



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
[www.facebook.com/michaelparish .st](https://www.facebook.com/michaelparish.st)

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Annie 'Von' Carmody; Andrija Cerepinko

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank & Katherina Riedl; Joan Booth; Antonio Pardo; Narciso Baldasso
 Sr Gabriella McDonald (RSM); Joe Trinder; Provvidenza Rinella (1st year anniversary)

BAPTISMS: Elyama Haddad; Mia Kenyon; Gabriel Tarlit

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.

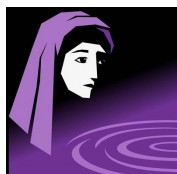
A REMINDER: Children must be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian at all times!

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A/1— 12 MARCH 2023)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
 Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
 give me living water, that I may never thirst again
 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

TODAY'S READINGS **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

1st	Exod 17:3-7	1st	1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
2nd	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8	2nd	Ephes 5:8-14
Gospel:	John 4:5-42	Gospel:	John 8:12

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

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors K Maddalena

Special Ministers K Maddalena ****

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

M Kroger

J McKenzie

L Fossey

F Kearney

HOLY FAMILY 9.00AM

Commentators A Scaddan

Lectors H Verdnik; T McMahon

Special Ministers M Fiorillo; M Perera; P Ruggeri

Projectionist C Resciniti

Co-Ordinator J Mann 0488 784 802

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office is closed this Monday March 13 due to the Labour Day Public Holiday.
- ♦ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Wednesday March 15, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **COMMENTATOR:** We are looking to fill the role of Commentator on the fourth Sunday, 11am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Church. If you are interested please contact the parish office on 5278 1343.
- ♦ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 2.30pm, every Friday during Lent at Holy Spirit Church
- ♦ **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.

Community News:

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.** Enquiries: Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267 or www.faihandlight.org is International
- ♦ **TAIZE-PRAY-PEACE** An invitation to gather to pray and worship. Santa Casa; 33 Flinders St . Queenscliff on Saturday Mar 18, 2.30pm then a cuppa at 3.30pm. Please RSVP/contact Lizzie 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.au.

We are an Easter people

You are warmly invited to share in our Holy Week Celebrations 2023



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SECOND RITE

Tuesday April 4...	7.00pm	Holy Family
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MASS OF ANOINTING

Wednesday April 5...	11.00am	Holy Spirit, followed by lunch at the parish hall
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MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday April 6...	7.00pm	Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration until 9.00pm
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WAY OF THE CROSS

Good Friday April 7...	10.00am	Holy Family (Outdoors—school oval)
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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

Good Friday April 7...	3.00pm	Holy Family (includes Communion)
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EASTER VIGIL

Saturday April 8...	(TBC) 7.30pm	Holy Family (Croatian) Holy Family
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EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday April 9...	8.30am	Ss Peter & Paul's (Lithuanian)
	9.00am	Holy Family
	10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
	11.00am	Holy Spirit
	(TBC)	Holy Family (Croatian)

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

Saturday April 8...	3.00pm	Holy Family
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Holy Family
Separation Street
Bell Park

Ss Peter & Paul
Malone Street
Geelong West

Holy Spirit
Bostock Avenue
Manifold Heights

Project Compassion Sunday Weekend of 11-12 March



REFLECTION

Every summer seems to get a little longer and a little hotter. We have all become conscious of issues surrounding water. Either there seems to be too much as during last year's summer floods or when the sea levels rise in the Pacific. Other times, there seems to be too little water as when the rivers in our country run low or members of God's family around the world experience drought. Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has been responding to the dire needs of places such as Ethiopia and Somalia where a cruel drought, compounded by a shortage of grain from Ukraine, has led to dire consequences.

Today's readings may well cause us to reflect on the current state of God's creation. In the book of Exodus, we hear that people are complaining to Moses because they are dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a woman in a Samaritan town. She has come to draw water from the well in the hottest part of the day. In both cases, access to water is precarious. Yet God responds not only to a thirst of water but to a deeper thirst as well. Moses' people are thirsty for direction, leadership and hope. The woman in John's Gospel has a thirst for love and acceptance which, Jesus tells her, will come from within if she is able to accept him and his message of life.

As the story unfolds, we learn of her loneliness and see her reconnecting with her community.

This week, Caritas Australia shares with us an account of its response to a water shortage in Zimbabwe. Thanks to our support for Project Compassion, Caritas Australia is involved in providing access to water in many places. It seems such a basic thing. One we mostly take for granted. But once a community has access to water, it grows in every possible way. And People have more time for health care and education. People find energy to build their future. This week's scripture readings have a strong sense of a hope-filled future. May we too, in our time, be sources of hope ***For All Future Generations.***

'Let us pray for peace: Peace in the World and in each of our hearts.' Pope Francis

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by phoning 1800 024 413



Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

Priscilla lives with her husband and two grandchildren in the Hwange region. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla and her community learnt conversation farming to grow drought-resistant crops.

Her increased harvest allowed Priscilla to sell her crops and start poultry farming, selling eggs to grow her income stream and pay for her grandchildren's education. Caritas Hwange also helped rehabilitate the dip tank in her community so that Priscilla's cattle can be healthy and free from tick-borne diseases.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange has helped Priscilla acquire the knowledge and skills she needs to diversify her income and support family during the current food crisis.

"Today we have knowledge and skills that we didn't have before and are able to use to earn a living," Priscilla said.

