



# 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

The plunging of an adult or an infant into the baptismal font three times is the most important moment in the ceremony and meant to be the most moving one as well. Most of us think that this action is associated with the Trinity. It is. But the more ancient association is with the three days Jesus lay in the tomb. This is one reason why the Church now encourages candidates for baptism to be fully immersed wherever practicable. The sprinkling of water over a catechumen's head just doesn't capture the drama which the ritual intends. But when we see a person take a breath, plunge under the water and come up for air three times, we can powerfully see the identification between Jesus' time in the tomb and the person rising to new life in Christ.

The season of Lent has its origins in third

century Egypt where there was a commemoration of Jesus' forty days in the desert. In the fourth century these forty days are moved to their present location in the Church's calendar as the final preparation time for baptismal candidates at Easter and by the fifth century these penitential and baptismal focuses came together as one season for all believers to observe. Even the word Lent, from the old English word *Lencten* meaning Spring, alerted Christians in the northern hemisphere that this season was linked to the waking of nature after the long sleep of winter. Lent is about waking up to see that light and life have come in Christ.

Over the centuries the Church has tended to place more emphasis on penance than baptism. The Second Vatican Council, however, went back to the most ancient sources of this season, re-established the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and encouraged us to see the link between our

acts of penance and our ongoing conversion to Christ expressed in the baptismal promises made for us many years before.

On this last Sunday in Lent Lazarus is given to us to help us think about the tombs in which we lie hidden and the life to which we are called. The bad spirit seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. It might be a secret we can't tell, a sin we can't confess or a memory we want to bury. At its worst it can be a lifestyle or a pattern of unethical behaviour we have divorced from the rest of our lives. We may even con ourselves into believing that all of this is normal and 'not so bad'.

These tombs often look similar. They seem small on the surface, but as we get away with our secrets we bury ourselves in them more deeply. /Cont'd P4...

## - Fifth Sunday of Lent -

(Year A/1 - April 2, 2017)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die forever.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

1st Reading: Is 50:4-7  
2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11  
Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66



### 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:

**Apr 3:** Martin family, 26 Honey Lane

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:

Tereza Seter, Antonia Nadoh, Ivanka Iskra

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Antun & Marija Fantella, Mila Fantella, Ivan Fantella (1 year anniv), Leo Consedine, Madonna Lynch, Betty Dark, Arthur Allison, Edward & Constance McCormack, Mary O'Loughlin, Kit McNamara

### BAPTISMS:

Mia Thomas and Aivah Tuccio

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Joanne Straughan, Anita Capicchiano, Theo DaCosta, June Smith, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa, Johann Angerbaure, Hilary Thornton

## Roster for Next Sunday, April 9, 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

Lectors

J Ryan

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:

<p><b>St Michael's Luncheon...</b>  <b>Holy Family Luncheon..</b>  <b>Holy Family Women's Group...</b>  <b>St Vincent de Paul...</b></p> <p><b>Legion of Mary...</b>  <b>Baptism Preps</b>  <b>Holy Family Choir Practice...</b>  <b>Manifold CWL...</b>  <b>Italian Mass...</b>  <b>Catholic Diners' Club...</b></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)

## Easter Liturgies at St Michael's:

<p><b>April 12...</b> 7.30pm          " 11.30am</p> <p><b>April 13...</b> 7.00pm</p> <p><b>April 14...</b> 10.00am          11.00am          3.00pm</p> <p><b>April 15...</b> 5.00pm          7.30pm          10.00pm</p> <p><b>April 16...</b> 8.00am          9.30am          10.00am          11.00am          11.30am</p>	<p><b>2nd Rite Reconciliation</b> at Holy Family  <b>Mass of Anointing</b> at Holy Spirit Church, followed by lunch</p> <p><b>Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> at Holy Spirit Church, followed by Adoration</p> <p><b>Good Friday - Way of the Cross</b> at Ss Peter &amp; Paul's  <b>Way of the Cross</b> at Holy Spirit  <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b> at Holy Family Church</p> <p><b>Easter Vigil -</b> Ss Peter &amp; Paul's Church          Holy Family Church          Holy Family Church (Croatian)</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday -</b> Holy Family Church          Holy Family Church          Ss Peter &amp; Paul's Church          Holy Spirit Church          Holy Family Church (Croatian)</p>
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(Blessing of Easter Food - Saturday April 15th, 4.00pm at Holy Family Church)

## HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

We still need your help for **Easter Sunday**. Please let Bernadette know at the Office if you are able to assist.

<p><b>Holy Family...</b> 9.30am  <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's...</b> 10.00am  <b>Holy Spirit...</b> 11.00am</p>	<p><b>4 Special Ministers</b>  <b>1 Commentator</b>  <b>2 Special Ministers</b>  <b>1 Commentator</b>  <b>1 Lector</b></p>
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**MESSENGEERS OF MERCY:** Powerful and entertaining testimonies of God's Mercy, featuring John "Percy" Canavan, Comedian, and Tommy and Matthew who will speak of their conversion stories from drug addiction through God's Mercy at the Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park - **April 5 at 7.30pm.**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** To be held at Holy Spirit Church on **Sunday April 23rd, 7pm.** All welcome!

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



<p>When... <b>Thursday April 6 2017</b>          Where... <b>Holy Family Church, Separation St</b>          Schedule... <b>5.30pm -</b></p>	<p>Welcoming Ceremony, Holy Rosary and Procession, Rosary, Scapular and Re-coronation, Floral Offering  <b>7.00pm -</b> Holy Mass with St John Paul II's Consecration Prayer  <b>7.45pm -</b> Massive Enthronement to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, giving out of Scapulars and signing up for home visitation.</p>
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**THANKYOU:** A sincere thankyou to all who sent prayers and condolences to our family on the passing of Patricia Bourke. They were much appreciated. (*Owen Bourke*)

**MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** Monthly meeting will be held at the home of Helen and Mick Hardwick, 35 Virginia St Newtown on **Wed April 5 at 1.30pm.** For information/transport contact Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

# Community News:

- April 5...** MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC: 5.30pm-6pm *The Lenten Lily* - Sian Williams soprano, Frank DeRosso organ.
- April 9...** WALK FOR JUSTICE - WALK FOR REFUGEES: 2pm at the State Library, cnr Swanston & LaTrobe Sts Melbourne. Learn more from [www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk](http://www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk)
- April 12...** MUSIC AT THE BASILICA EASTER CONCERT: 8pm at St Mary of the Angels - *How shall we sing in a strange land?* featuring Vox Angelica - Geelong Chamber Choir, directed by Tom Healey. Tickets \$30 adult and \$25 seniors/concession at the door or from [trybooking.com/OLKN](http://trybooking.com/OLKN). Children and school students - free admission.
- April 14/15/16/17...** STREET FOOD FESTIVAL & EASTER EGG HUNT: Geelong Showground Breakwater Rd 10am to 10pm. Karaoke contest, rides, games, door price raffle ticket, giveaways for participating children. Pre-sale and group tickets \$10/child or tickets on the day \$15/child. Online tickets \$11.44/child from [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)
- May 4...** KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Invitation to members, ladies and friends to a Social Day Out at Queenscliff. 10am Cottage By the Sea, Morning Tea, Video Presentation and Guided Tour. 12.30pm Lunch at Bowling Club "Rip View Bistro". Ring Frank Khan 5243 4926 with numbers attending by **April 27**. Shared transport available if required.

- ◆ **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. See our Easter Jigsaw Puzzle for \$15, Easter-Board book \$11.95 "The Promised One" by Antonia Woodward \$17.95, Easter Vigil candles 100 for \$15 and our range of Easter cards and bookmarks from 50c to \$3.
- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **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 April 11** for only \$33 per person. This month our guest speaker is Trish Stickland from St Michael's Parish (Pastoral Cluster) who will be speaking about the work done in the Philippines. *Please note we have changed our venue to the Capri Receptions on Separation St.* For more information and reservations please phone or text Michael at 0431 959 584 by **Friday, April 7**.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 5th Sunday of Lent

*"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" (Jn 11:40)*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to Church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way - do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord?

When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

## PROJECT COMPASSION:

When Typhoon Santi destroyed her home in coastal Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety and their future. Extreme weather events such as typhoons and cyclones are a common occurrence in this country, threatening the safety and food security of many families. In the Philippines, GDP per capita is around one-tenth that of Australia's, and life expectancy is around 14 years lower. Poverty is the single most important factor determining vulnerability to natural disasters, which makes communities like Aloma's particularly vulnerable. However, confidence began to replace fear for Aloma as she began participating in the Integrated Community Development Program (ICDP) in 2011. The program, run by the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc., is supported by Caritas Australia. It helps communities to prepare for disasters, and adopt environmentally friendly practices. Aloma's training in disaster risk reduction empowered her to take a leadership role in her community in caring for the environment. She manages logistics during natural disasters, and encourages the families in her village to plant mangroves for land conservation. The program also offers guidance on working together for the common good. As a result, Aloma says, "All the skills that I learned, I pass on to friends and neighbours." Aloma's community now cares for their common home together, and Aloma sees a brighter future for her children.



## 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"

What ethical Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI and a wide selection at Haighs. There is a link at <https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter> which gives a guide to where slavery-free eggs are being sold.

Only look for chocolates which carry any of the following symbols on the wrapper:

**FAIRTRADE, RAINFOREST ALLIANCE and UTZ.**

/From P1...

We jealously guard the entrance, displacing energy to defend our tombs and we're ashamed if anyone rolls away the stone and sees the mess inside.

But this Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us out of them. We're asked to face down the bad

spirits that keep us locked in secrecy, to move away from shame, embrace repentance, recognise the price to be paid for being true to what's best in ourselves and we're invited to know the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

No one can pretend that this journey is easy,

but it's what Lent is all about: the journey from the tomb of our own particular deaths, through penance to the new life of Easter. May this Eucharist allow us to see the Lord stand at our tomb and gently call us by name, 'Come forth'. And at His word may we be unbound and let go free.