



# 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:**

Antonina Smigowski

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ida Da Costa, Antonio Bagnato, Frank Kennedy, Cosmina Croce, David Grant, Sylvestro Uzzo, Angelina, Isidoro & Maria De Palma, Antonio & Maria Di Filippo, Giuseppe Marcantonio and one year anniversary of Rosario Resciniti

**BAPTISMS:**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Fr Philip Godsell, Cheryl Lambert

*After approx 5 weeks, names will be taken off sick list.  
If you wish names to be reinserted, please contact the office.*



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

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

## - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B- January 31, 2021)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
The people in darkness have seen a  
great light; a radiant dawn shines on  
those lost in death  
**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Gospel: Matthew 8:17



**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  
(8.45am Rosary before Mass on Tues & Thurs)

### Holy Spirit:

9.15am Wed, 9.15am Fri. (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)  
**Reconciliation after Friday Mass each week.**

## BAPTISMS:

Please contact the parish for new bookings

## COMMUNAL PRAYER:

**Tues...** Meditation Group 5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

**Fri...** Divine Mercy 3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

## PRIVATE PRAYER:

Prayer Room will reopen on February 1st

*Face masks are no longer mandatory at Mass.*

*However, they are required if distancing measures of 1.5m cannot be maintained between people. We must also be respectful of those who 'want' to wear them.*

## **REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES:**

- ♦ *Saturday 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's*
- ♦ *Sunday 8am at Holy Family*
- ♦ *Sunday 9.30am at Holy Family*
- ♦ *Sunday 11am at Holy Spirit*

To book your initial place, please contact the Parish Office either by telephone on 5278 1343 or email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au) to register your contact details. You can also pre-register for midweek Masses on the day.

Please note, if you have previously registered your name will remain on the list for that particular Mass.

## **Roster for Next Sunday**

(1st Sunday of the Month)

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

Commentators C O'Brien  
Lectors L Anderson  
Special Ministers N Neeld, P McGlinchey  
Projectionist  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### **HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM**

C Nielson  
M Kroger  
G Wright,  
L Coles

### **HOLY FAMILY**

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

### **9.30AM**

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

# Liturgy at St Michael's:

## SCHOOL MASS DATES:

**Feb 4...** St Patrick's Primary School Opening School Mass - 11.45am St Patrick's School  
**Feb 5...** Holy Spirit Primary School Opening School Mass - 9.15am at Holy Spirit Church  
**Feb 11...** Holy Family Primary School Opening School Mass - 9.15am Holy Family Church

## LITURGY MEETING:

**Feb 9...** 7pm at Community Centre

**PASTORAL VISITS IN THE PARISH:** The Sisters of the Holy Angels are now looking after the pastoral care of families and elderly parishioners at St Michael's. If you would like to receive a visit and/or Communion, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343 for more information;

**ORGANISTS AND SINGERS NEEDED:** We would love to hear from any organists and singers, to be part of choirs at some of our weekend Masses - Saturday 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's and the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

**COMMENTATORS AND LECTORS:** There are currently vacancies for Commentators and Lectors at the 8am Mass, Holy Family Church. Please contact the Parish Office.

## SPECIAL MINISTER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

St Michael's Parish is in need of volunteers who would like to visit the elderly or sick in our Parish, in their homes. Through prayerful consideration, this is a wonderful contribution that can be made to the life of the Parish.

It is important that those who are unable to attend Mass still have the opportunity to feel that they belong through Prayerful contact and the reception of Holy Communion.

The work as a Minister is both enriching and rewarding in service to others, and a need to those who can benefit from it. Training and support will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343, who will provide further information.

# St Michael's News:

- ◆ **WARNING:** Should you receive an email from any Priest asking for money, please ignore it no matter how authentic it may appear to be. This is a scam!
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Return Get Together for 2021 - Monday 1st February with 12pm Luncheon at "PEKISH", Ballarat Rd (Geelong Bowls Club). Look forward to seeing you all there.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with the 'Bread Run' on Wednesday night. Please contact Sr Concepta on 0421 470 490 or 5277 3620.
- ◆ **CWL:** The first meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL for 2021 will be held on Wednesday 3rd February, 1.30pm in St Michael's Parish Community Centre. Please check current regulations regarding mask wearing and come prepared. If you require transport please phone Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT:** As part of Child Safeguarding Regulations, every volunteer in St Michael's Parish is required annually to sign a Code of Conduct. Bernadette will notify you over the next few weeks.

## KUYA CENTER:

The Kuya Center is celebrating its 30th Anniversary on Sunday February 14, 2021 at 4pm Philippines time. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic we will celebrate with a virtual event. This provides us with a unique opportunity to welcome you from different parts of the globe, and to thank you for your partnership and friendship with us over the years. We really hope you are able to join us to celebrate and give thanks for our 30 years of providing opportunities and hope for street children and their families. Please just click on the link below to join us on February 14, 4pm Philippines time (adjust to your local time zone).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85721166114?pwd=WG1pc1d1VkNCQmxOMXZiUktpVk1DZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 2116 6114 Passcode: kuya@30

With sincere thanks and gratitude - Kind regards, Sr Kate O'Neill RNDM

**SAFETY AND WELLBEING:**

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

**REFLECTION by Richard Leonard**

*Richard Leonard reflection is unavailable today. Guest writer, Father Chris Hope, has prepared the following.*

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.

