



# 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:**

Frank Sutas; Jerko Boras; Teobaldo Fierro; Keith Shields;  
Emilia Iskra, John Mc Donald, Peter Tu

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Hannah Barr; Charlotte Henderson; Angela Zulich; Franca Tucak;  
Steven Cummins; Jack Cummins,  
1st Anniversary of Marianna Mamone & 1 month since death of  
Maria De Abreu

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Pat Stanhope; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Jenny Maloney;  
Carl & Jennifer Stewart; Paul Secen



*Lest We Forget (April 25, 2021)*

'.....as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.....'

**- 4th Sunday of Easter -**

*(Year B/1- April 25, 2021)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31  
2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24  
Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

**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.

## ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(1st Sunday of the Month)

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

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

### HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson  
M Kroger  
G Wright,  
L Fossey  
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

### 8.00AM

### 9.30AM

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

## **COVID SAFE INFORMATION:**

- ◆ **QR REGISTRATION:** Please note, it is now a requirement that attendees at all Masses and Church Services must check in on their mobile phone by scanning the QR code located at all entry points.
- ◆ To access this App, please search Services Victoria or visit [service.vic.gov.au/check-in](https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in).
- ◆ If you require assistance to set up the App on your mobile, help will be provided at the churches before Mass (please arrive early) or you are welcome to attend the parish office next Tuesday between 1pm -2pm.
- ◆ Whilst masks are no longer mandatory, please remember to sanitise your hands on entering; 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:

#### West:

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

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

**OUR LADY'S STATUE:** April - Bourke Family, Newtown



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!**

#### **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.



### **Good Shepherd Sunday:**

- ◆ On this weekend, we focus on how Jesus is our shepherd, always watching out for us and saving us. Today is also the World Day of Vocations. 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 or priesthood.

### **Liturgy at St Michael's:**

- ◆ **2021 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE:** The Annual Mass Count in the parish will take place on May 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd.
- ◆ **COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK:** Meeting for all who minister to the sick at the Parish Community Centre on Tuesday May 4th at 2pm.

### **St Michael's News:**

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL FLOWERS:** Special flowers will be available to purchase on **Sunday 9th May**, 8am & 9.30am Masses at Holy Family Church. Money raised will go to help the Missions.
- ◆ **CWL:** Our May meeting will be lunch at Pekish, City of Geelong Bowls, Club, 7-9 Ballarat Road, North Geelong at 12.30pm on Wednesday May 5th. Hope to see you there.

### **Community News**

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **ST BERNARD'S ANNUAL BOOK FAIR!** Sunday 2nd May 8am-2pm Clairvaux School Hall, Reynolds Rd Belmont. 1000's of books of all genres at bargain prices; Trash & Treasure stall; Cash sales only.

## Reflection by Richard Leonard

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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