



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

Father Jim was invited by Caritas, the Catholic Development Agency, to travel to the Philippines and see the excellent work they were doing with the monies collected in their Lenten appeal.

When he arrived in Manila he was asked if he would like to have some exposure to the real lives of the people Caritas was helping. It was decided that for two days he would live with a family on Smoky Mountain. Smoky Mountain no longer exists, but for over thirty years it was home to nearly ten thousand people. Smoky Mountain was the refuse tip for metro-Manila. It got its name from the smouldering pile of rubbish dumped there every day. People lived on three sides of this mountain of waste and made their homes and livelihood from the city's refuse.

Jim had heard of Smoky Mountain, but nothing prepared him for the reality. He smelt it before he saw it and when he saw it he couldn't believe it. The crest of the hill was indeed billowing smoke, and canals of water surrounded it. Running water was only available at public pumps. Over the canals were semi-public cubicles where people showered and went to the open toilets. As the bulldozers shovelled the day's deposit into the mountainside, the residents picked through the collection to see what could be salvaged. Homes were made of every weather-resistant material imaginable.

Jim met the Jesuits who looked after the Smoky Mountain parish. They were campaigning to have it shut down. The parish priest took him to meet the family with whom he would be staying. On a hot, humid afternoon he started the climb to Bing's home.

There were children everywhere. Dirty, energetic, scavenging children. His heart was close to breaking, his stomach was dry-retching.

When he arrived at Bing's neatly kept home he was given a warm welcome. Bing saw that Jim was hot and bothered by his new surrounds and offered him a drink of water. Nothing prepared him for this dilemma: how far was he prepared to share in the life of the poor? All Jim could think of were the diseases he could catch from drinking water from the pump. As thirsty as he was he declined the offer, knowing that later he would privately gulp down one of the bottles of water in his backpack. Jim watched as the glasses of water were served on a tray. As he chatted to the family about Smoky Mountain he felt a fraud. /Cont'd P4...



To the children of Holy Spirit and Holy Family Schools who are attending the Sacramental Commitment Masses

- Third Sunday of Lent -

(Year A/1 - March 19, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. **Glory to you...**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13
2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14
Gospel: Jn 9:1-41



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...	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Tues...	<i>Meditation Group</i>	5.30pm	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Wed...	<i>Prayer of the Church</i>	<i>Before 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Wed...	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Thurs...	<i>Italian Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>St Patrick's Chapel</i>
Fri...	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<i>After 11am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Fri...	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	3.00pm	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Sat...	<i>Rosary</i>	<i>After 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

Mar 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:

Katharina Riedl, Mimma Guarnaccia (France) and Edward Skuza

ANNIVERSARIES:

Almor & Jose Mairos, Judite DaRosa, Nevid Ercoli, Rosaria Traficante, Johnny Kellett, John & Teresa Cito, Sebastiano DiMauro

BAPTISMS:

Abbey Lloyd, Isabella Betts and Jessica Solier

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 26, 2017

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

F O'Neill

Lectors

L Kelly

Special Ministers

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

Welcomers

L&E Kelly

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti

A Sare, A/I Dugandzic

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

M Carson

Lectors

Sr J McGonigal

Special Ministers

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan

Welcomers

J Cowell

Projectionist

B Middleton

11.00AM

M Burn

J Fraatz, L Eastman

D Dougherty

D Dougherty

R Zarb

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 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.
March 27... Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children of Holy Spirit School, 7.30pm at Holy Spirit Church
March 28... Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children of Holy Family School, 7.30pm at Holy Family Church
March 29... Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children of St Patrick's School, 7.30pm at Ss P&P's Church
March 30... Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children of St Patrick's School, 7.30pm at Ss P&P's Church
- Whilst the focus of the Reconciliation Service is on the children, everyone in the Parish is welcome to attend.***

LEASE OF HOLY SPIRIT LAND:

You may have read in the Geelong Advertiser (14th March) an article about the use of Holy Spirit land for a Childcare Centre.

For clarification, the Parish is hoping to enter into a long-term land lease with a Childcare provider. The building of the Childcare Centre, and all matters that pertain to its operations, will be the responsibility of the Childcare provider, **NOT** the Parish.

As part of the proposed lease agreement, the Parish Hall will be upgraded by the Childcare provider but retained by the Parish for our own use.

If the proposed Childcare Centre proceeds, it will be a win for the Parish providing us with funds to ensure the ongoing maintenance and care of our beautiful historical Church. The win for the local community will be the provision of high quality childcare, as well as creating much needed jobs in both the short and long term. *(Fr Gerard)*



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!***



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.

URGENT!!! Would the lady who received a book of Raffle Tickets from Louise Fossey, please return it to Parish office (Separation St) OR contact David Lunn on 0408 378 982.

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

When...	Thursday April 6 2017
Where...	Holy Family Church, Separation St
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 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/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



ST PATRICKS SCHOOL IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:



When... **Sunday 19 March 2017**
 Where... **Britannia St, Geelong West**
 Time... **11am - 4pm**

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

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

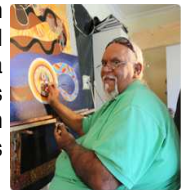
St Joseph's College: **Monday March 20** - Open Day and Enrolment - 9am-12noon or 4pm-6.30pm. Register online for Open Day at www.sjc.vic.edu.au

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:

First Australian Uncle Richard is a survivor of the Stolen Generations, forcibly removed from his family as a child and taken to Kinchela Boys Home (KBH) in NSW. Hundreds of Indigenous boys were incarcerated there between 1924 and 1970, suffering ongoing physical and verbal abuse. They lost every aspect of their identity – their names, their culture and their families. When Uncle Richard left KBH, he struggled with the legacy of pain, trying to find relief through his work as an artist. But he attributes the beginning of his healing to something even more powerful than his creative work, his reconnection with former KBH boys. The KBH Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) was established by KBH survivors to reunite with one another and begin healing. KBHAC's Unlocking the Past to Free the Future Program works to restore the social and emotional wellbeing of the survivors and their families. The former KBH boys have realised that their shared suffering has created a brotherhood. They support each other by sharing their stories, and coming to a common understanding of how their experiences have impacted on themselves and their descendants. Through KBHAC, the men are also opening the door to the wider Australian community, inviting everyone to journey together as neighbours in the healing process. Caritas Australia supports KBHAC and is proud to walk alongside in partnership on the journey to wellbeing.



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"**

Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket? Did you know that the Easter eggs in Australian supermarkets might be made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions with no access to education and other human rights? The International Labour Rights Forum estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. If you can't find any of these three symbols ask the manager if they stock any.

FAIRTRADE, RAINFOREST ALLIANCE and UTZ.

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Bing's daughter emerged with a sealed bottle of water and proceeded to fill up all the glasses. On seeing the bottle Jim had a change of mind and accepted the water. Bing then produced a plastic glass in a sealed package for Jim's use. Flushed with embarrassment, all he could think of was Jesus and the Woman at the Well.

At that famous well Jesus enters the world of a poor Samaritan woman who has been

dumped five times by the men who married her. By asking for a drink, by engaging her in conversation, by understanding her situation and offering her a way out of the cycle of emotional abuse in which she was caught, Jesus gives her the greatest gift of all: personal dignity. This changes her life and turns her into one of the earliest missionaries in John's Gospel.

Although separated by time and space, a drink

of water helped a Samaritan woman and Fr Jim face up to the embarrassment of their worlds, their quick and inaccurate judgements and reassess the choices that could lead them to life. Both of them recognised that no matter how good the gift of water was that day, the unknown and unexpected Giver of the gift was so much greater.

May this Eucharist help us do the same.