



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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www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au
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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Christopher Robertson;

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria & Raffaele Gulli; Catarina & Salvatore Giacomazzo; Rita Barbic;
 Francesco & Maria Rosa Pardo; Vjekoslav Iskra; Maria Silva
 Francesco Alvaro (1st Anniversary)

BAPTISMS: Lily & Percy Edwards; Jack Howarth-Pont; Thomas Perinac; Isabella Dennis; Connor O'Hanlon;
 Spencer & Ellery Barry-Plunkett; Harry Fox; Noah & Amalia Lesic; Livinia Rees; Elayna Schmock

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Nicholas Teague; Helen Dean



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 cares for all the children, the vulnerable.... If you have any questions or concerns, the parish safeguarding committee of Louise Iacobaccio; Bernadette Bilogrevic; Marg Gifford or Joan Mann can be contacted on 5278 1343 or 0408 823 274.

A REMINDER: Children must be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian at all times!

We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Year A/1—5 MARCH 2023)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
 as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
 From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard;
 this my beloved Son, hear him.
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

TODAY'S READINGS NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Genesis 12:1-4	1st Exod 17:3-7
2nd 2 Tim 1:8-10	2nd Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: Matt 17:1-9	Gospel: John 4:5-42

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 at Prayer



WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English...9.00am Sunday
Croatian 5.00pm Sunday
Slovenian.12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

11am Sunday

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

Saturday 5.00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family: 9.15am **Tuesday & Thursday** (Followed by Novena to St Anthony),
8.45am (Rosary before Mass on Tues & Thurs)

Holy Spirit: 9.15am **Wednesday**, 9.15am **Friday**. (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Reconciliation after Friday Mass each week.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish for new bookings

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

Tuesday:.. Meditation Group 5.30pm Parish Community Centre
Legion of Mary 10.00am Parish Community Centre

Friday Divine Mercy 3.00pm Holy Spirit Church

STATUE OF OUR LADY:

If you are interested in having the statue in your home, please phone Cristita on 0435 780 716 or June on 0432 257 568

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators	M Carson
Lectors	R Perera
Special Ministers	P McGlinchey
Welcomers	
Projectionist	B Middleton
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

L Strzelecki
M Martin
L Vannata
L Fossey
R Martin

HOLY FAMILY 9.00AM

Commentator	K Saunders
Lectors	D Lunn, A Negro
Special Ministers	J Genova, C Marcantonio; H Verdnik
Welcomers	C Marcantonio
Projectionist	C Resciniti
Co-Ordinator	J Mann 0488 784 802

In the cinnamon sunshine she glows.
Like a bridge to tomorrow
The embers shine bright in her heart.
She smiles at the thought of hope.
Portraying peace to the world
and bestowing love.Heather Maria



**IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM FR MINH TRAN
PLEASE IGNORE IT, AS IT MAY BE A SCAM.**

St Michael's News cont:

- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Lunch, Monday 6 March, 12.30pm at 'Pekish' Geelong, Bowls Club, Ballarat Road. See you all there!
- ♦ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 15, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **CUPPA & CHAT** After the 9.00am MASS SUNDAY: Parishioners are welcome to catch up for a cuppa & chat each Sunday after Mass in the Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **PART TIME POSITION:** St Michael's Parish is looking to employ a Parish Mission and Committees' Coordinator to join the Parish Team. The role is for 12 hours per week, with negotiable days and work periods. If you know of any body who may be interested, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343 so that we can provide a more detailed job description.

Community News:

- ♦ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our first dinner for 2023. **Tues 14 March, 6pm, The Bistro, Belmont Hotel**, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont, **Meals and drinks at your own cost.** For bookings please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111 by **Fri 10 March.**
- ♦ **ST MARY'S CAFÉ LITE & PLAZA** opens March 12 from 10.30am until 12.30pm. All welcome. The Movie **'Ride like a Girl'** will start at 1.30pm, costing \$5pp. The movie recounts the life story of Michelle Payne, the first female racer to win the Melbourne Cup, as well as the story of her father and racehorse trainer, Paddy Payne, a single parent who raised Michelle, her 6 sisters and 3 brothers. Despite tragedy and opposition, Michelle perseveres to win against all odds.
- ♦ **2023 SVDP FESTIVAL MASS**—will be held on Thurs **March 9, Nazareth Church Grovedale at 7pm**, followed by commissioning of presidents & volunteers and presentation of service awards. A key feature of the night will be the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Grovedale Conference. Former members of Grovedale Conference are particularly invited to attend. The night will conclude with supper and an informal gathering.
- ♦ **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2023** - Fr Joseph Pakalac at Meredith Parish is conducting a pilgrimage trip to the Holy Land in October this year. There will be an information session with Rajesh from Magi Pilgrimages on Sunday March 5 where he will present the proposed itinerary and you are cordially invited to join us at 12 midday, St Mary Mackillop Church, Bannockburn. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office on 5286 1230.
- ♦ **CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2023** - Wed March 15 until Fri March 24. There will be multiple information and tour sessions. Bookings are essential via www.clonard.vic.edu.au. Enrolments for Year 7 close on Fri 5 May 2023.
- ♦ **SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL** - Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal. Contributions can be made by donating to: MCF DGR Account; Ref: Syrian Appeal; BSB 062 784; Account 100011493. Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email: mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514 for more info. We also ask for your thoughts and prayers for all who are impacted by the devastating earthquake, as well as volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.
- ♦ **PALMS AUSTRALIA—Mission: Change their lives...and yours.** Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. **You will re-ignite your professional passion; You will strengthen individuals and organisational processes and procedures; You will Learn** that it is a life changing opportunity. And **You will be Supported.** Explore 35 positions on our website www.palms.org.au Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: **Ring: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.**
- ♦ **A LENTEN REFLECTION WITH MARIA FORDE: Today 5 Mar 3pm at St Mary's Basilica, Geelong, Cost \$5pp.** (followed by a 'cuppa' in Café Light. We invite you to join the journey as Maria leads us on a Lenten reflection. Using scripture, ritual, music and conversation, we will explore the meaning of Lent and ways in which we can meaningfully enter into this time more fully. We will discuss the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting, and its role during Lent. Maria Forde is an educator, spiritual director, accomplished singer, songwriter and liturgist..
- ♦ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS—AUTUMN 2023:** In this issue, there is a mix of intellectually rigorous articles as well as the Interesting & creative contributions of our young writers in our community and can be easily identified by the ACYWC logo. Please take a copy, now available at all Churches.
- ♦ **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023** - World Youth Day is a way for our Church to offer a life-changing adventure for your people and a powerful opportunity for them to encounter Jesus Christ. Archbishop Comensoli is inviting youth across the Archdiocese, ages 16-35, to journey with him and more than 500 others from Melbourne to Lisbon, Portugal, in August. Many young people have already registered to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage. Registrations close in mid-March. Enquiries Ph: 9926 5761 or wyd@cam.org.au. Perfect for parish leaders, priests, parents and, of course, young people.
- ♦ **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG:** will have their next community meeting on Saturday March 18, and then every 3rd Saturday. At **St Mary's Hibernian Hall, 150 Yarra St. Geelong.** We welcome people with a disability, family and friends to our time of Sharing, Gospel activities, Prayer, Birthdays and Fiesta. This month we will focus on the Lenten Journey. **New members are very welcome.** Enq Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267 or www.faihandlight.org is International

Project Compassion Sunday 5 March



A young Gamilaroi woman born and raised on Darug land, Tereesa felt disconnected from her culture. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child.

A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

'I was homeless. I didn't have a place to call home...my kids never had a connection to the community,' Tereesa said.

Seeking a better future for her children, Tereesa joined a Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs program, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing for her family and psychological support.

Though the program Tereesa reconnected with her culture through Indigenous art. Her artistic skills flourished, and her artwork was chosen for the Vivid Festival in Sydney in 2022.

'I don't think I'd be the person I am today without Baabayn and being part of the mum's group has brought out a lot of creativity in my bones that I didn't even know I had,' Tereesa said.

Today, Tereesa works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

"When I paint, every painting has a story. And my story is very long... I don't think I'd be the person I am today without Baabayn."

Tereesa

REFLECTION

Think for a moment about some of the things you have on your walls at home. They don't have to be fancy or expensive. They might be photos of your family or perhaps of deceased grandparents. They might be prints of famous paintings or posters with sayings that mean a lot to you. It is very common that Christians have special things: crucifixes or images of saints.

All of these things inspire us in one way or another. If ever you have had to pack up to move house and looked at your bare walls as you leave, they will seem empty and colourless. Art is one of the things that transfigures our world and makes it more beautiful. Other things do this as well: laughter, tears, cooking, music, hugs and sharing stories. They all transfigure our houses and allow us to see them as homes. They unlock the true potential of an otherwise ordinary space.

This week Project Compassion, organised by Caritas Australia, presents us with the story of Tereesa, a 27 year old Indigenous woman from western Sydney, the area with the largest urban Indigenous population in the country. Tereesa became pregnant at the age of 16. With your help, Project Compassion has been able to support the Mums and Bubs program run by Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation. This allowed Tereesa to find accommodation, gain skills and continue her education. She was also able to connect with her culture. Her glorious artwork was featured on Wulugul Walk during Sydney's Vivid Festival last year. Her use of light and colour transfigured the environment where it was displayed. In so many places, Project Compassion helps people to achieve their vision.

Of course, the transfiguration of Jesus is unique. We hear in today's Gospel that Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain. His face shone like the sun and his face became *'as white as the light'*. A voice from heaven said *'this is my beloved son; listen to him.'* Peter said how wonderful it was to be there. The transfiguration may have only lasted a few minutes but it was clear that Jesus' friends never forgot it. Like a work of art on a wall, the memory made the world seem very different. During Lent, we are also called to transfigure the world, to make a difference.

You can help people like Tereesa continue to thrive by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by phoning 1800 024 413

