



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 Joyce Shillito (RSM); Sr Bernadette Bartels (RSM)

ANNIVERSARIES: Iolanda Tortoreto; Theresa Radojevic; Jennifer Maloney; Fr Hugh McDonald (RAN); Jim Liddell; Ljerka Lehpamer; Antun & Maria Ivelja; Ivelja & Jurica Families; 8 months since death of Carmela Cammarere;

BAPTISMS: Lucas Baldasso; Emily Bayliss

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Hugo Riedl; Noella Duggan; Eddie Echter



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.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B—9 JUNE 2024)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Gen 3:9-15
2nd 2 Cor 4:13—5:1
Gospel: Mark :3:20-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st:: Ezek 17:22-24
2nd: 2 Cor 5:6-10
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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'.

There will be a full day training session on **Saturday June 15**, to be conducted by St John's Ambulance. The training day of 8.5 hours commencing at 8am and will consist of two sessions on 'Basic First Aid' and how to 'Operate a Defibrillator', with a 30 minute recess in between.

St Michael's Parish at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English...9.00am Sunday
Croatian 5.00pm Sunday

Holy Spirit, Manifold Heights:

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

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** After the 11am Mass on Sunday June 16. All most welcome.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE:** After the 9am Mass every Sunday. All most welcome.
- ◆ **PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2024:** The Annual Catholic Mission Appeal will take place in the Parish on the weekend of June 15 & 16. There will be a third collection to be taken up after Communion. Envelopes will be in the churches from this weekend and donations can also be made online at catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia.
- ◆ **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed this Monday June 10 due to the King's Birthday Long Weekend.
- ◆ **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 weeks and will also contact volunteers whose WWC checks are close to the expiry date.

Community News:

- ◆ **ACCOMMODATION:** A young female pharmacist, recently arrived from Pakistan, is seeking board with a catholic family, or shared accommodation with another female. For more information please Contact Natasha 0466 715 407 or Elizabeth 0410 039 273.
- ◆ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship on Tuesday June 11, 6pm at the Bistro, Belmont Hotel, High St Belmont. Purchase of meals & drinks at your own cost. Please RSVP to John Santospirito on 0409 165 943 or johnsantospirito60@gmail.com by June 10.
- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE DISASTER:** Thousands are feared dead and many more are displaced after a devastating landslide struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your urgent support is needed now. **Donate at www.caritas.org.au/png**

Our Vision: 'no person needs to sleep rough in the Geelong Region'

SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG: provides a community and a welcoming safe home for homeless people experiencing crisis, enabling their transition to a better future

Samaritan House Geelong (SHG) are dedicated to providing a beacon of hope and support for homeless men in our community. Our mission is to offer them not just temporary relief, but also pathways to a brighter future through shelter, sustenance, and support services in collaboration with the Salvation Army.

Operating since 2012, we have grown considerably from the one residence known as the Kevin Dillon Cottage being our 4-bedroom house to now supporting 13 men in a shared housing and a further 7 men in independent units. This means that we provide care and support for a total of 20 men on a continued rotation of care and to date more than 1400 men have been the beneficiaries of SHG.

However, we cannot accomplish this mission alone. We rely on the generosity and compassion of individuals like you who understand the importance of extending a helping hand to those in need. Your support can make a world of difference in the lives of these men who are struggling to find their footing amidst the challenges of homelessness.

Donations for 2024 will be directed toward:

- Replacement of the mattresses/bedding/linen. We are seeking to raise \$10,000.
- In collaboration with Geelong Sustainability, SHG is planning to replace all inefficient gas appliances with more efficient electric appliances. This includes all heating, cooling, hot water, cooking, washing and drying appliances throughout our facility. This has the net overall benefit of reducing the emissions that we create in society as well as reducing energy costs to operate SHG, hence improving our overall sustainability. We are seeking to raise \$70,000 to fund the electrification of SHG.

No contribution is too small when it comes to making a difference in the lives of our homeless men. Whether you can spare a few dollars or a more substantial gift, your generosity will have a ripple effect that extends far beyond material assistance.

Email us at: donations@samaritanhouse.org.au to make a gift online go to: www.samaritanhouse.org.au/donate



HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate

Avoiding the real Jesus

This Gospel passage portrays two ways in which we can reject the *real* Jesus Christ. One way is quite common and we all engage in it to one degree or another. Thank goodness it is forgivable. The other is rare but has very dire consequences.

The first way is to domesticate Jesus, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', already provoking a severe reaction from the religious and political authorities. He was madly putting himself in harm's way and he had to be restrained.

But Jesus would not give up his mission to establish the reign of God on earth, the signs of which were the curing of bodies and minds, and the forgiving of sins, embodying the merciful healing presence of God, come what may (and he did know what was coming!).

His Nazareth family were trying to reduce him to manageable size so that he did not imperil himself, and them. So, he dramatically creates a new family constituted by those who, like him, are dedicated to doing the will of God.

You and I have to ask: 'Have I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meek-and-mild?' If so, we are closer to the family of Nazareth standing just outside his circle, ready to run for cover, than to the family of Jesus Christ seated around him really listening to him and therefore vulnerable.

The second way to reject the real Jesus Christ is to completely, and with malice aforethought, misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and claim that it must be Satanic, that he must be in league with the devil.

Jesus quickly retorts that, if that were the case there must be a civil war going on in Satania, because he is constantly undoing the devil's work by merciful healing. The charge is nonsense.

Worse than that, if you grievously mislead others by saying publicly, as did these religious leaders, that Jesus is diabolically acting because 'He has an unclean spirit', then it is this malicious misleading of others that is unforgiveable. You have deliberately put the salvation of others at risk.

This is real blasphemy, not some outburst of language disrespecting God, but a deliberate turning against God's plan to send the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ amongst us for our salvation.

You have also made yourself the sort of person who, at death, will not recognise the saving presence of the Risen Lord for who he is – the source of forgiveness necessary to be swept up into the loving eternal life of God.

The fact that you are here listening to this homily leads me, with pastoral confidence not presumption, to say that you need not be worried that you have committed *this* blasphemy.

You and I may be more justly worried about the first mode of rejection of the real Jesus.

Fortunately, we can with the grace of God recognise this and determine to read and hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for our lives and come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father'.

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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on today's Gospel, Pope Francis says that 'Jesus' response was not a lack of respect for his mother and his brethren.' He was not turning away from family, but rather widening the very concept.

'Jesus formed a new family,' the Pope explains, 'no longer based on natural ties, but on faith in him, on his love which welcomes us and unites us to each other, in the Holy Spirit.'

This is especially poignant when we remember that Jesus was just accused of being devilish. While Jesus' clever riposte turns the logic of the scribes upside down and puts them on the backfoot, the Pope suggests that 'this episode contains an admonishment which is useful to all of us.'

He points out that 'it can happen that deep envy of a person's goodness and good works can drive one to falsely accuse him or her.' This, after all, was the root of the accusation against Jesus. We must be alert to this temptation ourselves, especially in the Church.

We should also be alert to a little detail in this Gospel which is easily overlooked. Pope Francis draws our attention to it, because it highlights why Jesus attracted both accusations and concerns in the first place.

Jesus, the Pope points out, 'did not even have time to eat.' He was too busy encountering people and encouraging them. 'Jesus,' the Pope says, 'was like that: people first; serving people; helping people; teaching people; healing people. He was for the people. He did not even have time to eat.'

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