



St Michael's Parish

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Catherine Jones; Sofia Mure; Mary Kinsey; Dorothy Withers;

ANNIVERSARIES: Paule Jakimov; Wassela Alsakal; Maged Karakchi; Lindsay Beck;

BAPTISMS: Addison Parker; Sonny Reddie; Edmund Williamson.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Clare Mathimugan; Fr Philip Godsell; Cheryl Lambert; Paul Secon; Harry Howard; Fr Kevin Dillon.



MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED THIS SUNDAY AT 10AM



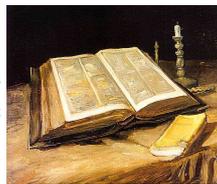
St Michael's Parish is committed to upholding the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

A REMINDER: Children must be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian at all times!

Twenty-ninth Sunday in ordinary time (Year B/1– 17 October 2021)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Is 53:10-11
2nd: Heb 4:14-16
Gospel: Mk 10:36-45

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Jer 31:7-9
2nd: Heb 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

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.

**REGIONAL VICTORIA – PROPOSED GOVERNMENT ROADMAP:
DELIVERING THE NATIONAL PLAN PHASE C:
80% OF 16 YEARS & OVER VACCINATED**

Dear Parishioners,

The COVID Roadmap released by the State Government on September 21, 2021 leaves 'Places of Worship', like many other organisations, in a difficult position.

We publish this as a fore warning of what *may be coming* after November 5.

To open up the church to greater numbers after the indicative date, Nov 5, (Phase C : 80% of 16 years & over fully vaccinated), the 'Roadmap' **only allows numbers to increase, where ALL attendees are fully vaccinated.**

We would need to check your **vaccination certificate** (or medical exemption certificate) before entry each time (as well as continuing with QR code scanning, hand sanitising, mask requirements & social distancing).

Naturally, we are very reluctant to be in a position of refusing entry to those who are not fully vaccinated. However, the **alternative** is to continue with the live streaming of Mass each Sunday and limit weekday Mass attendance to 20 people, whose vaccination status is unknown.

The Archbishop & other faith leaders continue to consult with the Government re: the management of these restrictions. We will keep you informed, as we know more.

Fr Minh & Parish Staff.

St Michael's Parish at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES: DUE TO CURRENT RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE, MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED AT 10AM ON SUNDAY MORNING.

Holy Family, Bell Park:

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong

West:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday

11am Sunday

5.00pm Saturday

Croatian... 11am Sunday

Slovenian... 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

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:

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

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.



St Michael's News:

- ◆ **REMEMBRANCE MASS 2021** - The Annual Remembrance Mass will be livestreamed on Friday November, 5th at 7pm.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFEGUARDING MEETING:** Wednesday October 27, 2pm - Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **LITURGY MEETING:** Tuesday November 9, 7pm - Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Wednesday November 10, 7pm - Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION:** We meet 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: Oct 21 & 28; Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25; Dec 2 & 9 (Christmas Break). **To book your seat**, please contact Debbie on 0409 416 945 as we do have a space limit to adhere to.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

One Sunday morning during Mass, the congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying submachine guns. One of the men proclaimed, 'Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are!'

Immediately, the choir fled, altar servers fled, and most of the congregation fled. Within a few minutes, out of the two hundred strong congregation only ten people remained where they were. The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the priest and said, 'OK Father, I got rid of all the fence sitters, how about we make a start'.

It's nice to see the priest in the story remained in the Church! I would like to think that faced with such an extreme moment like this I would have the courage of my convictions, but I must admit I have my doubts.

Each Sunday by coming and celebrating the Eucharist we implicitly, and explicitly, state that we want to become like Christ. As the Gospels repeatedly tell us if we follow him in his saving love for the world then, like him, we must confront injustice, defend the rights of the poor and the oppressed to dignity, give and forgive, heal and reconcile. By saying this, we are clearly not looking for a smooth ride through life.

In concert with the whole Church what most of us have done is domesticate the hard edges of Jesus' teachings to suit our comfortable existences. And then we get a Gospel like today's. The sons of Zebedee want the best seats in the house without knowing what the admission price is going to cost. They want the glory without the gore.

Jesus teaches them, and later all the other apostles, that for his Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, requires of us to drink a cup of suffering and be baptised in a river of sacrificial love. We can't dress this teaching up, or put a good spin on it. There is no resurrection without the cross. No gain without the pain.

For most of us this challenge means doing whatever we can politically and socially to bring the values of the Gospel to bear on our different spheres of influence. But Jesus also links this challenge to the act of service. And in this regard some leaders in the Church give us mixed messages and let us off the hook.

Whatever of the patrimony of the past, today's Gospel reminds us that bishops, priests and deacons should be excellent models of the humility of service. The leadership Jesus advocates is not monarchical or tyrannical, it is being the least, and being a servant.

The Second Vatican Council taught that leaders in the Church should be outstanding in humility, charity and simplicity of lifestyle. Some leaders are just this. Others have domesticated the hard edge of the Gospel.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that we recover a love for the hard teachings of Jesus, even though they demand so much of us, and that we have the courage to call our leaders to do likewise. These teachings are, after all, what makes us different from the Gentiles, and sort out who is actually sitting on the fence.

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