



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:

Bernadine Withers; Sandy Stalio; Stosa Baric; Betty O'Connor

ANNIVERSARIES:

Angelo Lobo; William Vickers; Marko Vlahovic

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Clare Mathimugan; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Paul Secon; Damiano Costa



DUE TO THE LATEST COVID LOCKDOWN, ALL MASSES & LITURGIES IN THE PARISH ARE CANCELLED. THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED AND WILL HOPEFULLY REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 21



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!

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B/1- 18 July, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

16th Sun in Ordinary Time

1st Jer 23:1-6
2nd: Eph 2:13-18
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

17th Sun in Ordinary Time

1st: 2 Kings 4:42-44
2nd: Eph 4:1-6
Gospel: John 6:1-15

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. It is important that you maintain a safe distance of 1.5metres from others 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 still compulsory for all attendees over the age of 12 years.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

(4th Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

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

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Burn
J Fraatz
L Fossey, L Vannata
D Dougherty, L Fossey
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
E Karakchi, P Gizycki
E Karakchi, C Simpson, V Resciniti
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:

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Prayer Room will no longer be open from 1 August.

St Michael's News:



Grandparents Day: Next weekend we will acknowledge the great contribution that grandparents have made and continue to make to the life of the Parish.

◆ **2021 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL— Next Weekend of July 24 & 25**

This year, Catholic Mission invites us to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies. These mothers find hope and a new start at the Mother and Babies Home at the Good Shepherd Centre.

There will be an extra third collection taken up after Communion at all weekend Masses. We call on your generosity in supporting this important appeal. Envelopes are now available in our churches if you prefer to take one home to complete.

- ◆ **Music Coordinator Role at St Michael's Parish** - St Michael's Parish Bell Park currently has a part time position available for the role of Music Coordinator. If you know of anybody who would be interested or just require more information, please contact the parish office on 52781343.

- ◆ **CWL:—** Our next meeting will be our memorial Mass on Wednesday 4 August, God and COVID willing. More details closer to the date.

- ◆ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP: Holy Family Community Centre: Thurs afternoons 2-4pm,** Public /School Holidays excluded. BYO craft project or just come along.

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.

- ◆ **MARY MACKILLOP ROSARY:** A commemorative set of rosary beads for the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop, Cost \$40. For any questions or to submit your order form email orders@aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201. **Orders close TUESDAY 31 AUGUST.**

- ◆ **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 be available soon.

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

I know very few people these days who work from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The eight-hour day seems to be a thing of the past. Where priests regularly encounter these new work patterns is when we see young people who are preparing for marriage in the Church. Sometimes to arrange a meeting we have to resort to a 6.30am or 10.00pm meeting. Some young people are working sixty hours a week. They take work home and work on the weekends. We know from surveys that they eat out most of the time, they party hard when they get the chance, and that Sunday is spent on the home front, going to the gym or sleeping. Then on Monday they start the process again.

Two things drive this obsessive work practice: competition in the job market, and the financial bonuses offered to the employees. The problem is that this practice cannot be a long-term strategy. At the other end of the scale we all know people, only in their 30s and 40s, who are burnt out and feel used by a ruthless commercial market-place.

This culture of exhaustion is not confined to the young corporate raiders. Most people in our country have never worked as hard, with so many claims on our time and energies.

Excessive demands on one's time, no matter how great the needs and rewards, were issues for Jesus and the Apostles as well. The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys 'there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat'.

Jesus' call to 'come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' is not just about good work practises and ethical employment policy. It is about humanising our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself.

The social teaching of the Church, especially in Pope John Paul's statements about labour and the rights of workers, repeatedly stresses three aspects to work:

- it gives us dignity. Governments and employers must not allow a work culture to develop where we lose our sense of personal importance, where we are treated like just another cog in the wheel;
- work enables us to improve the standard of living for us and our families;
- through working we develop our talents and gifts which builds up society as a whole.

Rest from work is a key factor in the success of all three aspects being achieved in any community. A culture of exhaustion militates against them. The bottom line in all this is appropriate boundaries.

Mark tells us today that though Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home.

So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical message for the modern world. Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They are rights defended by Christ and protect our human dignity.

I hope today you have a well-earned break.

