



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:

Lina Arrogante; Josephine Jones; Mate Prusac; Stjepan Svaljek;

ANNIVERSARIES:

Moya McGlinchey; Salvatore & Damiano Modica;
Giuseppa & Giuseppe Lo Piccolo; Keerthi Perera

BAPTISMS:

Taj Barnett; Sadie Painter

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Clare Mathimugan; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Paul Secon;
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!

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B/1- 1 August, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

18th Sun in Ordinary Time

1st Exod 16:2-4, 12-15
2nd: Eph 4:17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Saint May of the Cross

1st: 1 Kings 17:8-16
2nd: Col 3:12-17
Gospel: Matt 6:25-34

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 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 reduced numbers permitted at Masses, registering your attendance at Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Spirit Church is a must.
- ♦ The one person per 4sq metre rule now applies. It is important that you maintain a safe distance 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

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators M Carson
Lectors P Power
Special Ministers P McGlinchey
Welcomers D Dougherty
Projectionist B Middleton
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

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

HOLY FAMILY

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

8.00AM

9.30AM

C Simpson
D Lunn, A Negro
H Verdrik, E Glynn, D Lunn
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:

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:

- ◆ **National Vocations Awareness Week**—Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. This week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC MISSIONS—Weekend of August 7 & 8.** 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.
- ◆ **PERMANENT DIACONATE: Do you feel like being called to serve?** The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained minister. COME & SEE! An information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **14 August, Saturday 10:00-11.24am** at the **Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.** for more information email: diaconate@cam.org.au
- ◆ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** Come join us for a two-course evening meal, and the opportunity to meet new friends, This month our guest speaker is **Tessa Davis, Day Office Manager at Anan Cara House.** We are open to members of all faiths. Membership subscription is now due, \$35 per member, also Horizon subscription \$35, if you subscribe Appetisers begin at 6.45pm on **Tuesday, August 10,** followed by a delicious meal and desert for only \$33pp at 6.45pm. We meet at **Capri Receptions 258 Pakington St, Geelong West.** for more information and reservations, please phone or text **John Santospirito 0409 165 943** by **Friday, August 6.**
- ◆ **CWL:—** The planned Memorial Mass which was to be held on Wed. 4 Aug has been postponed due to the uncertainty around the Covid situation. We hope to have this special Mass later in the year. Our annual to both it is \$65. Details for payment please contact Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598,
- ◆ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP: Holy Family Community Centre: Thurs afternoons 2-4pm,** Public /School Holidays excluded. BYO craft project or just come along.
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.
- ◆ **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.

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 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 Fr Michael Tate

Who can satisfy human appetites?

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life *to the world*.

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

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