



# 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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The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and also to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him.



They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation from the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's risen presence are *his* marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today.

You and I know, however, that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God are greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

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Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****3rd Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41

2nd Reading: Apoc 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

**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... 8am and 9.30am Sunday

Croatian... 11am Sunday

Slovenian.. 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

### Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

11am Sunday

### Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

### Holy Family:

9.15am Tues (followed by Novena to St Anthony), 9.15am Thurs

### Holy Spirit:

9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am 1st Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

### McKellar Centre:

10.15am - 1st Tuesday (3rd & 5th Communion Service)

### Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Friday;

**Elstoft House (formerly Vincentian Village):** 3.00pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday, (2nd & 4th Communion Service)

**St John of God Hospital:** 11.30am every Thursday in SJOG Chapel

## BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12.30pm at Ss P&P,  
3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

## COMMUNAL PRAYER:

**Mon...** Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

**Tues...** Meditation Group

5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

**Wed...** Prayer of the Church

Before 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

**Wed...** Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

**Thurs...** Italian Prayer Group

10.00am

St Patrick's Chapel

**Fri...** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

After 11am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

**Fri...** Divine Mercy

3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

**Sat...** Rosary

After 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

## OUR LADY'S STATUE:

If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help, ph Tina Montalto on 5278 9314.

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

### RECENT DEATHS:

Musollini Mazza, John Pocock, Lidia Giampetrone,  
Mihela Turk and Daniela Gorup

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe Gwizdek, Antonia Mazza, Steven and Jack  
Cummins, Maria Ivelja, Fabato Merola, Josie  
Mullavey, Margaret Bohan, Fr John Tresidder, Angelo  
Negro

### BAPTISMS:

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### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Greg Malishev, Amalia Zaino,  
Paul Kennedy, Cheryl Lambert, Erin Kinch, Veronica Werzak, John  
McDonald



After approx 5 weeks names will be taken off sick list. Please contact Office if you wish names to be reinserted.

## Roster for Next Sunday

(1st Sunday of the Month)

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators C O'Brien  
Lectors Sr J McGonigal  
Special Ministers N Needl, P McGlinchey  
Welcomers  
Projectionist D Whelan  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson  
B Middleton  
G Wright  
I Cleary, L Fossey  
L Coles

### HOLY FAMILY

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

### **9.30AM**

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

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S:

Rosary...	The Rosary is recited at 8.45am Tues and Thurs in Holy Family Church prior to the 9.15am Masses
St Michael's Luncheon...	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
Holy Family Luncheon...	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
Holy Family Women's Group...	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 6.30pm
St Vincent de Paul...	Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre 7pm. Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 5.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
Legion of Mary...	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
Baptism Preps	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
Holy Family Choir Practice...	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
Manifold CWL...	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
Italian Mass...	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
Catholic Diners' Club...	2nd Tues of each month, 6.15pm at Capri Receptions. Dinner/Guest Speaker - ph 0431 959 584

*If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:*

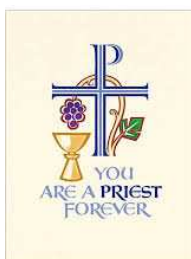
[www.pastoralclustergeelong.org](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)

## St Michael's News:

### **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation for the generous effort of so many in our Easter Celebrations. Holy Week is central to our Catholic Christian faith and again we have celebrated the various elements of this time so very well - the Mass of Anointing with Luncheon afterwards; the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at each of our Mass centres; Holy Thursday; Stations of the Cross; the Good Friday Ceremony; the two Easter Vigils and the Easter Sunday Masses. To achieve such a prayer filled array of ceremonies involved the generosity of effort and spirit of so many people. Many thanks. *(Fr Prakash)*

- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** *On Wednesday May 1st at 12noon in St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. Cost \$10 - all welcome! (Please note change of venue)*
- ◆ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on **Wednesday 1st May 1.30pm** in St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. All St Michael's Parish ladies are most welcome. Members please note the change of venue and a reminder the Sisters of the Holy Angels Luncheon is on the same day at 12noon. Please support the Sisters by attending the luncheon before our meeting. For transport please ph Bernadette 0417 514 598 or Tricia 0431 512 354.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are seeking more volunteers to help out with the Communion Ministry at McKellar Centre. Please contact Ray Harrison on 5278 8012 if you are able to help.
- ◆ **PARISH MAGAZINE:** St Michael's Parish plans to produce a Parish Magazine to help keep us all informed about the various activities in the Parish. We envisage two productions a year. Step One - everything 'new' needs a name so there will be a competition to suggest the most suitable name, with a prize for the winner! If you have a suggestion, please leave it with Bernadette at the Parish Office, or email to [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au)
- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION/CRAFT GROUP:** Ladies - are you interested in meeting new people? Do you want to experience informal conversation practice and improve your conversation skills? **We promote cultural inclusiveness and building strong St Michael's Community bonds.** Bring along your current craft project, hobby, or just come sit and chat and be part of the St Michael's Conversation Craft Group. Contact Debbie on 0409 416 945. We meet at Holy Family Community Centre, Separation St, from 2-5pm on 3 May, 31 May, 7 June, 14 June, 21 June. Further dates will be added later.



**24th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION:**  
*Please pray for Fr Prakash on this important Ordination Anniversary which was held on 25th April.*



## Divine Mercy Sunday - April 28th, Holy Family Parish

1.30pm... Confession

2.00pm... Exposition Rosary Chaplet Benediction

3.00pm... Holy Mass

Enquiries 5278 1343 or Chris 0407 522 055

## Community News:

- May 5...** **ST BERNARD'S ANNUAL BOOK FAIR:** 8am-2pm at Clairvaux School Hall, Reynolds Rd Belmont. Over 10,000 books - fiction and non-fiction - huge range. Plus games and puzzles, DVDs and CDs. Home-made Cake Stall.
- May 10-26...** **11TH ANNUAL WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Featuring the Geelong Chorale, Wendy Grose, Vicki Hallet, Jacqui Dreessens, Maximillian Rudd, Asha Henfry, Exaudi Choir, Mary Doumany, Mark Kruger, Chris Skepper Jazz Quintet, Wendy Rechenberg, Sally Wilson, Tom Healey, Massed Choirs of Geelong, Orchestra Geelong, Sonus Wind Quintet, Frank DeRosso and many more. Mother's Day High Tea with Anna-Lee Robertson and John Shawcross, Vocal Workshop with Geelong Harmony Chorus and free lunchtime Organ Recitals. More information on venues and times visit [musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://musicatthebasilica.org.au) or phone 0447 238 432. Tickets from [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) or at the door.
- May 13...** **MOVIE FUNDRAISER** - l'Arche Australia and Geelong Faith & Light Friends Group - 6pm at the Pivotonian Cinema. Fundraiser for the new Geelong Faith & Light Friendship and Prayer community, for those who have disability and their families and friends. For information on the film night or the new group starting in April, please ph Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267. You can book now at [fan-force.com/screenings](http://fan-force.com/screenings). **Bookings close on May 2nd.**
- May 16...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE - CIRCLE OF MERCY: *The Space where Faith and Science Reside*** (Shelley Waldon, CEM) 7pm at Celies at Sacred Heart College. RSVP to Rita at [rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)
- May 16...** **ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Featuring Union Leader Mr Joe de Bruyn - come along and hear the former National Secretary of the SDA talk on the application of Catholic Social Teaching in the Labour Movement. CQ Club, 113-123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45, 7-9am sharp. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465, Bernie Docherty 0428 890 185. Bookings: [trybooking.com/484991](http://trybooking.com/484991). The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MacKILLOP - 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575-\$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call St Therese Leydon RSJ on 0417 683 123.

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I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone.'

this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to

demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'