



# 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:** Max Beath; Irene Cleary; Maureen Pranson;

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Irene & John O'Neill; Peter & David Whitney; Oyster Da Costa; Mark Chrimes

**BAPTISMS:** George Beattie; Nalia Doan; Penelope Patford; Gabriel Siketa;

**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:** The supervision of all children is a requirement by parents and guardians whilst on church grounds (both inside & outside the church) and children must be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian at all times.

(Year C/2- 12 December 2021)  
 Third Sunday of Advent

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

**TODAY'S READINGS**  
 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st: Zeph 3: 14-18

2nd: Phil 4: 4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st: Micah 5:1-4

2nd: Heb 10: 5-10

Gospel: Lk 1:39-44



### 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

## **Mass in Lithuanian**

Dec 25 8.30am  
Ss Peter & Paul's Church

## **2nd Rite Reconciliation**

Tues Dec 14 7pm Holy Family

- In accordance with current government regulations, all attendees 12 years & 2 months 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 Christmas Masses
- Please arrive early, 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 is not permitted, especially at the Christmas Eve Masses.
- The supervision of all children is a requirement by parents and guardians whilst on church grounds. (Both inside & outside the church).

Thankyou for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you then.



## **PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS**

Monday Dec 13 Rotiroti Family Members  
Tuesday Dec 14 Seales Family Members  
Wednesday Dec 15 Kennedy Family Members  
Friday Dec 17 Burt Family Members

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM**

Commentators  
Lectors K Maddalena  
Special Ministers K Maddalena  
Projectionist D Whelan  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1658

### **HOLY FAMILY**

Commentators M Howard  
Lectors P Carvalho  
Special Ministers Sr Concepta; P Ruggeri; R Culo  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

### **HOLY SPIRIT—11AM**

M Burn  
M Martin  
L Stalio  
F Kearney

### **8.00AM 9.30AM**

A Scaddan  
H Verdnik; T McMahon  
M Fiorillo; M Perera  
C Resciniti  
J Mann 0488 784 802

# *Christmas Rosters 2021:*

## **HOLY FAMILY**

## **5.00PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

## **9.00AM CHRISTMAS DAY**

Commentator A Scaddan  
 Lector M Scaddan  
 Special Ministers L Kelly, P Ruggeri, J Genova,  
 D Lunn, M Giles  
 Projectionist C Resciniti  
 Covid Marshals D Lunn, L Kelly, B Bilogrevic,  
 M Giles, \*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\*  
 Collectors M Scaddan, L Kelly, D Lunn,  
 F Pellizzeri, \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*

P Gizycki  
 T McMahon, D Lunn  
 D Lunn, \*\*\*\*\*  
 C Resciniti  
 D Lunn, P Gizycki, \*\*\*\*  
 D Lunn, \*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\*

## **HOLY SPIRIT**

## **8PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

## **9AM CHRISTMAS DAY**

Commentator T McShanag  
 Lectors M Kroger  
 Special Ministers L Fossey, M Fiorillo, C McShanag  
 Projectionist R Martin  
 Covid Marshals L Fossey, M Martin, I Martin,  
 B Bilogrevic, M Fiorillo  
 Collectors A Kavanagh, T McShanag, J Gwizdek,  
 M Martin

F Kearney  
 V Pavlovic  
 L Vannata, F Kearney  
 L Coles  
 B Bilogrevic, L Coles, A Benne  
 J O'Neill, A Benne

## **Ss PETER & PAUL'S**

## **5.00PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

## **7.00PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

Commentator A Henderson  
 Lectors G Tolan  
 Special Ministers P McGlinchey, A Henderson, N Neeld  
 Projectionist Sr Anne  
 Covid Marshals N Tuddenham, P McGlinchey,  
 A Bordonaro, L Howard, \*\*\*\*  
 Collectors P McGlinchey, N Tuddenham, J Vella,  
 T Stocks, D O'Dwyer

R Walker  
 M Gifford  
 M Gifford, R Walker  
 B Middleton, J Cook  
 B Middleton, R Jones,  
 N Tuddenham L Doherty  
 R Jones, A Brislane, N Tuddenham,  
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**\*\*\*\*PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP.**

## **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.

## **SAFETY AND WELLBEING:**

The safety and wellbeing of our parishioners, staff and the wider community is important to us all. Please 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.





### 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 14.

### St Michael's News:

- **WARNING** - Should you receive an email from any Priest asking for money or to purchase vouchers, please ignore it no matter how authentic it may appear to be. This is a scam!
- **ST MICHAEL'S PARISH SUMMER CALENDAR—CHRISTMAS CAROLS—Sunday 19 December—6.30pm to 8pm** at St Michael's Parish grounds, 147 Separation Street Bell Park. Family & friends are invited to participate & enjoy a relaxed and informal Christmas Carols. BYO chair, rug, refreshments, musical instruments and voices. Share your festive spirit while celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH NAMES** - The last parish bulletin for 2021 will be December 19 and the next bulletin for 2022 will be January 30. If you wish to add any names to be prayed for in the Prayers of the Faithful during this time, please email details to [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au) or contact the parish office on 5278 1343, up until December 21st.
- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** - The parish office will be closed from December 25 and reopen on Monday January 24.
- **NO 5PM WEEKEND MASS CHRISTMAS DAY DEC 25** - Please note, the normal 5pm weekend Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's scheduled for December 25 is cancelled but all Sunday Masses on Dec 26 will be celebrated as normal.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Cancellation of the 9.15am Daily Mass on Christmas Eve at Holy Spirit Church

### Community News:

- **ADVENT DAWN NOVENA MASS (SIMBANG GABI)—St Francis Xavier Church, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd, Corio every morning 5.30am from Dec 16-24, 2021.** For more info, contact Adela Buaya Ph: 0409 135 589. •In accordance with current government regulations, all attendees 12 years & 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 always compulsory. Please arrive early, to give the Covid marshals ample time to complete the necessary checks.
- **ST. SEBASTIAN'S SYRO-MALABAR MISSION, GEELONG—**is an emerging eastern catholic community belonging to the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne. We are holding a Christmas celebration—Thirupiravi 2021—meaning Holy Nativity. A cultural night with delicious Indian dinner heralding the Christian message of Christmas. Geelong West Town Hall on Thursday 30 December 5.30pm. \$20pp. All welcome, tickets through the trybooking link. <https://www.trybooking.com/BVVKH>

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the Lord is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Savior. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birth pangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

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