



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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Ambrosio; Issa Sciotto; Marcella & Aldo Scarpetti; Anthony Siketa; Terry Shanahan; Fr Tim Tolan; (One month since the death of Giovanni Stranieri); (Six months since death of)Carmela Cammarere).

BAPTISMS:

Evie & John Blizzard; Arthur Merritt; Hudson Mileto; Ellie Sansom

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Hugo Riedl; Daryl Squires; Noella Duggan



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 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER *(Year B—14 April 2024)*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!



TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
2nd: 1 John 2:1-5
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts 4:8-12
2nd: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

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 Bell Park warmly invites you to a special

Mother's Day Mass—SUNDAY, MAY 12 | 9AM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, BELL PARK



Join us as we celebrate and give thanks to all mothers and mother – figures in our lives.

Family service lead by our children, followed by cake, pastries, tea/coffee and juice.

If you would like your child to be involved in the Mass,

please contact Anita Marinovic on 0405 070 536 or Parish office. First rehearsal 14/4/2024 after the 9am Mass.

For other Mother's Day Celebrations in the Parish, there will be pizza and drinks after the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on Saturday May 11 and a Special Morning Tea after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit Church.

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:.. *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.

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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators C. Marshallsea

Lectors K Maddalena

Special Ministers K Maddalena****

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

M Kroger

J McKenzie

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 C Simpson; B Kline

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **ORDINATION OF FR MINH'S NEPHEW:** Please keep in your prayers Fr Minh's nephew Cong van Hoang who was recently ordained to the Order of Priesthood at the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst NSW.
- ◆ **WELCOME TO FR TOM CLEARY:** This weekend we welcome Fr Tom Cleary from the Columban's, to St Michael's Parish who will be the celebrant at all weekend Masses whilst Fr Minh is away.
- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S PARISH HOPE TEAM:** We warmly welcome the newly created 'Parish Hope Team' to the Parish Ministry.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** After the 11am Mass this Sunday and April 21. All most welcome.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE:** After the 9am Mass every Sunday. All most welcome.
- ◆ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:** This program is for children Gr 4 or above who attend non-Catholic primary schools but are Catholic and have completed the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The course will run over 5 Sunday morning sessions from 8.45am-10am. Enrolments close on Mon April 15. To enrol or enquire about the program, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343.
- ◆ **ROSARY AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH:** Beginning on May 4 and during the month of May, Rosary will be recited prior to the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church beginning at 4.45pm. All most welcome.
- ◆ **MOTHER'S DAY - WEEKEND OF MAY 11 & MAY 12:** To celebrate and remember our Mothers & Women in our lives, there will be pizza and drinks provided after the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on Saturday evening and a Special Morning Tea after the 9am & 11am Masses.
- ◆ **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:** Thank you to all Parishioners for your generous donations to Project Compassion 2024 and returned the Project Compassion Boxes. So that we can finalise payment, please drop the boxes off at the parish office or place on the collection plate at the weekend Masses.

Community News:

- ◆ **OUR TRUE NORTH: BECOMING THE PAROIKIA FOR OUR TIME:** Led by Fr Brendan Reed who leads a Mission community in Melbourne and is a forth right speaker about what it really means to live in service of others. 17 April, 2024 at Sacred Heart College Celies Dining Room, 4pm-5pm (arrive at dining room from 3.30pm for a cup of tea/coffee). Cost is free. Please contact the college on 5221 4211 for more information.
- ◆ **ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2024:** The Sacrament of Adult Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral will be held on **19 May 11am and 17 Nov 11am Solemn Mass.** Adult Confirmation candidates must be prepared by their local parish Priest and receive a Confirmation card on completion of their preparation. Candidates must attend an information session the Wed prior to the Confirmation 6.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Wed 15 May & 13 Nov 2024. Candidates must bring with them their Baptism/ Birth Certificates, Confirmation Card, letter from the RCIA Co-ordinator or parish Priest confirming they have been prepared and of course their Sponsor. For more contact Julie Allan, Ph: 9662 2233, or email Julie.Allan@cam.org.au
- ◆ **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2024:** The World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week
- ◆ **NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?:** If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation, a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims/survivors across Australia of church related sexual abuse. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (adam-kaali@hotmail.com or 0411 486 605).
- ◆ **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL:** Please donate to Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal. Sadly 25 million people including 14 million children are in dire need of humanitarian assistance. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/sudan or phone 1800 024 413.
- ◆ **THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY:** Catholic Mission invites parishioners to join in online prayer to mark the traditional time for Marian devotions. During this virtual Rosary, we will reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer our intentions for peace, healing and blessings for our parishes and the world.

This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community. Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) at 2pm in May and invite you to join in. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer> Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280 Password: 876574

Pope Francis Easter Blessing:

On Easter Sunday 2024, Pope Francis delivered his annual "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world) blessing and message at St. Peter's Square. This year's address highlighted prayers for peace and the well-being of those suffering from conflicts and hardships worldwide, with special mentions of the Holy Land, Ukraine, Myanmar, and other regions experiencing turmoil.

In his "Urbi et Orbi" message, Pope Francis focused on the theme of renewal, invoking the resurrection of Jesus as a symbol of hope and new beginnings. He addressed global concerns, including war, humanitarian crises, and the rights of the unborn, calling for universal solidarity and action towards peace and reconciliation.



Reflection by Richard Leonard

Sometimes the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace. But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins. A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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