

- In accordance with current government regulations, all attendees 12 years and over must provide proof of full covid vaccination or valid exemption status. Unfortunately, if the status is not provided, they will not be permitted to attend (or stand outside)
- QR Check-in & mask wearing is compulsory at all Masses
- Please arrive early, especially for the Christmas Eve Masses to give the covid marshals ample time to complete the necessary checks
- For safety reasons, all attendees must be seated, no standing is permitted in the isles or at the back of the churches.
- In fairness to others, saving of seats for other family members is not permitted, especially at the Christmas Eve Masses.



PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Monday Nov 22	Vanjek, Fitz & Szkladanyi Family Members
Tuesday Nov 23	Ambrose Family & Other Family Members
Wednesday Nov 24	O'Neill & Wallace Family Members
Friday Nov 26	Medeiros, Ferraz & Mairos Family Members

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY (1st Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators	C O'Brien
Lectors	
Special Ministers	N Neeld, P McGlinchey
Welcomers	
Projectionist	
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators	<u>8.00AM</u> R Allum
Lectors	V Pavlovic
Special Ministers	J Bartolo, Peter McBride
Welcomers	K McArthur, L. Allum
Projectionist	R Allum
Co-Ordinator	L Kelly, 0409 291 138

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson
M Kroger
G Wright,
L Fossey
L Coles

9.30AM

J Siketa
M Bird, M Scaddan
E Karakchi, B Kline, Horoba
M& E Hoffman
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

ST MICHAEL'S WELCOME BACK AND SUMMER CALENDAR.

Dear Parishioners,

With the pleasing news that we can return to Mass in our churches, we would love to see you again. With COVID-19 safe plans in place, each Mass gives our community the opportunity to once again say 'welcome' to St Michael's. Have you missed the feeling of being present and part of the Parish, we certainly have missed the presence of everyone!

Christmas and the holiday season provide the perfect starting point to reconnect. Our Advent Christmas celebrations will be a highlight of the coming weeks, and, as the New Year commences, a St Michael's Summer Calendar of activities will be published to provide social opportunities for all ages to get to know each other, have fun, and make friends.

To deliver our Summer Calendar, we require your support, and many hands make light work. Sharing and combining our talents, for the betterment of your parish community. Activities are going to be at low or no cost. These are not fundraising they are FUNraising events. Your help is required not to just have fun, but to spread the word and pitch in. Working as one large family. The St Michael's Family.

If you would like more information or can assist in our Summer Calendar activities, please contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.

CHRISTMAS MASSES VOLUNTEERS

This year, more than ever, we need extra help especially with Covid Marshalling; Special Ministers and Collectors.

Please contact the parish office on 5278 1343 if you can assist.



St Michael's News:



ST MICHAEL'S JESSE TREE CHRISTMAS GIVING:

This year there will be a Jesse Tree for each of our Churches. If you would like to support the annual St Vincent de Paul Appeal, a gift voucher (no food or presents this year) would be ideal. Please drop the vouchers in at the Parish Office or at Mass up until December 19.

- 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.
- BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2022** - Lectors, your copy of Break Open The Word 2022 is now available to collect from the sacristy where you are rostered at.
- EXTRA COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** - There will be an extra leaving collection taken up next weekend at all Masses in support of retired priests.
- CWL-** Christmas lunch for the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on Wednesday 1st Dec at Pekish, City of Geelong Bowls Club, 7-9 Ballarat Rd, North Geelong at 12midday. 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 512354 or Bernadette 0417 515598 by Friday 26th November.
- HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP** - Christmas function to be held at the Sphinx Hotel on Monday 6th December at 6.30pm. Please RSVP your attendance to Liz on 0411 243 382 by Friday 3rd December. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!
- 2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are now on sale for \$10 at the Parish Office up until December 18.

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of *The Bible Today* (1979-2005), *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (1990-2014), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1992-2001), *New Theology Review* (1997-2003), *Teaching Theology and Religion* (2003-2005), and *Chicago Studies* (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

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 must 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.