



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:

Laurie McDonnell; Augustin Frlan; Alojz Lozar; Mile Grgetic.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Matthew Barr; Margaret McFarlane; Anne Moore; Rolando Pacheco; Jarrod Mills; John Henriques; Josip Dubrovic; Rocco & Francesca Daniele; John Bove; Elena De Angelis; Vincenzo & Elisabetta Pitaro; Maria Teresa & Giuseppe Pitaro; Francesco & Serafina Lecchino; Breda Gajic (25th Anniversary)

BAPTISMS:

Jasmine Rudzki

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.

TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B—23 JUNE 2024)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Job 38:1, 8-11
2nd: 2 Cor 5:14-17
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2nd: 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

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.

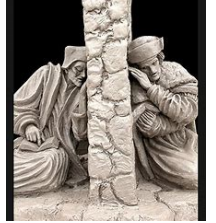
For your greater glory and for the service of your people, call many to be priests and religious.

Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINTS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE

John Fisher: Born at Beverley (England in 1469), died at London on this day in 1535. Chancellor at Cambridge and bishop at Rochester, combining diligent pastoral ministry with the defence of Catholic doctrine.

Thomas More: born in London in 1478. died there for the faith on 6 July 1535, an Oxford scholar, a noted humanist and apologist, an incorruptible judge and Lord Chancellor, a devoted husband and loving father.



Drawn into conflict with Henry VIII, both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason. Remembered for their wide learning, for their devotion to the Church, and for their uncompromising integrity and courage.

An opportunity to celebrate all the English martyrs, Catholic and Protestant, of the Reformation era. Coming from every walk of life, people rich and poor, married and single, women and men died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith.

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:.. *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 - 5TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

(4th Sunday of the Month to cover)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors G Tolan

Special Ministers G Tolan

Welcomers

Projectionist B Middleton

Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

T McMahon

J Fraatz

L Fossey

L Fossey

A Zarb

HOLY FAMILY 9.00AM

Commentators M Lukesic

Lectors F O'Neill; L Loney

Special Ministers D Lunn; C Simpson; V Resciniti

Welcomers: V Resciniti

Projectionist C Resciniti

Co-Ordinator C Simpson; B Kline

Congratulations:

To the students from Holy Family School who will make their First Eucharist this Friday at Holy Family Church.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL: Next weekend of June 29 & 30, SVDP are holding their Annual Winter Appeal in the Parish. Donations help to play a vital role in easing the burden of winter expenses including utility bills, blankets and medical costs. There will be an extra third collection to be taken up after Communion. Please support this important cause!

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **PARISH OFFICE CHANGE OF HOURS:** Bernadette will be taking annual leave from Monday June 24 until July 19. Lynne is covering the office during this time and there will be a temporary change to the office opening hours: Monday—Friday 9am-3.30pm. Outside business hours, please contact Fr Minh on 0411 216 991 if you have any queries or concerns. Opening hours will return to normal from Monday July 22.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** After the 11am Mass on Sunday July 7. All most welcome.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE:** After the 9am Mass every Sunday. All most welcome.
- ◆ **DEFIBRILLATORS AT ALL CHURCHES:** Last Saturday, nine volunteers completed training in Defibrillators, CPA & First Aid. The defibrillators have now been installed at our three churches. If there are parishioners who would like to also be trained in how to use a defibrillator, online training is available for you to complete. Please contact Fr Minh on 0411 216 991 for more information.
- ◆ **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 has recently email a copy of the Revised Code of Conduct. If you require a hard copy of the Code, please collect from the Parish office.

Community News:

- ◆ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL will be held on Wednesday July 3rd, 1.30pm, Holy Spirit Hall Bostock Avenue, Manifold Heights. All St Michael's Parish ladies are most welcome to attend
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP LUNCH: Monday 1 July 12.30pm. The Great Western Hotel.** See you all there.
- ◆ **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN: Saturday 6 July, 10am-4pm Carmelite Monastery, Kew.** The Vocations Office invites all men discerning a vocation to a day retreat. The day will include talks on the Priesthood and discernment as well as time for prayerful reflection. RSVP by Wed 3 July at: vocations@cam.org.au
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **NEW VICAR GENERAL—CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELB:** Archbishop Peter Comensoli is happy to announce the recent appointment of Very Rev Anthony (Tony) Kerrin EV JCL as the new Vicar General in the Archdiocese, commencing in the role on August 5.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul insists that the love of Christ completely transforms us, mind and heart. No longer do we judge according to human standards. No longer do we meet injury with assault. No longer do we relegate people to the margins of society, or hoard the goods that others need to survive. Everything is changed in this new worldview. We understand ourselves and our world differently. Most importantly, we perceive God differently.

Job's new insights enlightened his understanding of creation, of the Creator, and of himself, a finite creature. Several of the disciples were seasoned fishermen. They knew that sea quite well. Living close to Jesus, they knew him too. Now they saw him in a different light. In both cases, faith opened their eyes. Like the disciples, we begin to realise that this man who shares in all of our human vulnerability is able to direct the power of the Creator.

We need eyes of faith to recognise the power of God at work in the events of our lives. Like Job, faith moves us from viewing God as a deity who is so distant from us that the circumstances of our lives appear to be irrelevant, to realising that everything is ultimately in God's hands and everything follows the course on which God has set it. For our part, all we can or need do is entrust ourselves to this loving God who cares if even a sparrow falls to the ground.

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Reflection by Nick Brodie

In 2020, Pope Francis stood alone in St Peter's Square in Rome and reflected on this Gospel passage. 'We find ourselves afraid and lost,' he said. 'Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm.'

At the time, while a pandemic raged, the Pope spoke of the need for joint action for the good of all. 'We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented,' he said, before adding that this meant we are 'all of us called to row together.'

Moreover, as the Pope reminds us, we never need to row alone. Jesus is always there for us when we call.

For the apostles, Jesus was in the boat. He was present, even as his disciples flailed about, worrying what would become of them. In fact, as the Pope notes, Jesus was 'in the stern, in the part of the boat that sinks first.' Whatever our trials, we should always know that Jesus is there with us.

And, the Pope adds, we can trust that Jesus understands. Tellingly, Jesus does not only calm the wind. As the Pope puts it, 'once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.'

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Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Voice which Accompanies to the Other Side

Every element of the universe, even the most destructive, is listening for the voice of Our Lord, "Quiet, be still." In this Gospel story, the waters of chaos respond to the voice of the Lord of all creation, allowing Jesus to accompany his disciples to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

We all know of times when chaos storms into our life, when we feel we are being swamped whether from outside or from some part of our own personality. Some part of our life is facing death. We may cry out to Jesus "Don't you care?".

He *will* come to accompany us but always to "the other side". Our Lord does not indulge the fantasy of "turning back the clock". We have to keep rowing in a new direction. There is no nostalgic return to the old situation. We may well feel displaced, disoriented, but Our Lord is our companion in the unfamiliar situation we have reached.

We could take a moment to pray for Our Lord to help us in all life-threatening situations, especially in the final transit through the wrenching chaos of death. May we hear him rebuke the Prince of Darkness and Death: "Quiet, be still" as he accompanies us to the other side, to the promised land of Heaven.

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