



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: Erminio Perich
ANNIVERSARIES: Giacinto (Jack) Palmieri; Agnes Tuddenham; Joseph Gillett Snr; Richard-James Verzosa; Ilario Preiato (1 month since death)
RCIA RECEPTION & SACRAMENTS: Clare Maclean
BAPTISMS: Koah & Astro Baumann; Nash & Bobbi Maclean; Riley & Ella Vredenbregt
PRAY FOR THE SICK: Hugo Riedl; Noella Duggan; Fay Sullivan; Gayla Sullivan; Fr Prakash Cutinha



Our Lady of the Rosary 7 October

This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honored in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's 'psalter,' the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.



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....

A REMINDER: Children are to be supervised by their parent/ guardian at all times, and must also be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian!

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)—6 OCTOBER 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven: you are the Lord of all.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd: Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

1st: Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd: Hebrews: 4: 12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

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

Dear friends,

In our third Alpha session, we explored the profound question, "Why did Jesus die?" We reflected on the problem of sin, God's solution through Jesus' sacrifice, and the incredible result of His death. Many of us have heard that Jesus died on the cross, but why? His death brings us forgiveness, freeing us from the burden of sin. During our discussion, we asked: What does forgiveness mean to you? Have you ever forgiven or been forgiven? These questions spark meaningful reflection, as forgiveness touches each of our lives. How about you—what does forgiveness mean to you?

See you at the next session on **Monday 7 October** at 7pm..

For more info visit 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

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S—5.00PM

Commentators M Carson
Lectors R Perera
Special Ministers P McGlinchey
Welcomers
Projectionist B Middleton
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT—11AM

L Strzelecki
M Martin
L Fossey
L Fossey
R Martin

HOLY FAMILY 9.00AM

Commentator K Saunders
Lectors D Lunn, A Negro
Special Ministers J Genova, C Marcantonio; H Verdnik
Welcomers C Marcantonio; V O'Malley
Projectionist C Resciniti
Co-Ordinator C Simpson; B Kline



Congratulations: To Clare Maclean who will be Initiated into the Catholic Faith at Holy Family Church this Sunday and to Teagann Baumann who was initiated into the Catholic Faith on September 22. May the prayers of our Community support them both on their faith journey. We also congratulate Clare & Teagann's children who will be baptised at this Mass.

Taizé services at St. Michael's Parish, Holy Spirit Church Manifold Heights!

We are excited to announce that Holy Spirit Church will begin hosting monthly Taizé services, offering a unique opportunity to experience a simple yet profound form of Christian worship.

Taizé is known for its meditative style, with short, repetitive chants, quiet reflection, and scripture readings, all held in the peaceful glow of candlelight. The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar, drawing us to encounter Christ's presence in a special way.

These services invite us to pause, reflect, and deepen our connection with God, both personally and as a community.

We warmly invite everyone to join us for the first Taizé service on Thursday, October 10th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Come and rest in the presence of the Lord. All are welcome!



CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY 2024: 'Our partnership with Mongolia continues this year as we mark and celebrate World Mission Sunday. We gratefully seek your support for the important work of putting faith into action—following in the footsteps of Pope Francis' important visit to this very young and emerging Catholic community'.

Weekend of October 19 & 20. There will be an extra 3rd collection taken up after Communion at all Masses. Appeal envelopes are now available at all churches to take home and complete.

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Lunch Monday 7 October 12.30pm at 'THE YARDZ' Church Street Geelong West. See you all there!
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT:** After the 9am Mass in the Parish Community Centre and after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit Church hall.
- ◆ **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON CANCELLED:** Unfortunately, we will not be hosting the Melbourne Cup Luncheon this year, due to insufficient helpers.
- ◆ **REMINDER TO RETURN RAFFLE BOOKS:** 150 books issued and 110 books returned so far. Could the remaining 40 books please be returned by mid October at the latest. David Lunn.
- ◆ **OPPORTUNITY—HAIR CUT:** This is a kind gesture from our Parishioner Rose, who is a qualified hairdresser and is offering her services for free, to cut Parishioners' hair. It will be trialled for a few months and will start on October 31. Venue: St Michael's Parish Community Centre from 10.30am—12.30pm. A donation to the Parish would be greatly appreciated. To book a time, please contact the Parish office on 5278 1343. In accordance with Parish Child Safeguarding requirements, all persons must be 18 years and over.

Community News:

- ◆ **DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS TODAY OCTOBER 6:** Just a reminder to put your clocks forward one hour.
- ◆ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends at our dinner on 8 October 2024, 6pm at **Great Western Hotel (Western Room)**, cnr Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave Newtown. **Cost:** Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. RSVP to **Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584** by **Friday 4 October**.
- ◆ **ST BERNARD'S PARISH—TWO DAY PARISH RENEWAL:** In Conversation with Fr Richard Leonard SJ on Friday October 11 & Saturday October 12, 2024. Free event, donation appreciated. Bookings for Friday: <https://www.trybooking.com/cuppe>. Bookings for Saturday: <https://www.trybooking.com/cupud>.
- ◆ **MARCH FOR THE BABIES:** Join us to stand for babies and their Mums at **1pm Saturday October 12** in the **Treasury Gardens, Spring Street Melbourne** at the 2024 **March for the Babies**.
- ◆ **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. For more information please visit www.musicatthebasilica.org.au or email us at music.Basilica@bigpond.com
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL RETREATS:** at **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne**. A series of reflection nights and retreats commencing with a Reflection Day focussing on the central theme of the Year of Jubilee 2025: **Hearing the Audacious Call to be Pilgrims of Hope** facilitated by Mark Walsh. The day will include times of contemplation using scripture and prayer. **Monday 28 Oct 9.30am—3.15pm. Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Cost: \$120** (morning tea provided. BYO Lunch) for more info please call (03) 9926 9300 or www.mmhc.org.au/spiritual-retreat/



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

- 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 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

My dear friends,

Greetings to you, in Christ Jesus, Prince of Peace.

As we approach the first anniversary of the 7 October terrorising and evil attack by Hamas on Israel, we have seen from a distance the frightening and destructive consequences that have unfolded, involving many countries and more importantly, many peoples—families, the elderly, the young, the displaced.

The lands of Israel, Lebanon, and the Palestinian territories are our Holy Lands, and it is heartbreaking to see where Jesus walked, talked, died and rose, once again on the precipice of an abyss.

Recently, I met with Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. His wise words remain with me: a “solution to conflict does not equate with peace”. Rather, peace comes through the speaking of truth and fostering of trust.

Similar thoughts were expressed in this year's Social Justice Statement, of the Australian Bishops:

All of this points to a crisis of truth which creates in turn the crisis of trust lying at the heart of the world's current convulsions; because without trust there can be no peace... We say: speak truth to build trust and build trust to make peace.

In the conflict zones hatred is obscuring truth and hindering peace. This is something we can never give oxygen to in our own country. No to war, and no to the hatred of peoples. Whilst we might feel helpless at what is unfolding overseas, we can ensure that we live truthfully, and work for dialogue and reconciliation at home. As Christians, peace among people, and respect of peoples, must be our choice.

I join with Pope Francis and my brother Bishops in calling for a day of prayer, fasting and reconciliation for Peace this coming Monday, 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. I encourage you to take up this call in your family and localities. I also ask that our faith communities give expression in prayer to this call during our worship this Sunday, rather than protest in anger.

May our prayers be offered in earnest to Blessed Mary, Mother of Hope and true Lady of Israel, of Palestine and of Lebanon, so that through her intercession the God of all mercy and consolation will bring about a reconciled world.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne.

