



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:

Margaret Cooke

ANNIVERSARIES:

Augusto Di Cesare; Giuseppina Mazza; Patrick Lourey; Margaret Reid; Caterina & Francesco Iannuzzi; Manuel Snr & Manuel Jnr Almeida Vincenzo Cammarere; Santana Da Costa and the 1st Anniversary of Joan Prendergast



BAPTISMS:

Hazel Day

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

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!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Year B/1 - 15 August, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Rev 11:19:12:1-6,10

2nd: Cor 15:20-26

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

2nd: Eph 5: 21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

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 our weekend Masses is highly recommended
- ♦ 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, especially when going to receive Communion.
- ♦ 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

L. Strzelecki
J Fraatz
L Fossey, L Vannata
L Fossey
A Zarb

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Prayer Room is CLOSED.

Liturgy at St Michael's:

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: Congratulations to students from St Patrick's Primary School who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We wish them all the best as they prepare for their special day.



St Michael's News:

- ◆ **CATHOLIC MISSIONS:** There will be an extra third collection taken up after Communion this weekend at all Masses. We call on your generosity in supporting this important appeal.
- ◆ **CWL:—** Our annual membership subscription is now due, \$35 per member, also Horizon subscription \$35, if you subscribe to both it is \$65. Details for payment please contact Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598, Thank You.
- ◆ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP: Holy Family Community Centre: Thurs afternoons 2-4pm**, Public /School Holidays excluded. BYO craft project or just come along.
26 Aug 9 Sept 23 Sept 23 Sept 7 Oct 21 Oct 4 Nov 18 Nov 2 Dec

Community News:

- ◆ **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 **Saturday, September 4 10:00-11.45am** at the **Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne**. For further information, contact Deacon Kevin Pattison, Kevin.pattison@cam.org.au



Please note, the 2021 Relay for Life event planned for Saturday October 9 has been cancelled due to the uncertainty of Covid.

- ◆ **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG:—**All are warmly invited to join our next monthly gathering of people with disability, their families, carers, friends and other supporters. We meet to support one another in faith and friendship. Covid-safe.
When: Saturday, August 29, from 1.30-4.00pm
Where: St Mary's Pioneer Room, Level 1, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong.
Please direct RSVP and enquiries to Tricia O'Keefe 0414 672 267.
- ◆ **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong.**
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 Conc. 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.



HOMILY by Richard Leonard

Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. 'Danny, we can't afford it,' she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.' 'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.' Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat. So he gave the letter another try. 'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.' Danny knew this wasn't true either so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.' Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church. He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter. 'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more, I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.'

This humorous story has a serious lesson for us on the feast of the Assumption. Throughout history there are those who have ransomed the memory of Mary to fit in with how they understand women should behave in society. As a result, sometimes, Mary is presented as meek and mild, passive and subservient. The problem with this view is that it is impossible to reconcile it with the ten stories we have of Mary in the New Testament: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, going to bring Jesus home from his public ministry, the wedding feast at Cana, being at the foot of the Cross, and Pentecost.

The strength and power of Mary's witness is most especially captured in the Magnificat from which we just heard. Here Mary extols how God is saving us by turning the world on its head, doing the very opposite of what was expected.

The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noble woman who put her free will at the disposal of God's will. That is what the feast of the Assumption celebrates: that because God will never be outdone in fidelity and generosity, he remained utterly faithful to Mary through death, as she was utterly faithful to him in life.

The Catholic Tradition has always honoured Mary as being obedient, the pre-eminent disciple of her Son and the sign of what could await all Christians who are invited to share in the mission of Jesus on earth. Religious obedience is not passive. We listen to the voice of God and choose to say yes to Christ's love and liberation. Discipleship does not mean our personality counts for nothing. Rather, it's the valuing of every individual's ability to contribute to Christ's kingdom in a unique way. Prefiguring what can happen for all of us does not diminish the particular gifts God lavished on Mary, but reassures us that God recognises his own in this world and the next.

May this Assumption Day see us then stop ransoming the image of Mary to the distortions of the past and find in her creative and free self-giving a pattern for our Christian lives, and a beacon of hope to which we can hold firm.

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A PRAYER FOR THE ASSUMPTION:

Almighty God,

You gave a humble Virgin
the privilege of being mother of your Son,
and crowned her with the glory of heaven.
May her prayers bring us to the salvation of Christ
and raise us up to eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.