



# 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

As a child I can remember our diocese having large processions for the feasts of Corpus Christi, Christ the King and one of the Marian feast days. They were called 'public demonstrations of Catholic faith'. For children they were sometimes long and boring, but they did give us a sense that we belonged to something big, and someone bigger, and that our faith had a 'stand up and be counted' dimension to it. For many Catholics today large-scale religious processions are quickly becoming a thing of the past. That's a pity.

The point of religious processions is not just to get us from one location to the next. It is also to mark a rite of passage. Think of the smaller processions most Christians undertake in their lives: to the baptismal font; down the aisle to take their marriage vows, or to graduate from a school or college and

to be farewelled. In each case we recess out of the Church differently from how we entered it: as a newly initiated member of the Christian community; as a husband or wife; as a graduate; and to be buried.

The Palm Sunday Procession is the last congregational one mandated by the Missal to be observed throughout the entire Church. Recalling Jesus' procession into Jerusalem this procession is not meant to be an historical pageant. Like all liturgical moments it's meant to intersect with our own lives and speak to our journey of faith. What makes this procession so powerful is that it starts with hysteria and ends in death. And that tells us something we need to hear.

Matthew's account of the Passion is very tough on the Jewish leaders. His entire Gospel has been preparing the hearer for this. Matthew shows that even though the Jews had the New Moses right in front of them, they were unable to recognise him

because he didn't fit their expectations of the Messiah. The crowd in Jerusalem receive him like a pop star, acclaiming him as their own. By week's end the Chief Priests and elders manipulate the crowd's enthusiasm to force Pilate to execute Jesus. And throughout it all, during the adulation of the crowd, their change of allegiance to Barabbas and at his trial, Jesus hardly says a word. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus' silence is deafening.

In the journey of faith we should always be on our guard against being part of a manipulated crowd. The unchecked enthusiasms of a crowd can carry us away to places, people or things we would not ordinarily choose and should not embrace. If we are vulnerable, a gifted guru through his or her version of eternal life can whip us up into a frenzy.

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## - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -

(Year A/1 - April 9, 2017)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
dying on the Cross. Therefore God  
raised him on high and gave him a name  
above all other names.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43  
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4  
Gospel: Mt Jn 20:1-9



### 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.**

# Roster for Holy Week



## HOLY THURSDAY Holy Spirit - 7.00pm

Commentator	M Carson
Lectors	T McMahon, A Henderson
Special Ministers	M Fiorillo, V Trinder
Music	K Lynch
Projectionist	M Kroger

## GOOD FRIDAY: Holy Family - 3.00pm

Narrator	J McKenzie
Lector	G Tolan
Projectionist	C Resciniti

## EASTER VIGIL: Ss Peter & Paul's - 5.00pm

Commentator	A Henderson
Lectors	M Gifford, G Tolan
Special Ministers	P McGlinchey, M Gifford, A Henderson
Music	C O'Dwyer
Projectionist	B Middleton

## Holy Family - 7.30pm

Commentator	M Carson
Lectors	J McKenzie, M Kroger, P Gizycki, K Taylor
Special Ministers	M Fiorillo, E Kelly, V Resciniti, L Sells
Projectionist	C Resciniti

## EASTER SUNDAY: Holy Family - 8.00am

Comentator	K Saunders
Lector	B Rainbow
Special Ministers	R Allum, R Culo, P Ruggeri, J Genova
Projectionist	R Allum

## Holy Family - 9.30am

Commentator	A Scaddan
Lector	H Verdnik, T McMahon
Special Ministers	I Raj, D&M Horoba, P Carmody, J Sheahan
Projectionist	C Resciniti

## Ss Peter & Paul's - 10.00am

Commentator	*****
Lector	J Fraatz
Special Ministers	Pat Pollard, S O'Donoghue, *****
Projectionist	A Zarb

## Holy Spirit - 11.00am

Commentator	*****
Lector	J O'Neill
Special Ministers	L Fossey, L Stalio, R Pugh
Projectionist	L Coles

**Please Note: \*\*\*\*\* denotes assistance is still needed. If you are able to assist please contact Bernadette at the Parish office on 5278 1343 by WEDNESDAY APRIL 11.**

## 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. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
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:*

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

<b>RECENT DEATHS:</b>	Fr Jim Keirce, Syd Hahn
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b>	Almor Mairos, Jose Medeiros, Madalena Ferraz, John Gillett, Benedetto & Anna Belich, Gaetano Pino, Francesco Iannuzzi, Maria-Grazia Leone, Malina Bifano, Stefanie Lehpamer
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	Axel Chittenden-Kherrat
<b>PRAY FOR THE SICK:</b>	Joanne Straughan, Anita Capicchiano, Theo DaCosta, June Smith, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa, Johann Angerbaure, Hilary Thornton

## Easter Liturgies at St Michael's:

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

(Blessing of Easter Food - Saturday April 15th, 4.00pm at Holy Family Church)

**NB:** *There will be NO 9am Wednesday Mass at Holy Spirit on April 12 and there will be NO 9.15am Mass at Holy Family on April 13.*

### \*CATERING FOR MASS OF ANOINTING:

Manifold Branch of CWL will be catering for the lunch in Holy Spirit Hall following the Mass of Anointing, 11.30am on Wednesday April 12. We hope our members attending will bring along a plate of cake/slice please. Betty Rice and Marg Brown will be having a stall, so a chance to stock your pantry and purchase some of their lovely goods. For transport please ph Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

### Divine Mercy Sunday:

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 23rd April
<b>Place:</b>	Holy Spirit Church
<b>Program:</b>	1pm... Confessions 2pm... Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayers 3pm... Holy Mass and Veneration of St Faustina's 1st Class Relic
<b>Main Celebrant:</b>	Fr David Willis OP

*"Remember this well, and we can say it all together:  
There is no limit to Divine Mercy offered to all" - Pope Francis 6/4/2014  
"Mercy, compassion and forgiveness are most Godly,  
and is always an act of Divine Mercy" - Vatican Radio 1/3/2016*

Enquiries - Please contact Chris 0407 522 055.

# Community News:

## CONGRATULATIONS!



This year Fr Mick's Mates were the winners of the 2017 Best Local Community Fundraiser. This is a title that we have won on a number of occasions, but its significance is particularly pertinent given Fr Mick's death last year. At the Candlelight Event Fr Mick was named and remembered as someone who had died from cancer. Thanks to all the Relay for Life Team Committee and those who have supported the various activities that have raised both awareness and funds over the last year. I'm sure Fr Mick, from the best vantage point, is looking down and smiling and appreciative of a job well done.

**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.

“ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm, Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.

**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)

**April 23... DIVINE MERCY:** St Thomas' Catholic Church, Peninsula Dve Drysdale. Confessions (3 Priests), Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers at 2.30pm; Blessing of Divine Mercy images at 3pm, Holy Mass and Benediction at 3.15pm. For further information please contact John Brown 5251 1884.

**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.

## VOCATIONS NEWS:

At the current time, the Archdiocese of Melbourne has 35 students for the priesthood. Three of these men are studying in Rome and the rest are studying at Corpus Christi College, our seminary in Carlton. Please pray for these men and for more vocations to the priesthood for our local Church. Each one of us has a role to play in encouraging and praying for vocations from our parishes. When was the last time you prayed for vocations?

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Palm Sunday

*"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his Cross. (Mt 27:32)*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbour. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbour and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them.

The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

## PROJECT COMPASSION:

Like many of her neighbours in her coastal village in the Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety as extreme weather battered their home and environment. But her participation in the Caritas supported Integrated Community Development Program has offered her a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure environment and a more secure future for their 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"*

World Vision in its 2015 report, *Chocolate's Bitter Taste*, estimates that Australians spend up to \$3billion on chocolate a year, with sales peaking at Easter. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of these children, by buying only slavery-free chocolate.

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

**FAIRTRADE, RAINFOREST ALLIANCE and UTZ.**

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We only have to look at the power of the media and advertising to see how susceptible we are to becoming a slave to fashionable ideologies, dress codes and what and who is in or out. Every time we buy something because someone else has it or because we convince ourselves that our wants are really our needs, the crowd has won. The story of Passion Sunday is that manipulation of a crowd,

even by legitimate authorities, can be the beginning of spiritual death. Hype often distorts priorities, blurs good judgment and can choose expediency over integrity.

So what's the remedy to being manipulated, to regaining a sense of what really matters, to standing up against the crowd for the values we know are right? Jesus shows us in Matthew's Gospel. It starts with silence. It's being a contemplative in a manic world and praying for the courage to dissent from the

crowd's hyped-up madness.

As we process into Holy Week, this annual rite of passage for our faith, may we model our lives on Jesus in every way: by creating the silence we need in our lives to sort out our priorities, by using silence powerfully in a world that loves words but has very little to say about our meaning and destiny and allowing our sacrificial love, even to the point of death, to do all the talking.