



# 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:**

Vince Cammarere; Michael Torre.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Theo Da Costa; Akmacic & Dzida Family; Maria Grazia Leone; Elizabeth Jovic; Anna Kot; Patrick Finbarr Murphy; John Francis Doyle; Orlando Longo. 1st Anniversary of Terry Shanahan;

**BAPTISMS:**

Soleil Cortous; Olivia Matijevic; Isla Fox; Thomas Mulia; Joseph O'Connor.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Pat Stanhope; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Jenny Maloney; John McDonald.



St Michael's Parish holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the Church. We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

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

**2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

*(Year B- April 11, 2021)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** 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!

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;  
2nd Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5  
Gospel: Lk 24:35-48



**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 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 graces to respond to and live out our mission in the Church, and in the world.

Help all your people to know e to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to everyone involved in their particular roles in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Holy Week is essential to our Catholic Christian Faith and again we have celebrated the elements of this time so very well. Special thanks to Musicians and Choirs, Technicians, Commentators, Lectors, Special Ministers, Covid Monitors, Collectors, Projectionists, Parish Staff and to the Holy Angels Sisters for setting up the altars and arranging the flowers so beautifully.*

*Thankyou so much for your help and well done! God bless you all. Fr Minh Tran.*

## **Sunday 11 Apr 2021**

### **Reflection by Richard Leonard**

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 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 after 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. Over recent years films like *Stigmata*, *Dogma*, *Agnes of God* and even the appalling *Daredevil* give a hysterical and cynical lived with them; and 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 prominence to the stigmata. There are regular 'believe it or not' documentaries that usually follow suit. Even some pilgrims flocked to Padre Pio's monastery in the south of Italy to see if his hands really bled, or if his wounds really wept. This desire to see outward signs of inner faith is a long way short of Jesus telling us today, 'Happy are those who believe without seeing.'

Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know 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 can be 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.

Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By 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 fears, doubts and disbelief and 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 the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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## St Michael's News:

- ◆ **Combined Catholic Churches Raffle Books:** 150 books issued, and to date 105 returned in the first 3 weeks, Please return the balance of 45 books by **April 18** (ie. 2 weeks)
- ◆ **Our Lady's Statue:** for the month of April, **Bourke Family, Newtown.**

### 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.



## Community News:

- ◆ **LOST PROPERTY:** If a gold ring has been found after the 8am Mass on Palm Sunday at Holy Family Church. could it please be handed in at the Parish Office.
- ◆ **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE:** Invites you to ' *Visit Our College*' Guided tours and information sessions will be held in April and May. See our website for further details and how to book online. [www.ignatius.vic.edu.au](http://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au).  
**Enrolment applications close Friday 7 May.**
- ◆ **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG—Year 7, 2022 Enrolments.** We are excited to announce we will be conducting College tours this semester! Tours depart at 9am on **Tues Apr 20, Wed Apr 21, Tues Apr 27 & Wed Apr 28**. We are proud to continue offering an innovative education for Geelong's young men. We welcome all senior primary school boys and their families to visit. **Applications Close Fri 7 May 2021.** Apply online: [www.sjc.edu.au](http://www.sjc.edu.au)
- ◆ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Come join us for a two course evening meal, an interesting guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends. This month our guest speaker will be Peter Carr with his talk entitled 'Up the Khyber Pass'. We are open to members of all faiths. Appetisers begin at 6.15pm on **Tuesday 13 April**, followed by a delicious meal and dessert for only \$33 per person at 6.35pm. We meet at **Capri Receptions** located at **258 Pakington Street, Geelong West**. please phone or text **Michael Belleville** on **0432 959 584**
- ◆ **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 11 April.** to be celebrated at **St Francis Xavier Church, 143 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio**. Starts 2pm. Confession, exposition, benediction, chaplet. Mass 3pm. Enquiries Chris: 0407 522 055.
- ◆ **PROJECT COMPASSION:** Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.  
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## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 18 APRIL 2021

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

Commentators  
Lectors K Maddalena  
Special Ministers K Maddalena  
Projectionist  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Burn  
J McKenzie  
L Stalio,  
F Kearney

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators A Scaddan  
Lectors P. Carvalho  
Special Ministers Sr Concepta, P Ruggeri, R Culo  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

### 8.00AM

### 9.30AM

H Verdnik, T McMahon  
M Fiorillo, M. Perera  
C Resciniti  
J Mann, 0488 784 802

### **COVID SAFE INFORMATION:**

- ♦ **QR Registration:** Is now available at all Parish Churches and the Community Centre. On entering, please scan in at the check-in found at all entry points. To access this App on your mobile, please search **Services Victoria** or visit [service.vic.gov.au/check-in](http://service.vic.gov.au/check-in). If this is not an option, please continue to have your named marked off.
- ♦ Whilst masks are no longer mandatory, please remember to sanitise your hands, continue to adhere to the 1.5m distancing rules, especially when seated in the church; entering & exiting and proceeding to the altar to receive communion.
- ♦ During the 'Sign of the Peace' hand shaking is still a big 'No No' and definitely not permitted. *A wave, smile or friendly gesture is best.*

## 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:

Mon...	Rosary Prayer Group	11.00am	Holy Family Community Centre
Tues...	Meditation Group	5.30pm	Holy Family Community Centre
Fri...	Divine Mercy	3.00pm	Holy Spirit Church

**Prayer Room** is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-2.30pm