



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:

Philomena Carvalho; Joe Topolcsanyi; Giuseppe (Joe) Ruggeri; Giovanni Mamone (Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jarrold Mills; Augustin, Margita, Anica & Antun Frlan; Matthew Barr; Anne Moore; Margaret McFarlane; Joao (Johnny) Henriques & Family; Jesus Herrera; Stjepan Majstorovic; Giuseppa Papalia; Elen Rees (1 year anniversary)

BAPTISMS:

Cartia Bartolo; Rowie Featherstone; Emma Harvey; Eloise Hillman; Raff Webb

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Hugo Riedl; Fr Prakash Cutinha; Denise Pollard; Nhan Phan; Stephen Dean; Jacinta Fernando (Sri Lanka); Olimpia Louro (Portugal); Davor Sikic; Gary Murphy; Ignacia Garcia



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

- Children are special and will always be welcome in our Church -

- All children have the right to express their views openly and honestly in all matters affecting them, and also to respect other people's views -

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 whilst on church property, and must also be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian!

In the spirit of reconciliation, St Michael's Parish acknowledges the living culture of the Wathaurong People, the Traditional Owners and Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

**21 June 2026 - (Year A)
TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

2nd: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

2nd: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

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.



ONE IN CHRIST

One Hundred Years of World Mission Sunday!

UNITED IN MISSION

On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity.

Your support is helping create spaces where children like Yamikani* can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please visit catholicmission.org.au/unity to lend your support today.

To learn more about the impact you can make through Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work to see other examples of life-giving programs around the world. *Name changed for privacy. Reasons.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

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ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(4th Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S

5.00PM

Commentators

M Gifford

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

P Webb

Welcomers

Projectionist

M Carson

Co-Ordinator

M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT 11AM

S Tighe

J Fraatz

Holy Angels Sisters

L Fossey

C Hullin



HOLY FAMILY

9.00AM

Commentators

M Lukesic

Lectors

F O'Neill; E Siketa

Special Ministers

D Lunn; C Simpson; V Resciniti

Welcomers

V Resciniti

Projectionist

C Resciniti

Co-Ordinator

K Tantanouvong

St Michael's Parish at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES:

HOLY FAMILY, BELL PARK:

English...9.00am Sunday

Croatian 11.30am Sunday

HOLY SPIRIT, MANIFOLD HTS:

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 & 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 in the Parish meeting room, next to Holy Family Church.



FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL - JUNE 29:

This year to commemorate and celebrate this important Feast Day in our Parish which falls on a Monday, the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on Saturday June 27 will celebrate this occasion.



Youth Fundraising Events:

Our youth are preparing to attend World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea, and will be leading fundraising initiatives in the coming months. We would greatly appreciate your support and kindly ask parishioners to contribute with cash where possible. Thank you for your generosity!

June 28—Bake sale July 26—Raffle
August 30—Face painting/balloon animal making
September 27—Live music



St Michael's News:

- ♦ **CONGRATULATIONS:** To the grade 4 students from Holy Family School and the students for the Parish Sacramental Program who will receive the Eucharist for the first time.
- ♦ **CUPPA & CHAT:** After the 9am Mass on Sunday and every Thursday after the 9.15am daily Mass in the Parish Community Centre. The next cuppa after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit Church is this Sunday June 21. All most welcome!
- ♦ **CUPPA-CRAFT FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** All welcome. BYO craft, or just come along for a cuppa and chat. **2-4pm Tuesdays**, on the following dates, **23 June, 14 July, 28 July, 11 Aug, 25 Aug, 8 Sept, 22 Sept, 13 Oct, 17 Oct, 27 Oct, 10 Nov & 24 Nov.** Contact Debbie on 0409 416 946.

Community News:

- ♦ **CLONARD COLLEGE:** 70th Anniversary Celebration Dinner—an evening of reflection, gratitude and celebration as we honour our rich history and the remarkable community that has shaped Clonard across 70 years. The Celebration Dinner will be held on **Friday 28 August at Truffle Duck, 66 Hyland St, Fyansford at 6pm.** Tickets available at <https://www.trybooking.com/DKEPU>
- ♦ **GEELONG POLISH COMMUNITY:** Is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Migration of Poles to Geelong with a special dinner and captivating photo exhibition showcasing the lives, stories and contributions of Polish migrants in our local community. All are most welcome. Saturday June 20, 6pm at White Eagle House, 46-48 Fellmongers Rd, Breakwater. Tickets can be purchased via trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DLYOB> or at White Eagle House, reception@whiteeaglehouse.com.au.
- ♦ **menALIVE reunion:** Sunday July 5 at St Mary Mackillop Church Bannockburn. For information and to register for the event, please use the link or the code: <https://forms.gle/CaguM9YTFtE24pyK8>
- ♦ **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 'SHOWCASE':** Calling all performers! To celebrate the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**, COG Theatre is hosting a musical showcase highlighting the life of St Francis of Assisi. **Expressions of interest welcome!** If you are a performer, technician, administrant or are just eager to get involved, please contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com OR by phone 0413 398 528.



A TIME FOR EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL

THE YEAR OF PRAYER: 2026 commences our preparation for Eucharist28 as a year dedicated to prayer; deepening our own personal relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. Christ has already accomplished the salvation of the world. Our task is to lead our communities into deeper communion with him. As Pope St John-Paul II reminded us, 'the programme already exists... It has its centre in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated.' (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 60)



EUCHARIST28 PRAYER—

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us,
 we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ.

AMEN.



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Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ:

A few years ago there was an English film entitled, *Secrets and Lies*. It charted the story of a dysfunctional family who sat on terrible secrets and told many lies for decades.

Like many successful dramatic films, audiences flocked to see it, not only because of its compelling story, but also because it tapped into an important truth about family life as many of us live it.

When I was a boy I was often told that 'What's said and done in the home, stays in the home.' And to a degree, this is a good and loyal principle.

There are, however, family secrets and lies that cause untold damage for generations because no one is allowed to speak about them. Sexual abuse, domestic violence, suicide, incest, drug-taking, alcoholism, theft, adoption and abortion are only some of the secrets and lies that many families sit on.

Jesus, however, tells us in today's Gospel that what you 'say in the dark, tell in the light. What you whisper in darkness, shout from the housetops.'

This doesn't mean that Christians tell everyone their personal business, but it does cut to the heart of what stunts spiritual and personal growth.

To the degree that something shameful remains buried, hidden and unhealed, then its power over us is increased. It remains the thing about which we can never speak. The bad spirit has a field day with this sort of stuff, feeding our fears and lowering our self-esteem.

In this regard some Christians make a false distinction between their spiritual and psychological lives. They hold that the exploration of one's personal history or emotional problems is self-indulgent or unimportant to how we live.

We all know people who, in the pursuit of emotional health, become obsessed by their own story, feelings, reactions and psychology. We also know others who never deal with the heavy hurts they seem to carry through the years, even though the pain of them seem to be as powerfully felt now as they were when they were inflicted upon them. Today's Gospel reminds us that there is a middle road between denying what should be acknowledged and dealt with, and being absorbed by it.

The Church, rightly, holds that the best psychological tools can bring out into the open memories and experiences that can be seen for what they are and dealt with. We just have to be sure that we don't get conned into believing that psychology and therapy is anything but a pit-stop in life, so that we can attend to the working order of our mental machinery, and, importantly, get back on the road with everyone else, calling in later if needs be.

Long before the therapist's office Christ enabled the Church to develop the Sacrament of Penance where we admit our most destructive behaviour and hear that we are forgiven and healed.

That's why, when I am hearing a confession, I can't tell you how happy I am to hear the penitent say, 'Father I have never told anyone this before.'

At that moment I know the love of God is active in the person, drawing out what Christ wants in the light, spoken of and healed.

This Sunday Jesus invites all of us to find a person we respect and trust, and to end the tyranny of the power of secrets and lies. I promise you when you take this risk with the appropriate person, the presence of God won't be very far away either.

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Reflection by Greg Sunter:

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

Living the Gospel – From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

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