



# 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.

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.' *Cont'd P4...*



To the children of Holy Spirit and St Patrick's Schools who are making their Commitment to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

## - Second Sunday of Lent -

(Year A/1 - March 12, 2017)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!**  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice  
is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ex 17:3-7  
2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-2,5-8  
Gospel: Jn 4:5-42



### 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.

# 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 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:**

Giovanni & Maria Cani (France), Fr Thomas Sheeran and Anna Gstalter

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

George Rodrigues, William Dempsey, Reg McFarlane, Giuseppe Gulli and 1 year anniversary of Gabriella McDonald

### **BAPTISMS:**

Theodore Christou, Pippa Ord and Saoirse Vaughan

### **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 19, 2017**

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

### **HOLY FAMILY**

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### **8.00AM**

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo

L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo

R Allum

### **9.30AM**

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, M Fiorillo, I Raj, T Herath

E Dalton

C Resciniti

### **HOLY SPIRIT:**

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### **6.00PM**

M Carson

J McKenzie

G Wright,

I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek

P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

### **11.00AM**

G Brown, M Kroger

L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells

L Fossey

D Brown (even months)

### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S:**

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### **5.00PM**

L Middleton

K Maddalena, A Beachell

K Maddalena

T McNair

D Whelan

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S:

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

PLEASE NOTE - THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY DUE TO LABOUR DAY WEEKEND.

## Lent at St Michael's:

### LITURGICAL/SACRAMENTAL DATES:

- 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.

**EASTER MAILOUT: *Calling all St Michael's Parish Posties!!*** Your assistance is again required to help with the delivery of invitations to our Easter Ceremonies to all known Catholics within our parish. The envelopes are available at the back of each Church this weekend and are organized alphabetically by street. If you can take your own street as well as those close by, your efforts would be much appreciated and we ask that they be hand delivered over the next two weeks. ***Special thanks to those who have helped prepare the invitations for mailout!***



**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.**

**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](mailto: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.



#### ST PATRICKS SCHOOL IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:

When...	<b>Sunday 19 March 2017</b>
Where...	<b>Britannia St, Geelong West</b>
Time...	<b>11am - 4pm</b>

***Come join us for children's entertainment, rides, food stalls, prizes, the Mik Maks and the chance to win \$1000 in cash!***

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: *Visit of the International Centennial Pilgrim Image*

When...	<b>Thursday April 6 2017</b>
Where...	<b>Holy Family Church, Separation St</b>
Schedule...	5.30pm - Welcoming Ceremony, Holy Rosary and Procession, Rosary, Scapular and Re-coronation, Floral Offering 7.00pm - Holy Mass with St John Paul II's Consecration Prayer 7.45pm - Massive Enthronement to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, giving out of Scapulars and signing up for home visitation.

# Community News:

- 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](mailto: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/Manager or Andrea for an appointment, 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.
- ◆ **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](mailto:info@carelink.melbourne)
- ◆ **HELP!** We All Rotate is seeking volunteers or donations of supplies such as fabric, cord, new underwear, facewashers or snap lock bags. We All Rotate is an organisation that distributes handmade reusable sanitary wear to women who live in remote areas of Nepal and have no access to sanitary wear and we rely heavily on these donations. If you can help or would like to join in their making please ph Natalie Beatty 0437 814 447 or Kalle Semianiw 0425 827 603.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au) to download Enrolment Form

## PROJECT COMPASSION:



For Martina, an East Timorese mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain. Timor-Leste is one of the least developed countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas, with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training, and many households don't have enough food year round. The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Leste that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community. Through the program, she was linked with a network of support services, and this enabled her to undertake livelihood training and start a small business to support her children. The program also linked her with a supportive community.

**SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE FOR EASTER** - Pope Francis said that **"every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act"**

**Are you buying Slavery-free Easter Chocolate?** *The International Labor Rights Forum estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. Many of these children have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. If you buy chocolate featuring one of the following symbols you will know that production of the chocolate is okay.*

**FAIRTRADE, RAINFOREST ALLIANCE and UTZ.**

/From P1...

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.