



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: Marijan Demo; Ida Kogoj.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Siketa; Maria Ambrosip; Wassela Al-sakkal; Majed Karakchi; Jose Ferreira & family.

BAPTISMS: Giuliana Visintin; Florence Calleja; River McKenzie; Soli Picak; Archie Wood

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Hugo Riedl; Fay & Gayla Sullivan; Fr Prakash Cutinha; Lorraine McDonald; Joseph Akande



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!



St Michael's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and 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, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343.

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year C) - 13 April 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king to glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



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.

Dear Parishioners,



**Holy Week is the heart of our Christian faith—
a sacred time to walk with Jesus in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.**

I warmly invite you to join us for these life-giving liturgies: Reconciliation, Holy Thursday's Lord's Supper, Good Friday's Stations of the Cross and Passion, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Mass.

Through these celebrations, we encounter Christ's boundless love and the victory of His Resurrection. Let us gather as a parish family to pray, reflect, and rejoice in the salvation He won for us.

Our parish is ready to welcome you—come, let us journey together through this most holy week.

God bless you,

Fr. Minh Tran

WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE

You are warmly invited to share in our Holy Week celebrations 2025



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SECOND RITE:

Tuesday April 15... 7.00pm Holy Family

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Holy Thursday April 17... 7.00pm Holy Spirit Church followed by Adoration until 9.00pm

WAY OF THE CROSS:

Good Friday April 18... 10.00am Holy Family (outdoors—School oval)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

Good Friday April 18...
Includes Communion 3.00pm Holy Family

EASTER VIGIL:

Saturday April 19... 5.00pm Holy Family (Croatian)
7.30pm Holy Family

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

Sunday April 20...
8.30am Ss Peter & Paul's (Lithuanian)
9.00am Holy Family
10.00am Ss Peter & Paul's
11.00am Holy Spirit
5.00pm Holy Family (Croatian)

Blessing of Easter Food: Saturday April 19... 3.00pm Holy Family

**Holy Family
Separation Street
Bell Park**

**Ss Peter & Paul
Malone Street
Geelong West**

**Holy Spirit
Bostock Avenue
Manifold Heights**

St Michael's news:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** A reminder, during Holy Week, the 9.15am daily Masses on **April 17 at Holy Family Church & April 18 at Holy Spirit Church** are cancelled. The 5pm weekend Mass on **April 19 at Ss Peter & Paul's Church** is also cancelled.
- ◆ **THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed for the Easter break from Friday April 18 and will reopen on Tuesday April 22.
- ◆ **SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY:** There will be a special collection taken up at the 3pm Good Friday Service on April 18 for the upkeep of the Holy Places, maintained by the Holy Land.
- ◆ **PARISH OFFICE TEMPORARY CHANGE OF HOURS:** Tuesday April 8 until Thursday April 17 - 9am - 3pm.
- ◆ **PROJECTIONIST NEEDED:** We need help with our projectionist team at Ss Peter & Paul's church for the 5pm Saturday Mass. We are happy to provide training. Anyone who can help please contact Bernadette Middleton 0417 514 598 or leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office.
- ◆ **JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE - DAY TRIP TO QUEENSCLIFF —22 May 2025** As part of 'Jubilee 2025. Pilgrimage of Hope', St Michael's Parish invites parishioners to join us on a day trip to Holy Trinity Church Queenscliff; Thursday May 22, leaving from the Parish office at 10am for an 11.00am start and return by 3.00pm. Lunch will be provided and shared with parishioners of Queenscliff Parish. Transport by bus. Please add your name to the sign-up boards, now in the three churches.
- ◆ **CUPPA & CHAT:** After the 9am Mass and every Thursday after the 9.15am daily Mass (except this Thursday April 18) in the Parish Community Centre. Next cuppa after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit Church on Easter Sunday April 20.
- ◆ **ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:** The Parish office will be closed on Friday April 25 due to the Public Holiday.



Community News:

- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHRISM MASS: Tuesday 15 April 10am.** Bell Park Parish Community is most welcome to attend.
- ◆ **CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT CORIO:** Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be held at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio on April 27; beginning at 2pm Holy Hour with Rosary and Chaplet, 3pm Holy Mass and 4pm. Veneration of 1st Class Relic of St Faustina. Confessions available from 2pm-4.30pm. Celebrant: Fr Marcus Goulding. Enquiries to Chris Kenworthy 0407 522 055.
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:** We have begun the year hope-filled and energised in our planning of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) and eagerly look forward to welcoming the young people of Australia to Melbourne this November, **Date: Sunday 30 November (afternoon) and finish Tuesday 2 December (late evening).** Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, it is widely accessible via trams, trains (via Southern Cross Station or Flinders St Station); and a walking paths along the Southbank precinct. Registrations will open early May. Pricing will range from \$390-\$410pp. Contact www.acyf.org.au or acyf@cam.org.au or Ph: **03 7064 3995** during business hours.
- ◆ **PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION 3 MAY 2025:** Following the success of the permanent diaconate information sessions in 2024, we will be holding another session for those interested. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 to 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate.** If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Wives most welcome. **Venue Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Saturday 3 May 10am-11.30am.** If you are interested email Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.
- ◆ **MUSIC IN THE BASILICA: Sunday 13 April 5pm,** Windfire Choir Easter Concert. Windfire Choir and Orchestra; Zinaida Campion-soprano; Conductor-Joseph Hie. Mozart—Laudata Dominum, Reinberger—Stabat Mater, Mendelssohn—Salve Regina, Allegri—Miserere Mei, Stephanie Martin— God so loved the world. Tickets \$50 Full; \$45 Seniors; \$40 Concession available from www.trybooking.com/CYIWR or at the door. Children and school students free.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEER ABROAD!** Use your knowledge to build self-reliance for those with little opportunity. Join Palms [online](https://www.palms.org.au) for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, from those who've done it before. Explore our [unique opportunities](https://www.palms.org.au) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! **Thursday 22 May, 6-7pm .** For more information, please ring (02) 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au .

HOLY WEEK 2025 ROSTERS



HOLY THURSDAY	Holy Spirit - 7.00pm	Commentator	M Carson
		Lectors	G Tolan, P McGlinchey
		Special Ministers	M Fiorillo
		Music	K Lynch
		Projectionist	H Phan
GOOD FRIDAY:	Holy Family - 3.00pm	Narrator	J McKenzie
		Lector	M Kroger
		Special Ministers	M Fiorillo, P McGlinchey, D Lunn
		Collectors	P McGlinchey, D Lunn, E Karakchi, ****
		Projectionist	C Resciniti
EASTER VIGIL:	Holy Family - 7.30pm	Commentator	M Carson
		Lectors	J McKenzie, M Kroger, M Bird, S Costa
		Special Ministers	M Fiorillo, M Giles, P Webb
		Collectors	****, ****, ****, ****
		Projectionist	C Resciniti
EASTER SUNDAY:	Holy Family - 9.00am	Commentator	C Simpson
		Lectors	T McMahon, H Verdnik
		Special Ministers	C Simpson, E Karakchi, P Ruggeri
		Projectionist	C Resciniti
	Ss Peter & Paul's - 10.00am	Commentator	C Marshallsea
		Lector	S O'Shea
		Special Ministers	P McGlinchey
		Projectionist	B Middleton
	Holy Spirit - 11.00am	Commentator	L Strzelecki
		Lector	J McKenzie
		Special Ministers	M Drake-Bemelmans
		Projectionist	F Kearney



PALM SUNDAY



Today we read the Passion narrative from the Gospel of St Luke. It is not by any means for the fainthearted. Even if it is familiar to us, we should try to remember how extraordinary it is.

After so many centuries of cruelty, crucifixion still ranks as one of the most appalling things people have ever thought to do to their fellow humans. Yet this was how God chose to show the depth of his love. God was prepared to go to any lengths for us. The letter to the Philippians says that Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. Why? The only possible explanation is love. Anyone who has loved another knows that it will inevitably bring a share of suffering. Jesus walks alongside all who suffer. He shares their cross as they share his.

The fact that crucifixion was so common in the Roman world should also make us pause for a moment. Jesus lived and died in a world in which people were routinely degraded. He met plenty of them in his travels, people cast by the wayside, and helped many. For those without power, life was fragile, even cheap. Has much changed? Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia has invited us to share the work of Project Compassion. The stories we have encountered remind us that the world is still an uneven field. Project Compassion invites us to respond in love to free people in captivity to very challenging circumstances. It invites us in a small way to carry the cross, to live in hope of Resurrection.

Perhaps this week, as well as joining in the services of Holy Week, we can take some time to sit quietly with The Passion narrative from Luke's Gospel on our own. Think about all the characters we meet: Peter, Judas, Pilate, Herod, the women of Jerusalem, Simon of Cyrene, the soldiers, the two criminals, the women from Galilee, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea. Try to see the events from each of their perspectives. Then quietly see them from your own perspective, from your world in 2025. Pray in humble gratitude.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.