



# 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

I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the

voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one.

And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can

with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears.

We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age.

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We welcome the children from the three Primary schools who are being welcomed into the Catholic Church and also the children from St Patrick's receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

## - 4th Sunday of Easter -

*(Year A/1 - May 7, 2017)*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7  
2nd Reading: 1Pet 2:4-9  
Gospel: Jn 14:1-12



### 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:

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:**

Joanne Straughan, Joe Gwizdek, Fr Patrick Creed, Sabato Merola

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Margaret Bohan, Ron Smith, Teresa Hogan, Carmel & Joe Phelan, Ken Gallagher,  
Maria-Grazia Lombardo, Nicholas (Nick) Hoare

### **BAPTISMS:**

Natalie & Vivienne Chung, Isabella Torney, Joseph Condro, Finn Gunning, Louis  
McMahon, Patrick McVilly

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Anita Capicchiano, June Smith, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa, Johann Angerbaure,  
Hilary Thornton

**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, May 14, 2017**

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

### **HOLY FAMILY**

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### **8.00AM**

M Howard  
F O'Neill  
R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio  
C Marcantonio,  
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  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### **6.00PM**

J Ryan  
R O'Neill, E Ryan, L Vannata  
J Lynch

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

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### **5.00PM**

M Bohan  
P Power  
P McGlinchey  
D Dougherty  
B Middleton

### **11.00AM**

E Strzelecki  
M Martin  
E Strzelecki

## 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 6.30pm (Winter), 7.00pm (D'light savings)
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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

### FAREWELL TO TRISH - FRIENDLY FRIDAY

*Parishioners are warmly welcome to a "Friendly Friday" afternoon tea to say farewell and thankyou to Trish Stickland, the Parish Manager.*

**Date:** Friday 12th May

**Time:** 4.00-5.30pm

**Place:** Parish Office, 147 Separation St Bell Park

*To assist with catering please fill in the clipboard at the back of each Church.*

### EASTER CONCERT:

Last Saturday we had an enjoyable and entertaining concert at the Holy Family Church. We were entertained by the Quinal siblings and the Filipino Harmonica choir. Not only was it an enjoyable afternoon but the concert raised **\$2,410** for the Kuya Centre. Special thanks to **Fr Rolyn** who oversaw the organisation of the day and did a wonderful rendition of **Over the Rainbow**. Also thanks to the singers and musicians who donated their time and to those who supported the event.

### Liturgy in the Cluster:

May 7...	<b>Extra Mass at Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b> - 9.30am First Eucharist for the children of St Pat's <b>Welcome of Primary School Aged Children into the Catholic Church</b> - 9.30am Holy Family <b>Extra Mass at Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b> - 11am First Eucharist for the children of St Pat's
May 12...	<b>Mothers' Day Mass at St Pat's</b> - 9.15am
May 13...	<b>Mothers' Day Mass at Holy Spirit</b> - 6.00pm Gr 1/2 children of Holy Spirit School involved
May 14...	<b>Mothers' Day Mass at Holy Family</b> - 9.30am Gr 1/2 children of Holy Family School involved

### HOLY FAMILY LEGION OF MARY:

Please join us to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians - **Saturday 20th May at Ss Peter and Paul's** with Rosary 4.30pm, Mass at 5pm. At **Holy Spirit** we will have **Mass at 9am on Wednesday 24th May**, the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians.



### OFFICE NEWS:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** As part of the amalgamation process, the recommendation was that we change our email address from **cluster@cam.org.au** to **bellpark@cam.org.au** - which we have done.
- ◆ **OFFICE CLOSURE:** The parish office will be closed on **Monday May 8th**.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Envelope Pickup (this weekend)** - Envelope numbers relate to the parish church you usually attend.  
1-999 (Holy Family)  
1000-1999 (Holy Spirit)  
2000-2999 (Ss Peter & Paul's)  
Please check your envelope number. If it does NOT correspond to the church you usually attend (as above), please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office THIS WEEK.  
**Any other Thanksgiving questions or issues, please contact Bernadette at the Office on 5278 1343 or email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au)**
- ◆ There is a set of envelopes for all **weekly and monthly** contributors in the foyer today. With changes to Masses, some people may now go to a different church in the parish. If you can't see your set of envelopes in the back of this Church today, please contact the office to see where they were sent. Please let us know which Church you prefer for next time. They are in order, alphabetically by STREET. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette on 5278 1343 or email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au). Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.

# Cluster News:

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Our meeting times have been changed. Winter we start 6.30pm and will go back to 7.00pm during daylight savings time. All women are welcome to attend our fellowship group at the Community Centre - the more the merrier! Come along for a cup of coffee, chat and enjoy the fun of the night. Activities vary with cards, movies, dutch auction, crafts, dinner and always lots of fun. We all hope you can join us!

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP JUNE MEETING:** Change of venue, Dinner Meeting. Come enjoy a fun dinner with friends at the Fyansford Hotel 6.30pm June 6th. RSVP to Liz or Catherine by 16th May.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Many thanks to all those who contributed to support the great endeavours of Caritas Australia. The amount raised was **\$4,168.70**.

# Community News:

**May 10... SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon at the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave. Cost \$10 - all welcome!

## ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2018 are closing soon. If you are interested in becoming a student at St Joseph's College, the next step is to apply! **Enrolments for Year 7 2018 close on Friday 19th May.** For enrolment information email [registrar@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@sjc.vic.edu.au)

## ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE:

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2018 close on **Friday 19th May.** Enquiries [registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au) or contact the Registrar: Mrs Gail Myers, 5251 1136. Visit [www.ignatius.vic.edu.au](http://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au) for more information and to download an enrolment application form.

## A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA FROM VICTORIAN BISHOPS ON EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION:

A note from the Archbishop -

*As you may know, the Victorian Parliament will debate an assisted suicide or euthanasia bill sometime in the second half of 2017. Over the next few months the Life, Marriage and Family Office in the Melbourne Archdiocese will develop resources that will support our efforts in providing prayer support, information and opportunities for the faithful to become involved.*

At the back of each Church there is a copy of the Bishops of Victoria Pastoral Letter on this issue

## AN EVENING WITH DR MIRIAM-ROSE UNGUNMERR (AO):

Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr (AO) is an Aboriginal elder from Nauiyu (Daly River), where she served for many years as the Principal of St Francis Xavier Primary School. She is a renowned artist, activist, writer and public speaker. Her achievements have been recognised in the awarding of an honorary PhD in Education and being made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1998.

**Cost** - \$20 Adults, Children U/16 free  
**Date** - Thursday June 1  
**Time** - 7.00 - 8.30pm  
**Place** - St Joseph's College, Performing Arts Centre, Gate 5/6 Queens Rd, Newtown  
**Contact** - Julie 0438 623 961 or Megan 0415 811 885

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 4th Sunday of Easter

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ' (Acts 2:38)*

The word 'repent' means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead?

Change that is permanent comes from within; we must take control and be disciplined.

Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

/From P1...

A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting

and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it.

Now that will be life, and life abundantly.