



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: Sr Ursula Dwyer (RSM); Biserka Drazinic; Des Noonan

ANNIVERSARIES: Haberman Family Members; Vlado Pernjek; Theresa Bahl; Annie & Harry Wallace; Albert Piccirilli; Anton Pavlicevic; Colleen Carroll; Reg Doherty; Salvatore Modica; Agnes, Patrick & Peter O'Shea; Wassela Al Sakkal; Majed Karakchi; Jozef Kot

BAPTISMS:

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Pat Carson; Hugo Riedl; Daryl Squires; Cam Resciniti



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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year A/1—22 October 2023)

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:

Give the Lord glory and honour

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Is 45:1, 4-6

1st: Ex 22:20-26

2nd: 1 Thess 1:1-5

2nd: 1 Tess 1:5-10

Gospel: Matt 22:15-21

Gospel: Mt 22:34-40

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.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli's Visit

Schedule on Saturday morning October 28: Focus—Parish Community

9.30am: Meet with members of the Child Safeguarding Committee; Liturgical Ministries; Catechetical Ministries; CWL; Legion of Mary and other Ministries.

10.30am Morning tea with parishioners and ministries

11.00am Parish Forum (no clergy)

Opportunity for Parishioners to speak with the Archbishop about priorities, goals and challenges.

Questions posed:

Tell me where you find Jesus in the life of your Parish?

(What is evangelisation)

Think about how and where you would like to see the Parish in 5-10 years... and How are WE going to get there?

(What is Mission?)

12.30pm Lunch: BBQ with parishioners

All St Michael's Parishioners are most welcome to attend either/both sessions, and as these sessions are catered events, please place your name on the clip board provided at each church or RSVP to the Parish Office on 5278 1343; or by email bellpark@cam.org.au by Sunday October 22.

St Michael's Parish at Prayer



WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

English...9.00am Sunday

11am Sunday

Saturday 5.00pm

Croatian 5.00pm Sunday

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:... *Meditation Group* 5.30pm *Parish Community Centre*

Legion of Mary 10.00am *Parish Community Centre*

Friday *Divine Mercy* 3.00pm *Holy Spirit Church*

STATUE OF OUR LADY: Our Lady's statue is ready to be taken to your home call Cristita: 0435 780 716 or Vickie: 0401 213 505. We will collect Our Lady's statue, when you ask us.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(5th Sunday - 2nd Sunday of the Month to cover)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators

M Carson

Lectors

R Perera

Special Ministers

P McGlinchey

Welcomers

Projectionist

B Middleton

Co-Ordinator

M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY FAMILY

9.00AM

Commentator

K Saunders

Lectors

D Lunn, A Negro

Special Ministers

J Genova, C Marcantonio; H Verdnik

Welcomers

C Marcantonio

Projectionist

C Resciniti

Co-Ordinator

J Mann 0488 784 802

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

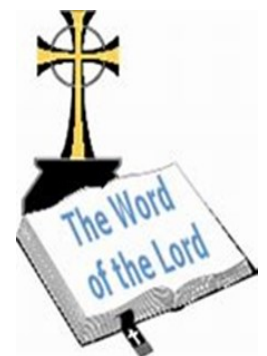
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—EVENTS IN THE PARISH OVER THE COMING MONTHS

- Oct 27-29.. Archbishop Peter Comensoli— Visit to St Michael's Parish and our Schools. Celebrant at all weekend Masses.
- 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 2..... Presentation, Conversation and Prayer for Parishes' by Sr Caroline Vaitkunas RSM—Holy Spirit Hall
- Dec 3..... Advent begins
- Dec 14.... St Michael's Parish Christmas Carols Evening
- Dec 25.... Christmas Day

Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ◆ **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASSES:** On the weekend of November 4 & 5 at all Masses, the focus will be *"Remembering and Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones"*. As part of the Bereavement Mass there are notelets entitled *"In Loving Memory of"*. On the day of the Masses, your leaflets will be collected by members of the bereavement team and placed at the foot of the Cross on your behalf.
- ◆ **LITURGY MEETING:** The next Parish Liturgy Meeting is on **Tuesday November 14, 4pm** at the Parish Office.
- ◆ **ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY:** Wednesday Nov 1, we celebrate 'All Saints Day' and Thursday Nov 2, we remember the souls of those departed. There will be the normal 9.15am daily Mass on these days.
- ◆ **WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION EVENING:** An invitation to our busy mothers and young women for a special evening of recollection. Conducted by Ms Bernadette Samuel from Vincentian Retreat Centre, Melbourne. Saturday Nov 11 from 2-5pm at Holy Spirit Church hall. For more details and registration, please contact Sr Concepta 0421 470 490.

St Michael's News:



MELBOURNE CUP DAY CHICKEN AND BUBBLY LUNCHEON: Holy Spirit Hall: Tuesday 7 Nov. Cost \$25.00 per head, BYO other drinks. Limited tickets are still available. We are seeking **donations of salads and desserts for the day**. Please record your assistance on the clip board at each church. For any queries contact, **David Lunn** 0408 378 982; **Carol Hullin** 0491 703 880; **Michael Scaddan** 0410 780 985 or **Marguerite Giles** 0417 707 276. Thank you for your support.

- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** We invite all parishioners to catch up after the 11am Mass on the **1st & 4th Sundays of the month**. N.B. The next catch up will be **on Sunday 29 Oct** which coincides with the Archbishop's Visit.
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS:** Will hold a stall after the 9am Mass at Holy Family Church **this Sunday October 22nd**. Produce; craft items and much more will be available to purchase. Please support this event as all proceeds go to the needy!
- ◆ **WORLD MISSION DAY 2023:** The 2023 Catholic World Mission Sunday Appeal will take place this **weekend**, and there will be a leaving collection taken up at these Masses. Envelopes are also available in the churches.
- ◆ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL will be held on Wednesday November 1, 1.30pm at Holy Spirit hall, Bostock Ave, Manifold Heights. Membership fees are due at this meeting. Membership \$35, membership plus Horizon \$70, diary \$10. All St Michael's parish ladies are most welcome. For transport, contact Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598.
- ◆ **LEGION OF MARY:** The group meets after Mass every Tuesday at 10am. We meet in the St Michael's Parish Meeting room, next to Holy Family Church and we would love you to visit our meeting and see what we do. All are most welcome.

Community News :

- ◆ **ST VINCENT De PAUL CONFERENCES:** The three previous St Vincent de Paul Conferences have now amalgamated to form the **St Michael's—Bell Park Conference**. The Conference meets at the Parish Community Centre, Separation Street, Bell Park on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4pm. If you are interested in assisting those who are less fortunate than ourselves, then you are most welcome to attend.
- ◆ **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL:** An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health and psychosocial needs. Please donate to the Caritas Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Proclaim 2023: 'We are excited to announce the inaugural Archdiocesan gathering, Proclaim....'

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! The standard ticket price for the gathering is \$100 per day (including all keynote speakers, workshops, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) however for those from the Archdiocese of Melbourne Parishes registration will be discounted to just \$70 per day.

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232> and use the discount code: parishmember to access the special rate for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 99265761 or proclaim@cam.org.au.

Proclaim is an initiative of Proclaim: the Office for Mission Renewal, on behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, and inspired by Take the Way of the Gospel.

Reflection by Richard Leonard:

There are people inside and outside the Church who think that Christ did not give the Church a mandate to speak about political matters. They regularly quote the Gospel we have just heard to support their case. But if one knows and understands the context and meaning within which this text was written it provides no ammunition for those who want the Church to stay indoors, reflect on things 'spiritual', preach the eternal verities, and sing hymns more ancient than modern.

In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. Zealots were a well-organised group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things Zealots did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot.

Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's' is followed by 'And give to God, what is God's', which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states. The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it's dangerous.

We only have to think of some of the darkest chapters last century to see what happens when good, church-going people, like us, do not put their Sunday devotion in touch with their Monday politics. Evil can reign.

Christian leaders, who are charged to proclaim and defend the Gospel, are obliged to use whatever forum necessary to declare that God's personal love encompasses everyone and everything under heaven. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us today, God calls each one of us by name.

At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed; we may even think they have overstepped the mark. If this is the case we should tell them, enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments. But we should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community.

If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died, and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.

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THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC ORDINARIES OF THE HOLY LAND (ACOHL)

Dear brothers and sisters,

May the Lord indeed give us His peace!

The pain and dismay at what is happening is great. Once again we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis. We have suddenly been catapulted into a sea of unprecedented violence. The hatred, which we have unfortunately already been experiencing for too long, will increase even more, and the ensuing spiral of violence will create more destruction. Everything seems to speak of death.

Yet, in the time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear.

That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to Him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish.

On behalf of all the Ordinaries of the Holy Land, I invite all parishes and religious communities to a day of fasting and prayer for peace and reconciliation. This is the way we all come together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, injustice and reconciliation.

Although most probably in many parts of our dioceses circumstances will not permit large gatherings, it is possible to organise simple and sober common movements of prayer in parishes, religious communities, and families.

With sincere prayers for all, Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa. Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. President of the ACOHL.