



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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Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

Hearing the story of Adam and Eve in today's first reading reminds me of the little boy who opened the large family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mummy, look what I found', the little boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

The Genesis story about the origins of sin in the world rewards very careful reading. The serpent promises Eve two things: that her eyes will be

opened to know good from evil and that this will make her like God. Such a temptation was irresistible and nothing has changed.

Knowledge is a gift given us by God. I am always grateful for being a Catholic because, along with other long-standing Christian denominations, we highly value scholarship, rational thought and inquiry. As anxious as the Church has sometimes been about scientific investigations, our best traditions are to see God revealed in human thoughts and scientific achievements that ennoble our human family. It is the application of knowledge, or the way it is abused, that can be harmful.

On the domestic front, many families have a 'know-it-all', the relative who has an extraordinary ability to retain facts and

figures and who seems to gain a sense of self-worth by correcting us mid-sentence when we get a number, place or fact wrong. He or she can be very irritating. On the world stage we have seen how scientific knowledge can try and seduce us into believing that all scientific achievements are good no matter how unknown the consequences of these choices might be for future generations. Every new piece of knowledge brings with it wonderful potentialities and serious responsibilities.

As this story demonstrates, the temptation to know as much as God has never been more real than it is right now.

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To the Holy Family School children who are making their Commitment to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

- First Sunday of Lent -

(Year A/1 - March 5, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you...

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 12:1-4
2nd Reading: 2Tim 1:8-10
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



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.

The St Michael's Parish at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday
Croatian... 11am Sunday
Slovenian.. 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

6.00pm Saturday
11am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday
11am 2nd & 4th Sundays

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family:

9.15am Tues, 9.15am Thurs

Holy Spirit:

9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am 1st Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

Grace McKellar Centre:

10.15am - 1st Tuesday

Maryville Nursing Home:

11am 1st & 3rd Friday

Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Friday;

Vincentian Village:

3.00pm 1st & 3rd Monday, (2nd & 4th Communion Service)

St John of God Hospital:

11.30am every Thursday in SJOG Chapel

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12noon at Ss P&P,
3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

Mon... Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

Tues... Meditation Group

5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

Wed... Prayer of the Church

Before 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

Wed... Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

Thurs... Italian Prayer Group

10.00am

St Patrick's Chapel

Fri... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

After 11am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

Fri... Divine Mercy

3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

Sat... Rosary

After 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

Mar 5: Brown family, 23 Bostock Ave; **Mar 6-19:** Stocks family, 22 Orr St; **Mar 20-Apr 3:** Wright family, 42 Logan St.

If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help, ph Tina Montalto on 5278 9314.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS:

Fr Paul Maher and Maria Dujmovic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Giovanni Serra, Joe Trinder, Ken Martin, Joan Booth, Patrick Hogan, Brian Holmes,
Antonino Battaglia

BAPTISMS:

George Johnson, Banjo Basset, Oliver Keane, Domenic Santoro

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Joanne Straughan, Anita Capicchiano, Theo DaCosta, Geraldine Fay, June Smith,
Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa, Johann Angerbaure

Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list . Please phone the office on 5278 1343.

Roster for Next Sunday, March 12, 2017

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

M Howard

Lectors

F O'Neill

Special Ministers

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

Welcomers

C Marcantonio,

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

J Ryan

Lectors

Special Ministers

R O'Neill, E Ryan, L Vannata

Welcomers

Projectionist

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

M Bohan

Lectors

P Power

Special Ministers

P McGlinchey

Welcomers

D Dougherty

Projectionist

B Middleton

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

L Fossey

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S:

St Michael's Luncheon...	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
Holy Family Luncheon..	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO casserole & drink to share.
Holy Family Women's Group...	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
St Vincent de Paul...	Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre 7.30pm. Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
Legion of Mary...	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
Baptism Preps	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
Holy Family Choir Practice...	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
Manifold CWL...	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
Italian Mass...	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
Catholic Diners' Club...	2nd Tues of each month, 6.15pm at Capri Receptions. Dinner/Guest Speaker - ph 0431 959 584

If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org



Lent at St Michael's:

LITURGICAL/SACRAMENTAL DATES:

- March 5...** Holy Family School children's commitment to the Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.30am at Holy Family Church
- March 9...** Sacramental Night for Holy Spirit school children with Fr Elio Capra
- March 11...** Holy Spirit School children's commitment to the Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm at HS Church
- March 12...** St Patrick's School children's commitment to the Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am at Ss P&P
- March 15...** St Patrick's Sacramental night for Reconciliation
Primary school age Baptismal program
- March 16...** Holy Family Sacramental preparation for all Sacraments
- March 17...** St Patrick's class Mass 9.30am at St Patrick's School
- March 18...** Holy Spirit School Commitment Mass for all Sacraments, 6pm at Holy Spirit Church.
- March 19...** Holy Family School Commitment Mass for Reconciliation, 9.30am Holy Family Church
Holy Spirit School Commitment Mass for all Sacraments, 11am at Holy Spirit Church.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTERING INTO THE SPIRIT OF LENT



HELP NEEDED: We are seeking volunteers who would be available to assist as Special Ministers to visit the elderly and sick of Holy Spirit parish after the Wednesday morning Mass. This ministry is based on a roster so there is a sharing of the visitation over the year. If you are interested please contact Fr Gerard 5278 1343.

A DAY OF MINDFULNESS BY THE SEA: *Santa Casa, 33-35 Flinders St Q'Cliff, Wed March 15 and/or Tues March 28, 10am-3pm*
Cost \$15 incl morning tea/light lunch. Facilitator - Sr Jean McGonigal RSM. **RSVP Sr Jean on 5229 2754 or 0408 559 891 before March 13th.**

HOPE - LENTEN PROGRAM 2017: This year there is an invitation to those who would like to be involved in small group conversations on the Readings for Lent. A clipboard will be available at the back of each Church to gauge interest as well as times.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - Autumn 2017 edition: The focus of this edition is *Tuning the Spirit - Our Journey to Jesus Through Music*. In this edition there are a number of interesting articles around Music and Faith. This edition is available for free this week.

MELBOURNE CATHOLICS: There are a number of copies still available of *Melbourne Catholics February 2017*.

BAPTISM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN: An invitation is being extended to families who have primary school aged children and who are not yet baptised. The program is that there will be a parent/child session **on Wednesday March 15, 7pm at the Parish Office**. The child thereafter will be welcomed into the parish community with the baptism taking place later, perhaps at Easter. Please contact Bernadette at the Office on 5278 1343 or email cluster@cam.org.au

REGISTRATION FOR RELAY FOR LIFE - SAT/SUN APRIL 1/2: Registration forms available at each Mass during the month. As of March 1st the cost is now \$25 per person.

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE FOR EASTER

In 2015, Pope Francis said that **"every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act"**.

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate. Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions.

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate, look for any of these three certification symbols on the wrappers:

FAIRTRADE, RAINFOREST ALLIANCE and UTZ.

For further information and resources see: acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter

Community News:

- Mar 8...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: Sacred Patterns for the Lenten Journey** - A series of reflections for the season of Lent. 5.30-6pm - *Essence* featuring Vicki Hallett - Clarinet.
- “ **SACRED HEART COLLEGE: Circle of Mercy Community Evening** with Rabbi Fred Morgan “A Jewish Perspective on Mercy”. 7-8pm Celies Hospitality Centre, SHC with supper provided. RSVP Monday 6 March to Rita on 5222 0467 or rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
- “ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Mar 15...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: Sacred Patterns for the Lenten Journey** - A series of reflections for the season of Lent. 5.30-6pm - *Elegies, Phillip Healey - Violin.*
- Mar 18...** **ST PATRICK'S DAY RACES:** At the Geelong Racecourse, Breakwater Rd, Breakwater. For further enquiries phone Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913.
- Mar 26...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** 10.30am SHC Celies Dining Room. Please RSVP by **March 20** to Kelly Suvoltos 5222 0403 or ksuvoltos@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
- April 1/2...** **MEN ALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND:** Is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age. **Lumen Christi Church, Kensington Leopold** - information ph John Brown 0428 409 345, John Brancatisano 0466 859 614 or Chris K 0407 522 055.
- ◆ **MARYVILLE has limited vacancies - contact Cheryl Conder, Director of Nursing, on 5221 5299.**
 - ◆ **WING AND A PRAYER:** Now located at 116 Moorabool St Geelong (near 'Flight Centre') and opposite bus stops and Lt Malop St Mall. Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Ph 5221 4451.
 - ◆ **THE CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Come join us for a 2-course evening meal and the opportunity to meet new friends from 6.15pm on **Tuesday March 14** for only \$33/person. This month our guest speaker is John Olsten, who walked all around Australia for Lukodystrophy. Please note we have changed our venue to the **Capri Receptions** on Separation St. For more information/reservations please ph or text **Michael** at 0431 959 584 by **Friday March 10.**
 - ◆ **CARELINK:** Carelink was established and funded in 1996 by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to coordinate and manage the ongoing care and support to the survivors of sexual and other forms of abuse and their families, perpetrated by clergy and other individuals appointed or employed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. For more information ph 1300 810 957 or email info@carelink.melbourne

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

- Clonard College:** **Friday March 17** - Info Session followed by Tours at 1pm and 4.30pm. Enrolments for Year 7 close on **Friday May 19.**
- St Joseph's College:** **Monday March 20** - Open Day and Enrolment - 9am-12noon or 4pm-6.30pm. Register online for Open Day at www.sjc.vic.edu.au
- Sacred Heart College:** **Tuesday March 21** - Discovery tours 3.30-6pm and Information sessions 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Register for Information session online at www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au Closing date for Year 7 enrolments is **Friday May 19.**
- St Ignatius College:** **Sunday March 26** - 11am-2pm with Information sessions at 11am and 12.15pm. Year 7 Enrolment applications close **Friday 19 May 2017.** Visit www.ignatius.vic.edu.au to download Enrolment Form

PROJECT COMPASSION:



Dinia was pregnant with her fifth child when her husband died, suddenly and unexpectedly. She lost not only her husband, but also the financial security his job at the mines brought. The only way she could earn anything at all was by collecting shells and crabs from the seashore and selling them. She was in a very vulnerable position. In 2011 a Caritas Australia partner organisation began working with her, and she has been able to develop a sustainable income through a livelihoods program that helps both her and her neighbours.

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One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. The scientists walk up to God and say, 'God we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost.'

God listened patiently and after the scientists were finished, said, 'Very well! How about this? Let's have a woman-and-man-making contest.' To which they agreed. However God added, 'How about

we do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam?' The scientists said, 'Sure, no problem', and bent down and grabbed some dirt. God just looked at them and said, 'No, no, no. You go and get your own dirt!'

Today's Gospel is about knowledge too. Satan knows who Jesus is. His temptations are an attempt to get Jesus to betray his humanity and not endure the limitations of his daily life. Jesus knows that the only way to be true to his divinity is allow us to see it shine in and through his human life. The rejection of the temptation to compromise his frail human

frame gives us the hope that we, too, can glimpse the power of God's greatness in every moment we reject the desire to be directors of our own destiny and to see good triumph over evil in the choices we make.

It's a relief to know we don't have to be God!

May this Lent see us do what we are created for: to use all our knowledge to praise, reverence and serve the Loving One who willed us into being.