



# 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:** Giuseppe De Luca (Italy); Anton Maurer, Matteo Renngaha, Isabella Inturrisi

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph, Catherine & Felix Capicchiano; Charles & Marjorie McShanag; Tony, Tilly & Lou Past; Giuseppa & Carmelo Bucolo; Vincenzo Cammerere; Martin & Suzane Groher; Lorraine Stacey; Myrtle McDonnell; Maria De Abreu; Yose Ferreira; Augusta Pinto; Manuel Silvestre; Vitorina De Jesus; Jose & Mairos Almor; Madelena Ferraz; Frank Alfaiate; Ray Gurrie; Peter Bahl; Nell McFarlane; Carlota Fernandes; Carmela Renngaha; Salvatore, Antoinetta & Rosa Valentino

**BAPTISMS:** Hazl Ledin Kottiath; Gianna Perera; Calum & Amelia Walsh; Roko Kovacevic; David Lovenbury Isobel, Evie & Oliver Madden

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Clare Mathimugan; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Raymond Carroll.



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

**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- 19 December 2021)  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will be me be done.

Alleluia!

**TODAY'S READINGS**  
 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st: Mica 5:1-4  
 2nd: Heb 10:5-10  
 Gospel: Lk 1:39-44

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS  
 MARY AND JOSEPH

1st: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28  
 2nd: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
 Gospel: Lk 2:41-52



### 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.

**“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”**

**(Lk 2: 10)**

Dear Parishioners,

We are living in the new liturgical year C, which started at the beginning of Advent. Advent means “Hope or Waiting for.” Yes, we are waiting for the Son of God who comes to save us, in Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth and the light. He brings hope to all of us. To let people know God, the church never stops preaching the joy of the Gospel. This year, Pope Francis called for a Synod with the topic “For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.” In fact, it means for us to “Walk together or journey together.” This is a call for all of us to be awake and build our communion in order to be participants on the mission God asks of us.

We are almost at the end of another difficult year. We have been hit with the serious pandemic of Covid 19; Delta and then Omicron that have brought fear into our lives. We continue to do our best to protect ourselves, as well as our community, with the knowledge, that God is our strength and our protector. We pray for his blessings on everyone on earth, in these challenging times.

Christmas is one of the special opportunities to reflect God’s love to all those in our lives and reach. He promised to live and stay with us always. He is “Emmanuel – God is with us” as the voice of St John the Baptist called out to us in this advent season. He invites us to “prepare the way of the Lord.” How do we prepare to welcome him in our heart?

Please join us in celebrating his love through the sacraments in our community. Advent is a time of prayer, a time to be present with Jesus, who always walks with us.

As we come closer to the end of the year, I would like to thank all parishioners for their commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

I also take this opportunity to thank our parish staff; principals and staff of our parish schools; the parish leadership team; liturgy team; Holy Angels Sisters; members of our choir and many other volunteers who helped our parish over this past difficult year. We pray that the coming New Year, hopefully, will be better and easier for us to gather together again.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations genuinely remarkable! I thank all who were involved in decorating our churches and setting up for the different liturgies this season and throughout the liturgical year.

May the Peace, Joy and Love of Jesus, born in Bethlehem, be in your hearts and in your homes.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

With Christmas Blessings, Fr. Minh Tran

## ST MICHAEL’S NEWS”

- **DECEMBER 31:** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm-8pm Ss Peter & Paul’s Church
- **JANUARY 1:** - 9.15am Mass at Holy Family Church
- **ST MICHAEL’S PARISH - CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** - **This Sunday evening - 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.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** - Cancellation of the 9.15am Daily Mass on Christmas Eve at Holy Spirit Church
- **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.

# **-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



- QR Check-in & mask wearing is a requirement at all Christmas Masses.
- For safety reasons, 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.

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

## ***Christmas Rosters 2021:***

### **HOLY FAMILY**

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

### **5.00PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **9.00AM CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

C Resciniti  
D Lunn, P Gizycki,

D Lunn, P Teague, \*\*\*\*

### **HOLY SPIRIT**

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

### **8PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **9AM CHRISTMAS DAY**

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**

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

### **5.00PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **7.00PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

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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## Summer Calendar

- **December 19:** Sunday 6.30 – 8pm Christmas Carols – Family and friends are invited to an Informal Christmas Carols gathering. Outside the Parish Centre, Holy Family. Separation Street. BYO chairs, rugs, refreshment, sunscreen, musical instruments and voices. Festive and spirited cheer to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **January 16:** Meet and Play. Family Afternoon Picnic at Sparrow. Weller Street, Geelong West – BYO Everything, 2-4 pm. Children must be accompanied by an Adult. Come along to this social, relaxed afternoon. Meet new friends while your children play.
- **January 30:** Help Create the St Michael's Parish Banner. St Michael's Parish Centre. 2-4 pm Do you have experience creating/making a Banner. Your input and creativity is welcome and needed as we prepare the St Michael's Parish Banner.
- **February 19 & 20:** Official Welcome - Gather and Graze after each Mass
- **March 6:** Inaugural St Michaels's Parish Picnic – Venue/details to be advised in the New Year.

### New Group/s in 2022

**Don't Judge a book by it's cover!** – commencing in February. The St Michael's book group. Start date and time will be advised.

NB: Is there a group you would be interested in facilitating or being part of. We are happy to help advise and get you started so that hobbies may be shared, and the ministry of friendship created and expanded.

**NB: This is just the start of our calendar and future items are in still in the planning stage. Please keep an eye on the Bulletin, St Michael's Face Book & website for further information. Contact Debbie MB: 0409 416 945.**

### STAYING COVID SAFE INFORMATION UPDATE!

- *Checking of Covid Vaccination Status is no longer required at Church Services, but QR Check-in still remains.*
- *Whilst mask wearing is not mandatory, it is still highly recommend when we cannot guarantee safe distancing and especially to protect the elderly and vulnerable.*
- *Please continue to maintain a safe distance from others when seated in the church; entering; exiting and proceeding to receive Communion, and remember to sanitise your hands.*
- *Communion will only be received in the hand.*



Wishing our St Michael's Parishioners a safe and Happy Christmas & the best for 2022 ! The parish office will close on December 24 and reopen on January 24, 2022.