



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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www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au
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As a COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Louise Gleeson

ANNIVERSARIES: Salvatore, Antoinetta & Rosa Valentino; John Bove; Bruno Nesci; Giovanna Andalaro; Miroslav Macarol; Rocco Resciniti; Bruno DiCristoforo; Caterina & Francesco Iannuzzi; Salvatore Modica; Callum Brown; Corry Antes; Anka Javni; Julie & Nante Banguilan; Danny Ilarde

BAPTISMS: Eli Kearney; Ella Wesseling; Carmella Weston

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Anthona Henderson; Daryl Squires; Hugo Riedl.



St Michael's Parish is committed to upholding the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. Through our behaviour we show we are followers of Jesus who cares for all the children, the vulnerable.... If you have any questions or concerns, the parish safeguarding committee of Louise Kearney; Bernadette Bilogrevic; Marg Gifford or Joan Mann can be contacted on 5278 1343.



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

We acknowledge the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in this region.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year A/1— 13 August 2023)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13	1st: Is 56:1, 6-7
2nd: Romans 9:1-5	2nd: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matt 14:22-33	Gospel: Matt 15:21-28

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.

St Michael's Parish at Prayer



WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English...9.00am Sunday
Croatian 5.00pm Sunday

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

11am Sunday

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

Saturday 5.00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family: 9.15am **Tuesday & Thursday** (Followed by Novena to St Anthony),
8.45am (Rosary before Mass on Tues & Thurs)

Holy Spirit: 9.15am **Wednesday**, 9.15am **Friday**. (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Reconciliation after Friday Mass each week.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish for new bookings

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

Tuesday:..	<i>Meditation Group</i>	<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Parish Community Centre</i>
	<i>Legion of Mary</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Parish Community Centre</i>
Friday	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>

STATUE OF OUR LADY:

At no cost! Visits homes in the Parish. Our Lady's statue is ready to be taken to your home when you call Cristita on 0435 780 716 or Vickie on 0401 213 505. we will collect Our Lady's statue, when you ask us.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors K Maddalena

Special Ministers K Maddalena****

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

F Kearney

M Kroger

M Drake-Bemelmans

L Fossey

F Kearney

HOLY FAMILY 9.00AM

Commentators A Scaddan

Lectors H Verdnik; T McMahon

Special Ministers M Fiorillo; M Perera; P Ruggeri

Welcomers

Projectionist C Resciniti

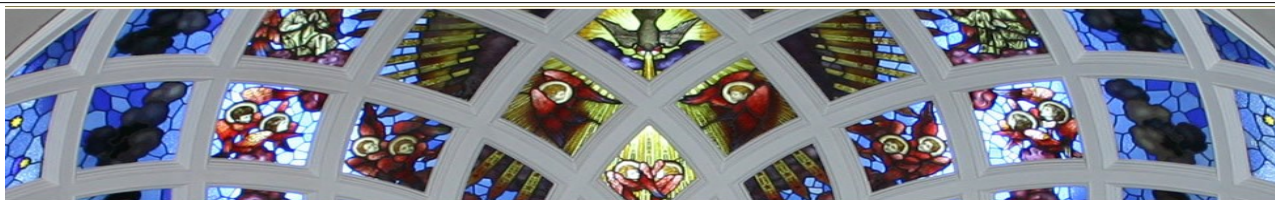
Co-Ordinator J Mann 0488 784 802

Community News:

- ◆ **COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISH RAFFLE 2023:** I will be distributing Raffle Books **AFTER MASS NEXT WEEK**. Please stop and take 1, 10 Tickets in each book, \$2 per ticket, of which \$15 per book goes to support KUYA in the Philippines. An envelope will be supplied with each book for the return of ticket butts and \$20. Raffle Books must be returned by **Sunday 8 Oct, drawn Sat Dec 2**. Thank You David Lunn.

1st Prize	2023 Kia Picanto 'S' valued \$19890.00
2nd	\$5000 Gift Card
3rd	\$3000 Gift Card
4th & 5th	\$1000 Gift Cards
6th & 7th	\$500 Gift Cards





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—EVENTS IN THE PARISH OVER THE COMING MONTHS

Aug 15...	Feast of the Assumption
Sept 3....	Father's Day
Sept 29...	St Michael's Parish Feast Day
Oct 18-21..	Confirmations in the Parish
Oct 27-29..	Archbishop Peter Comensoli— Visit to St Michael's Parish and our Schools. And will be the main Celebrant at all weekend Masses. More information on this visit to be provided in the lead up to this date.
Nov 1.....	All Saints Day
Nov 2.....	All Souls Day
Nov 4-5...	Annual Bereavement Masses
Nov 7	Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon—Holy Spirit Hall
Nov 17....	St Patrick's School Confirmations
Dec 3.....	Advent begins
Dec 14....	St Michael's Parish Christmas Carols Evening
Dec 25....	Christmas Day

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL 2023:** This weekend at all Masses, there will be an extra third collection taken up after Communion. We call on your generosity once again in supporting this important appeal.
- ♦ **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASSES - NEXT TUESDAY AUGUST 15:**
 - 9.15am Holy Family Church (Holy Family School students in attendance)
 - 12.00pm St Patrick's School
 - 2.00pm Holy Spirit Church (Holy Spirit School students in attendance)
- ♦ **SCAM ALERT:** If you receive a text(s) from Fr Minh Tran, regarding Amazon or something else, please **deleted and DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS AS IT IS A SCAM.**
- ♦ **LEGION OF MARY:** Meets after Mass every Tuesday at 10am. We meet in the St Michael's Parish Meeting room. We would love you to visit our meeting and see what we do. All are welcome.
- ♦ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Our next meeting is on Wednesday Aug 23 at 7pm.
- ♦ **CUPPA & CHAT** after the 9.00am MASS : Parishioners are very welcome to catch up for a cuppa & chat each Sunday in the Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **INTRODUCING CUPPA & CHAT AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** Commencing from Sun Sept 3 we invite all parishioners to catch up after the 11am Mass on the 1st & 4th Sundays of the month for a cuppa & chat.
- ♦ **FATHER'S DAY:** This year to celebrate and remember our fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles and other important men in our lives, we would like our parishioners to provide a photo of these special persons to form part of a power point presentation at the weekend Masses of Sept 2 & 3. Please email the photos) to bellpark@cam.org and the church Mass you will be attending. Also, over the next few weeks, Hoa will attend our Masses and will ask if you would like your photo to be taken to be part of the presentation.
- ♦ **PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY APPEAL:** Weekend of Sept 2 & 3. Extra 3rd collection to be taken up after Communion.

Community News cont.

- ♦ **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 6-13 August**—Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and may other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.
- ♦ **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG COMMUNITY:** You and your friend or family member with a disability are invited to our next Gathering on Saturday August 19 from 2-4.30pm. Venue: St Mary's Parish Offices, 1st floor, 150 Yarra St. Geelong. Lift. Theme: A community that forgives. Prayer, Songs, Fun. Fiesta Afternoon tea. Enquiries to Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267 or Kevin Mark, kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au.

Reflection by Richard Leonard—Aug 13, 2023

A conservative Protestant Church in a sleepy fishing village had to find a new minister. Over the protests of Jimmy, the senior Elder, a woman was hired as the new Pastor.

After the Reverend Gayle had been there a few weeks, Tom, a member of the congregation, offered to take her out fishing. Jimmy reluctantly agreed to allow them to use his boat for the day's outing, but insisted that he lead the expedition.

The trio got into the boat and motored out on the lake. When they got ready to fish, they realised that all their tackle had been left on the dock. Tom concluded that they would just have to go back and get it. Reverend Gayle said that wouldn't be necessary, and she got out of the boat and started walking across the water toward the dock.

Jimmy, who refused to be impressed by Gayle's miraculous abilities observed, 'See I told you we never should have hired that woman. She can't even swim.'

The hit animation film *Shrek* was praised by critics for many things but most especially for the clever way it quoted from several other much-loved animation films. When writers do this it's called 'intertextuality', where one text uses another text to tell the story. Some of the references in *Shrek* were obvious; others took a little longer to reveal themselves. Some were used in a new way that turned the original story upside down. Whether any of us got all or none of the references didn't affect the enjoyment we derived from the film, it only added to what was already a great tale.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is in a similar vein to *Shrek*. In eleven verses Matthew quotes several other stories in the Old Testament, uses them in his own way and re-interprets all of them in reference to Jesus. It might be lost on some of us who just enjoy the power of the story, but none of this intertextuality would have been lost on Matthew's first hearers.

Poor old Job found God in the midst of a storm, and winds and waves are a usual Old Testament shorthand for the perils of life. The image of the boat was an early symbol for the Church and Matthew has all Jesus' disciples in it. Jesus hovering over the waters has echoes of the action of the Spirit in the first account of creation in Genesis. Even Jesus restoring calm to the sea follows on from what the Prophet Jonah had done before. For the keen student there is much more besides.

Matthew's account is magnificent on its own terms, but with these details we can see he is also interested in a theological message. Jesus, the Son of God and Lord of creation, remains faithful to the disciples, no matter how treacherous the seas or how great their fear. He has come to them so that they may be saved and recreated as the Church who recognises that he is the fulfilment of creation, the one whom Israel has been longing to see and embrace.

And what does all this mean for us?

We are inheritors of Matthew's faith. We're here because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has saved us from ourselves and from destruction. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

Aren't we lucky Jesus never learnt to swim?

Reflection by Dianne Bergant—Aug 13, 2023

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.