



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: Mirjana Rudic

ANNIVERSARIES: Adela Jakimov, Maria, Antonietta, Antonio & Maria De Angelis, Anica Pavicic, Antonio Fiorillo, Ernesto & Assunta De Lorenzo, Frank & Helen De Lorenzo, Brian Lynch, Jean Allison, Michele (Mick) Vannata, Ivan Cengija & the 20 year anniversary of Jan Adamowicz

BAPTISMS: Tyrone & Tyger Tahaafe, Olivia Dsilva, Matilda & Thomas Bonanno, Mary Hanlon, Josslyn O'Donnell & Matilda Richardson



PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr Philip Godsell, Cheryl Lambert, Paul Secen, Damiano Costa.

MASKS ARE COMPULSORY AT ALL MASSES AND CHURCH SERVICES!!



St Michael's Parish is committed to upholding 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!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

(Year B/1 - 4 July, 2021)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

14th Sun in Ordinary Time

1st Ezek 2:2-5
2nd: 2 Cor 12:7-10
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

15th Sun in Ordinary Time

1st: Amos 7:12-15
2nd: Eph 1:3-14
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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 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.

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION!!

- ♦ Due to the recent easing back of restrictions, registering your attendance at our weekend Masses is no longer required.
- ♦ The one person per 2sq metre rule now applies. Please maintain a safe distance when seated in the Church.
- ♦ Sanitise your hands on entry and maintain the 1.5 metre distance at all times.
- ♦ QR Check-In at all Masses & Church Services is compulsory.
- ♦ Masks are compulsory for all attendees over the age of 12 years.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators M Carson
Lectors P Power
Special Ministers P McGlinchey
Welcomers
Projectionist J Cook
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

L Strzelecki
M Martin
V Trinder, L Vannata
L. Fossey
R Martin

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM
Commentators K Saunders
Lectors F O'Neill
Special Ministers R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio
Welcomers C Marcantonio, L Allum
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

C Simpson
D Lunn, A Negro
H Verdnik, E Glynn
V Resciniti, E Glynn
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

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:—CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mon...	<i>Rosary Prayer Group</i>	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Tues...	<i>Meditation Group</i>	<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
	<i>Legion of Mary</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Fri.:	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>

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

Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ◆ **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday falls on the first Sunday in July and is a significant celebration on our Church's calendar. Whilst providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, the celebration also signifies that we are united as one in God's love and care.

As Catholics we can set an example for the rest of Australia to follow by coming together as equals and friends in our Schools, Parishes and Organisations in the name of Jesus Christ and in the spirit of mutual respect and unity as one people

- ◆ **RECRUITMENT OF LECTORS, COMMENTATORS, PROJECTIONISTS, SPECIAL MINISTERS & COLLECTORS:** The parish is currently looking to recruit more volunteers to assist at our weekend Masses. Some of these roles may be on a regular basis or to cover when needed. We would love to hear from you and training & guidance will be provided. Please contact the parish office on 5278 1343 if you are interested or would like more information.



St Michael's News:

- ◆ **CWL:**— There will NOT be a July meeting of the CWL. Our next meeting will be our memorial Mass on Wednesday 4 August, God and COVID willing. Details closer to the date.
- ◆ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP — HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTRE:** Thursday afternoons 2-4pm, Public /School Holidays excluded. BYO craft project or just come along.
15 July 29 July 12 Aug 26 Aug 9 Sept 23 Sept 23 Sept 7 Oct 21 Oct 4 Nov 18 Nov 2 Dec
Scan in using the App for more information please contact Debbie 0409 416 945.



Community News:

- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED:** St Vincent de Paul Society has run a **hospital visitation programme for many years**—a friendly face to call on the sick and say 'hello'. If you are interested in the **role of co-ordinator**, or would like to **assist as a hospital visitor**, please contact John McCarthy 0409 042 393.
- ◆ **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong.**
 - Sunday, 8 August 2021, 3pm**—**BACH'S GENIUS-THE MOTETS**-Australian Chamber Choir/Director: Douglas Lawrence; Cello-Rosanne Hunt. Tickets \$50 Full; Seniors \$45; Concession \$40, children and school students free. Tickets available from the website. www.auschoir.org or at the door.
 - Sunday, 29 August 2021 3pm**—**MELBOURNE CHAMBER CHOIR**-Director; Alan Cook. Tickets \$35 Adult and Senior, \$30 Concession, children & school students free. Tickets available from www.trybooking.com/BPQYK or at the door.
 - Friday, 17 September 2021 7.30pm**—**SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST** BY Theodore Dubois. Conductor-Joseph Hie, Teresa Duddy-Soprano, David Campbell-Tenor, Manfred Pohlenz-Baritone, Windfire Choir and Orchestra. Tickets \$50 Full, \$45 Seniors, \$40 Concession, children & school students free, Tickets available from www.trybooking.com/BPQZE or at the door.
 - Friday, 1 October to Sunday 10 October 2021—12TH ANNUAL WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL.** Check our website for details: <https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/music-festival/> Tickets will be available soon.
- ◆ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB** Come join us for a two-course evening meal, an interesting guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends. Last month we were forced to cancel due to COVID, but this month our guest speaker agreed to return for another try. Darby Munro is a Sustainability/Waste Education Officer for greater Geelong, which promises to be an interesting and current topic. We are open to members of all faiths. Appetisers begin at 6.15pm on **Tuesday, July 13**, followed by a delicious meal and dessert for only \$33 per person at 6.45pm. We meet at **Capri Receptions** located at **258 Pakington Street, Geelong West**. For more information and reservations, please phone or text **John Santospirito** at **0409 165 943** by **Friday July 9**, the deadline for catering purposes.

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

If ever we needed convincing just how fickle a home town crowd can be, all we have to do is recall what happened around the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Only two weeks before she died, London papers sold out with headlines which read, 'Diana, say No to Dodi', or 'Soap-opera queen flees England to be with Muslim lover', and 'Diana: a national disgrace'. We were told that Diana was mentally ill, spoilt and a scheming temptress.

The death of a 36-year-old mother of two is always an immense tragedy. But who could have predicted that we could change our minds, literally over one Paris night, and come to see that Diana was in fact the 'queen of hearts' and a modern icon. How could we have missed that two weeks earlier?

What happened to the memory of Diana is not far from what happened to the memory of Jesus in the earliest Church. In today's wonderful reading from Mark's Gospel we would expect to find Jesus' home town accepting and welcoming him with open arms. Jesus' ability to teach so well, his wisdom, and deeds of power, however, cause so much offence that the hometown crowd turn on him because he claims too much for himself. Jesus, literally, gets the hell out of there.

The Gospel of Mark, written at the beginning of the persecution of the Christians, finds great consolation in these stories of Jesus' suffering and rejection. And is it any wonder? The first generation of Christians were being expelled from the synagogue and, no doubt, many of them were experiencing similar rejection from their families and friends. Maybe some of them had to leave town as well. In this context their fate was an identification with that of Jesus. It gave meaning and direction to their plight. It gave them hope.

The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having Christian faith these days can see us derided as fools or pushed out of certain circles. In this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that has always sustained the Christian community.

On a more worrying level, however, as a community we can run the risk of acting like the residents of Nazareth. No matter how much wisdom, authority or goodness some people demonstrate in our Christian community, it seems some people are told they are not acceptable, we take offence at them and drive them away. Some Catholics have simply walked away from us because our community disbelieves that Christ's gifts can be manifest through them as well. Nazareth did not value what was in its midst because it thought it knew better.

Today's Gospel also has a practical impact in our homes, where we don't get away with very much, and affirmation can be sparingly given. This can be taken to unhealthy extremes when parents and siblings speak highly of their spouse, children, brothers or sisters to everyone except to the person being praised. We are often so worried about a family member 'getting a big head' that they never hear from us the encouragement they deserve. As Christians we should look for opportunities to build up and praise those we know and love.

When Diana died it was a bit late for the world to decide she did worthwhile things. It was too late for Nazareth after it rejected Jesus as well. In Mark's Gospel he never returns there. But it's not too late for us. May it never be said that we despised wise people who have something to teach us, and that we dragged down those whose gifts and talents reflected the power of God.

This Sunday Jesus reminds us that it's never too late to stop our disbelieving.

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