



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:

Dietmar Horoga; Gizela Kozic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rocco Menchise; Maria & Vendel Detelich; Vendel Detelich Jnr; Wilma Geiser; Giuseppa Colicchia; Fr Tim Tolan; 1st year Anniversary of Joan Beach and 1 month since death of Rinella Provvidenza

BAPTISMS:

Arlo Butler; Rex Hill; Thomas Kasper; Harry Thomas

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Stanhope; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Jenny Maloney; John McDonald; Carl & Jennifer Stewart.



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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year B- April 18, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

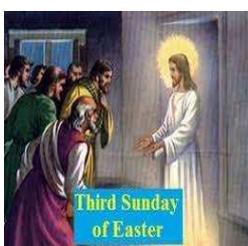
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12;
2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2;
Gospel: Jn 10:11-18



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.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

Sometimes the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace. But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins. A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of from those they projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

St Michael's News:

Congratulations!! Sending our Best Wishes and Congratulations to Marie Brown who recently celebrated her 104th Birthday. An amazing achievement Marie!

- ◆ **Combined Catholic Churches Raffle Books:** 'Proceeds going to LIFEBOAT;', If you would like to sell a book of raffle tickets, please pick up from the Parish Office.
- ◆ **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:

- ◆ **Project Compassion** Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box at home, please return to the parish office this week.
- ◆ **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.
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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, APRIL 25 2021

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life of priesthood.

'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(4th Sunday of the month)



Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators A Henderson
Lectors G Tolan
Special Ministers A Henderson, G Tolan
Projectionist B Middleton
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Kroger
J Fraatz
L Fossey, L Vannata
A Zarb

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators F O'Neill
Lectors L Kelly
Special Ministers L Sells, E Kelly
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

8.00AM

9.30AM

M Lukesic
P Gizycki
D Lunn, C Simpson, V Resciniti
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. 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