



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:

Josephine Welsh

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dorothy & Alfred Bird; Peter Bordonaro; Carmela Caccamo; Connie Tolan; Raffaele Traficante; Raymond Ibrahim (40 days since death); Mary Edith Cudmore (1st Anniversary)

BAPTISMS:

Sienna Romeo; Zimi & Sunny Ellis; Ari Ivankovic; Petra & Lev Mandekic

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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year B—26 May 2024)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Exod 24:3-8
2nd: Heb 9:11-15
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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

There will be a full day training session planned for **Saturday June 15**, to be conducted by St John's Ambulance. The training day of 8.5 hours will consist of two sessions on 'Basic First Aid' and how to 'Operate a 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

(1st Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators	M Carson
Lectors	
Special Ministers	E Carland
Welcomers	
Projectionist	B Middleton
Co-Ordinator	M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson
M Kroger
M kroger
L Fossey
L Coles

HOLY FAMILY

9.00AM

Commentators	J Siketa
Lectors	M Bird, S Costa
Special Ministers	E Karakchi; B Kline; Sr Concepta
Welcomers	K McArthur
Projectionist	C Resciniti
Co-Ordinator	C Simpson; B Kline

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **NOTE OF THANKS—SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS:** Please accept our thanks and gratitude for your generous support given to us by the purchase of flowers and your thoughtful donations, at our recent stall on Mothers Day. Money raised of \$1410 will go to help the less privileged, helpless & poor sick children in Kenya. It is remarkable according to the words of Jesus—"There is more happiness in giving than receiving". May God surely bless and reward you all, in a great measure. Needless to say that your family will be remembered in our prayers. God Bless You.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** After the 11am Mass next Sunday June 2. All most welcome.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE:** After the 9am Mass every Sunday. All most welcome.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Lunch, Monday June 3, 12.30pm at The Clubhouse (formerly Pekish) Geelong Bowls Club. See you all there!
- ◆ **PLT MEETING:** The next Parish Leadership Team Meeting will be on Tuesday June 4, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be lunch on Wednesday June 5, 12.30pm at The Clubhouse (formerly Pekish), Geelong Bowls Club, 5 Ballarat Road, North Geelong. Any St. Michael's Parish ladies who are not members of the CWL, but would like to join us for a social lunch, please contact Bernadette 0417 514 598.
- ◆ **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 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.
- ◆ **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 ww.marymackillopplace.org.au

Reflection by Richard Leonard:

One of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it.

We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation. We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity. Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they the preach.'

Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God.

The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him.

From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!

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