



# 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:** Charlie Trifiletti; Patrick O'Sullivan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tony & Ivan Fantella; Maurice Glynn; Salvatore & Antonio Rotiroti;  
Giuseppina Rotiroti (1 month since death); Stasys Valaitis (1st Year Anniversary)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Hugo Riedl; Noella Duggan; Eddie Echter; Fr Ray Zammit; Fay Sullivan; Gayla Sullivan Ed Fraatz.



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 the 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.

## **TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **(Year B—15 September 2024)**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give Peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**1st:** Isaiah 50:5-9  
**2nd:** James 2:14-18  
**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**1st:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
**2nd:** James 3:16—4:3  
**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37



### **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.



## What is Alpha! explore life, faith, meaning

**Alpha is a safe space to explore life's big questions.**

Share a meal with others, watch a short video and engage in open discussion in a friendly and non-judgemental environment.

Whatever your faith background, whatever your walk of life, there is always a seat for you at Alpha. Just come and see!

MONDAY NIGHTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 16 @ 7PM - HOLY FAMILY PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE  
147 SEPARATION ST, BELL PARK.

Cost? It's FREE! REGISTER VIA QR CODE OR SIGN UP SHEET AT MASS

For more info visit [Alpha.org.au](http://Alpha.org.au)

or call Anita 0405 070 536 or Susanga 0433 786 787



### St Michael's Parish at Prayer

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

**Holy Family, Bell Park:**      **Holy Spirit, Manifold Heights:**      **Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:**

*English...9.00am Sunday      11am Sunday      Saturday 5.00pm*

*Croatian 5.00pm Sunday*

#### 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. Please 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

(4th Sunday of the Month)

#### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM**

**Commentators**      P McGlinchey

**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

## INTRODUCING TAP 'n' GO FACILITIES AT OUR CHURCHES

St Michael's Parish has recently purchased a Tap 'n' Go Smart terminal which will be up and running at our Masses from next weekend.



The terminal will be located in the foyer or narthex of each church.

There will be four choices **\$5; \$10; \$15 and \$20**. Your Tap 'n' Go transaction will form part of the first collection. Please note there will still be the normal 1st and 2nd collections taken up during Mass.

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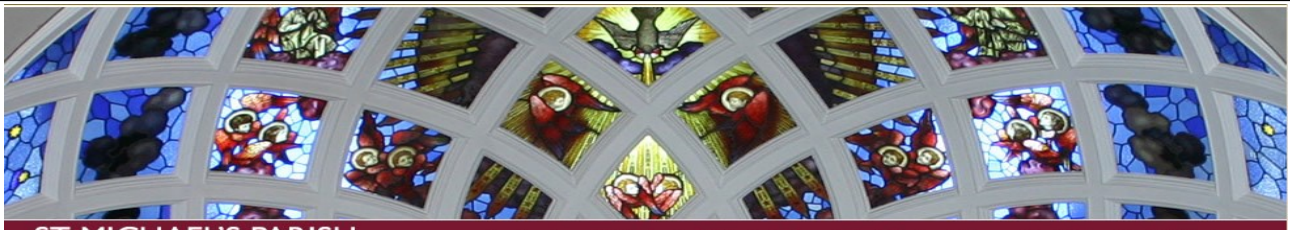
*Congratulations:* To Fr Minh on the occasion of his 10 years since his Ordination to Priesthood on Sept 13. This Sunday, Sept 15, please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass at Holy Family Church.

### St Michael's News:

- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE:** After the 9am Mass **SUNDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING**. Everyone is most welcome.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** This Sunday September 15 after the 11am Mass. All most Welcome!
- ◆ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Our next meeting is on Wednesday Sept 18, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **CWL Annual General Meeting of the Manifold branch for 2024** will be held on Wednesday 2 October 1.30pm at Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Avenue, Manifold Heights. Our guest speaker will be Sr Brigid Arthur from the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. Sr Brigid will speak at approximately 2.15pm and all St Michael's parishioners are most welcome to attend her talk. Afternoon tea will follow the talk. For further information please contact Colleen 0418 789 604 or Bernadette 0417 514 598
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - SPRING 2024:** In this edition the focus being 'Do Good, Be Good, Spread the Good News'. At a time of what seems unrelenting bad news - wars, climate destruction, increasing polarisation of peoples - it is a pleasure to be able to share good news with you, our readers. Please take home a copy available at all churches.
- ◆ **COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES' RAFFLE BOOKS:** I have 20 books left to distribute. If you would like a book, I am happy to 'home deliver'. Please call or message David Lunn on 0408 378 982 your name and address. Thank you from David Lunn.
- ◆ **CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:** At the recent meeting, the main focus was working through the Compliance Assessment requirements from the Archdiocese with regard to the safeguarding of children, young people & vulnerable adults and identifying areas the Parish has fully developed and areas that still require development. Our next meeting is on Friday October 4.

### Community News:

- ◆ **HEALING MASS:** St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane on Monday September 23 at 10am. All most welcome.
- ◆ **ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:** The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.  
Online Diaconate information meeting: Tuesday, 24 September, 7.30pm-9pm: Location: via [ZOOM](#)  
**Attendance will be by invitation.** Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison [kevin.pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:kevin.pattison@cam.org.au)  
In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.
- ◆ **THE PATH OF MERCY: Living Story:** You are warmly invited to the next Circle of Mercy PD event. There will be a panel of presenters that will speak about living a merciful life and being committed to the Common Good. Our speakers include Jo Betz, Steph Davies and Kelly Suvoltos.  
  
**Where:** Face to face at Sacred Heart College (Celies dining room) or via Zoom **17 October at 7-8.30pm** Cost Free!  
**Accreditation:** This session will be recognised for accreditation to teach /lead in a Catholic school. We hope to see you all at this final Circle of Mercy event for 2024. for more information please contact Christina at Sacred Heart College.
- ◆ **WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL GEELONG:** Music at the Basilica will present the 15th Annual Windfire Music Festival, Geelong from 4 to 13 October. There will be 3 concerts each weekend, ranging from classical to modern music featuring some of Geelong's finest musicians, and 5 free lunchtime organ recitals using some of Geelong Historic organs. For details of concerts, dates, times and venues please visit [www.musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://www.musicatthebasilica.org.au) or email us at [music.Basilica@bigpond.com](mailto:music.Basilica@bigpond.com)



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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—EVENTS IN THE PARISH OVER THE COMING MONTHS**

- Sept 15... RCIA - Rite of Reception Welcome at 9am Mass Holy Family Church
- Sept 16... Monday evening "Alpha" sessions begin in the Parish at 7pm
- Sept 22... RCIA Rite - Candidates receive Sacraments at 9am Mass Holy Family Church
- Sept 29... St Michael's Parish Feast Day
- Oct 10... Taize Prayer night - Holy Spirit Church 7-8pm
- Oct 11-12... Confirmations in the Parish - Holy Family School & Parish Group
- Oct 18... Confirmations in the Parish - St Patrick's School
- Oct 31.... Confirmations in the Parish - Holy Spirit School
- Nov 1..... All Saints Day
- Nov 2..... All Souls Day
- Nov 2-3... Annual Bereavement Masses
- Nov 5 ..... Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon—Holy Spirit Hall (TBC)
- Nov 14... Maria Forde Advent Reflection - Holy Family Church 7pm
- Nov 21... Taize Prayer night - Holy Spirit Church; 7-8pm
- Dec 1..... Advent begins
- Dec 19.... St Michael's Parish Christmas Carols Evening
- Dec 25.... Christmas Day

### **Reflection for Young People – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart**

In the second reading, James says it's not enough to pray for homeless and hungry and poor people. We need to give them food to eat and clothes and blankets to keep them warm.

Do you think James means this literally? Do you think this means that even teenagers need to find ways to make the world a better place for people who don't have the same advantages we have? Why or why not?

What opportunities are available for young people to serve the needs of the poor? How can you help? How can you make a difference?

In the Gospel Peter goes from the top to the bottom in no time. He scores high when he answers that Jesus is the Messiah, but then is reprimanded by Jesus when he doesn't want to hear of death and suffering. It's like a roller coaster ride for poor Peter.

Have you ever had one of those roller-coaster days – up one minute, down the next? Describe what it was like. Do you think Peter could relate to that day? Can you relate to Peter's?

Obviously Jesus loves Peter, even when he messes up. He congratulates Peter when he does well, and he criticises him when he does poorly. Peter is praised when successful and forgiven when unsuccessful. How is Peter's relationship with Jesus like your relationship with your parents? How is it different?

Jesus speaks of following him and taking up the cross. He means that we will have to endure the suffering and the difficult times if we are to be his followers. Have you endured some hard times? Who has endured those hard times with you? When have you supported someone else going through hard times? Do you think this is what Jesus is talking about? Why or why not?

How is taking up the cross and following Jesus (mentioned in the Gospel reading) connected to putting your faith into practice (mentioned in the second reading)? How is Jesus' message similar to James' message?

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### **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living? © Dianne Bergant CSA