



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:

Vinko Sestan.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stipe Tabak; Nada & Zlatko Velcek; Marianna Macarol; Andrew Stocks; Lyn O'Keeffe; Eric Smith; Nell Cummins; Marjorie Hill; Elisabetta & Vincenzo Pitaro; Francesco & Caterina Iannuzzi; Paul Fernandes; 1st Anniversary of Janet Johnson & Rosina Abate.

BAPTISMS:

Valentina Acosta; Charlotte & Violet Beals; Albert Spence; Indie & Cooper Symons; Maeve Ward

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Hugo Riedl; 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, Fr Minh and the Parish Safeguarding Committee members 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(Year B—19 May 2024)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Genesis 11:1-9
2nd: Rom 8:22-27
Gospel: John 7:37-39

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40
2nd: Rom 8: 14-17
Gospel: Matt 28: 16-20



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.

DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PARISH:

St Michael's Parish recently purchased three defibrillators to be installed in our churches. Increasingly on the news we hear of great stories of a 'person's life being saved by a defibrillator' and we are now looking to train suitable volunteers on how to operate a defibrillator.

There will be a full day, training session to be conducted by St John's Ambulance. The 8.30hr training day will consist of two sessions on 'Basic First Aid' and how to 'Operate Defibrillator', with a 30 minute recess in between.

If you are interested, please contact Bernadette and the Parish office on 5278 1343. we expect to train up to 10 people, including Fr Minh and Bernadette, so a few volunteers from each church would be ideal.

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

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

Welcome:

We extend a warm welcome to the children and families from our Primary Schools who gather with us at Mass this weekend, in the lead up to their First Eucharist.



Congratulations:

To the grade 4 students from Holy Spirit School who make their First Eucharist next Friday at Holy Family Church.

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** there is a set of envelopes for all **weekly and monthly** contributors in the foyer today. They are in order alphabetically by **SURNAME**. If you can't see your set of envelopes, please contact the parish office. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, contact Bernadette at the Parish on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au. Thank you for your continuing regular support.
- ◆ **2024 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE:** The Annual Mass Count in the Parish continues this weekend 18-19 May and next weekend, 25-26 May
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** After the 11am Mass this Sunday May 19. All most welcome.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE:** After the 9am Mass every Sunday. All most welcome.
- ◆ **ROSARY AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH:** Rosary will be recited prior to the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church beginning at 4.45pm for the duration of May. All most welcome.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFEGUARDING MEETING:** Our next meeting is next Friday May 24, 2pm at the Parish Office.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFEGUARDING UPDATE:** Thank you to our amazing volunteers in the parish, your time and efforts are always greatly appreciated by all. To adhere to the Archdiocese and Parish Safeguarding requirements, all volunteers must hold a current Working With Children check (WWC) and sign the Code of Conduct (due every three years for volunteers and annually for staff) as acceptance. Bernadette will email a copy of the Revised Code of Conduct in the coming week and will also contact volunteers whose WWC checks are close to the expiry date.

Community News:

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS—WINTER 2024:** In this edition the focus being 'Science in the service of God' a personal reflection; Nurturing faith and inquiry, and how to live in the world. It is clear from this issue that faith helps make sense of science and science helps to bolster faith. Please take home a copy available at all Churches.
- ◆ **DIOCESAN COMMITTEE of the GUILD OF ST STEPHEN:** Warmly invites all Altar Servers to participate in **Guild of St Stephen ANNUAL MASS: FRIDAY 24 May 2024 7.30pm. St Patrick's Cathedral** 1 Cathedral Place Melbourne. For further info please contact **Fr Joel Peart** on 0410 273 705
- ◆ **PENTECOST SUNDAY TAIZE PRAYER:** You are warmly welcome to join us: Santa Casa, 33 Flinders St Queenscliff. 19 May at 2.30pm followed by a cuppa at 3.30pm. RSVP Lizzie on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismaping.org.au
- ◆ **THE PATH OF MERCY:** This year we will again offer our Circle of Mercy Professional Learning sequence. The theme for 2024 is 'The Path of Mercy' Our first Circle of Mercy session this year is... **The Path of Mercy: Seeking Truth** Where: online via Zoom 30 May at 7-8.30pm. We are excited to have Caroline Thompson, author of **'Be as shining lamps'** Cost is Free!. **Accreditation:** this session will be recognised for accreditation to teach/lead in a Catholic school.
- ◆ **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP: Australian National Pilgrimage: 15-26 October 2024,** Come and join us on the official Pilgrimage created and led by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart for the last 28 years. An all inclusive 12 day organised pilgrimage to sacred sites in VIC, SA, & NSW. **'Don't miss out'** Find out more Ph: **(02) 8912 4818** or Email: **national.Pilgrimage@mmp.org.au** or **www.marymackillopplace.org.au**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

This, the 'fiftieth day,' concludes the season of Easter, the continuous single festival of the risen Christ. Pentecost, the Jewish feast of harvest, which also commemorates the giving of the Law of Moses, was the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles (see Acts 2.1ff). The event has been celebrated on this day at least since the third century. The joy of Pentecost is that the risen Christ breathes upon the Church and says, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (John 20.22)



Reflection by Richard Leonard:

Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard.

In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

When it comes to listening in the Church today, some people mistake mono for stereo, uniformity for unity. At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians had no such difficulty; they knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another.

The early Church was a very complex and diverse community. Like today they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world was nigh. Through it all, however, the bass notes played: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the Gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it compliments the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture which oppress, demean and diminish the women and men within it.

In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early Church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's pre-eminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it, and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the market places of our own day and age.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA:

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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