



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:

Angelina Scopacasa; Bridget Dow

ANNIVERSARIES:

David Bird; Eileen Pollard; Damiano Fazio; Anna & Nadia Siketa;
Michael Degoldi; Francesco Bocchicchio; Pat McGlinchey (Snr)
Tony Millns; Almor, Jose, Luis, Carlos & Judite Mairo.

BAPTISMS:

Ivy McDonnell; Sienna Fantela, Miles Spence

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!

Twenty-first Sunday in ordinary time (Year B/1- 22 August, 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Josh 24:1-2, 15-18
2nd: Eph 5: 21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
2nd: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15
21-23

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 - 5th Sunday - August 29

(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
E Karakchi, B Kline, Horoba
M& E Hoffman
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:



- ◆ Please keep in your prayers the children from the Parish Sacramental Program as they begin their lessons today in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE (T/G)**—a T/G envelope placed on the collection plate at last weekend's Masses did not have a number on it. Could the parishioner please contact Bernadette at the parish office on 5278 1343 to clear this up. Thank you.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFE COMMITTEE:**—Our next meeting is on Wednesday September 1, 2pm at the Parish Office.
- ◆ **PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL**—Thank you to the parish community for your tremendous support of the recent Catholic Mission Appeal. \$2035.30 was raised, which is just amazing.
- ◆ **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:** 'Lockdown blues getting to you?' Why not come along to the craft conversation group. BYO project or come along for a cuppa, chat and inspiration. NB: We do need to follow the Covid guidelines and yes, masks are required and QR scanning available. We will be meeting at Holy Family Community Centre Thursday afternoons, 2-4pm. It is most Thursdays so keep an eye on the dates. Naturally if another lockdown/stay at home order occurs, we are cancelled. Dates are: Aug 26; Sept 2, 9 & 16 (Break); Oct, 7, 14 21 & 28; Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25; Dec 2 & 9 Dec (Christmas Break). **To book your seat**, please contact Debbie on 0409 416 945 as we do have a space limit to adhere to.

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 an 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.

- ◆ **CARITAS AUSTRALIA**—Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. To provide support, please donate to **Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal**, at www.caritas.org.au or by calling **1800 024 413** toll free.
- ◆ **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 & Orchestra. Tickets \$50 Full, \$45 Seniors, \$40 Conc. children & school students free. Tickets 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 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

I have some sympathy for the response of the Jews to Jesus' hard teaching in today's Gospel! For a Jew to be asked to drink blood is as abhorrent as it gets. It is the same as demanding that an ultra Orthodox Jew eat pork!

In almost all the stories in the Gospel of John there are insiders and outsiders, those who understand the message and those who take Jesus too literally and are offended or confused. The flesh and blood given for the life of the world is at one and the same time the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus celebrated in the Eucharist. Jesus was not, literally, offering his arm for his followers to chew! He was referring to the gift he was soon going to give his followers: the example of utter fidelity to God's Kingdom even unto death, and the meal of that Kingdom, the Eucharist. We are the recipients of both gifts and the commission to live them out. The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation is given to us for our mission in the world today and for our journey toward the World to come.

The other response in today's Gospel gives us great hope. In spite of being confused and deserted by his friends Peter hangs in there with Jesus. He holds on to faith when all the signs show that a hasty retreat may be a better course of action. We all know people who remain faithful in the most extraordinary of circumstances. Some of these we can understand – parents with sick children or spouses with ill partners. It's heroic, but understandable. But sometimes fidelity is heroic and inexplicable: when a spouse welcomes back his or her partner after an adulterous affair; when a foreign-born priest or religious will not abandon an oppressed community; when a person will fight a just cause and be persecuted all the way to the end. These are powerful signs of faithful love at work too. It's a fine line to know when fidelity is 'dying to self' not 'killing self'. We are called to the former and often seduced by the latter.

James Keenan in his excellent book, 'Virtues for ordinary Christians' says that fidelity is the bottom line of the Christian life. He argues that the Church has spent too much time preaching about 'infidelities' and too little time teaching about those things that strengthen fidelity. 'Each person', he says, 'has two major moral goals in life: to be just and to be faithful'. Being faithful to his Father, and to us, sums up what Jesus does for our salvation and is exactly what He calls forth from the disciples in today's Gospel. Perhaps because we too easily think it is something difficult, we presume that being faithful to our friends is hardly a moral issue. Yet once we see that friendship is the key to the moral life then we can come to see that living the moral life is about the ordinary interactions of our day.

James Keenan writes, 'To this end we may need to make more calls, write more letters, cook more dinners, take more strolls, linger a little longer with a friend. We may also need to disengage ourselves from the habit of counting or measuring what the other does or does not do or say'.

May this Eucharist enable us to respond to the invitation of the Holy One of God to place fidelity and friendship at the centre of our moral life and attend to the everyday activities that will see us live it out.

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