



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

For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security.

In the best homes children are unafraid, they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.



For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's

Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us. /Cont'd P4...

Happy Mother's Day!

- 5th Sunday of Easter -

(Year A/1 - May 14, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the light, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17
2nd Reading: 1Pet 3:15-18
Gospel: Jn 14:15-21



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:

May 15-29: Mileto family, 82 Sladen St; **May 29-June 11:** Spitale family, 4 Marathon Ave.

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:

George Jarak and Eugen Vitulic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary O'Neill, Allison Carmody, Marjorie Hill, Elisabetta Pitaro

BAPTISMS:

Aidan & Flynn Lee, Cooper Smith, Penelope Thomas

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 21, 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 Stalio, L Sells
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:

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 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

Liturgy in the Cluster:

May 13...	Mothers' Day Mass at Holy Spirit - 6.00pm Gr 1/2 children of Holy Spirit School involved
May 14...	Mothers' Day Mass at Holy Family - 9.30am Gr 1/2 children of Holy Family School involved
May 15...	The First Eucharist class will be having a guided tour of the three parish Churches
May 16...	Class Mass at Holy Family 9.15am for Gr1/2 children with the focus on Mothers Day
May 21...	First Eucharist Mass for Holy Family children - 9.30am at Holy Family Church First Eucharist Mass for St Patrick's children - 11am at Ss Peter & Paul's (NB extra Mass)
May 23...	Class Mass at Holy Family 9.15am for Prep children

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.
- ◆ **FR ROLYN AWAY:** Fr Rolyn has returned to the Philippines for ten days to be with his family to celebrate his mother's 88th Birthday.
- ◆ **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
- ◆ 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. Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.



GIVE HOPE BY GIVING GENEROUSLY TO CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL 2017, SUNDAY MAY 21:

Next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. Our dedicated Chaplains in the Youth Justice Centre at Parkville can work under extremely sad circumstances; conducting funerals, memorial services, hospital visits and offering support at court appearances.

You are invited and encouraged to take home the envelopes on the seats this weekend and bring back next week with your considered donation.

The role of the Catholic Chaplain is to walk with people as they seek out new possibilities in their lives and support them as they invite God and others to join them in this journey. They spend much of their time listening to the anxieties, fears, hopes and joys of those they meet. As one Chaplain describes it "**What a privilege is the role of the Catholic Chaplain**". To find out more please view the Chaplaincy Sunday webpage at cam.org.au/chaplaincy.

If you would like further information please contact the Development Office on 9926 5731.

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.

Community News:

MAY 19... ENROLMENT CLOSURES FOR YEAR 7 2018 - ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE & ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE: For enrolment information at St Joseph's College email registrar@sjc.vic.edu.au and for St Ignatius - registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au

MAY 28... ST BERNARD'S PARISH BOOK FAIR & CAKE STALL: Clairvaux Hall (Reynolds Rd Belmont) 8am-3pm - come and browse a huge collection of books, DVDs, CDs, jigsaws and board games.



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



SAMARITAN HOUSE: An overnight crisis home for homeless men, has now been open for five years. Many of our overnight volunteers have been working from 'Day One'! We need new men to come on board and assist - maximum requirement is once per month. The next training day for overnight volunteers will be on **Thursday May 18**. Contact Josephine on 0413 426 716 or 5248 5227, or online at samaritanhousegeelong.com.au for further details.



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 - 5th Sunday of Easter

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (1Pet 2:7)

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless.

If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills.

No gift is too small or insignificant.

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The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at

odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil

Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!