



# 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

There are two strong images in today's gospel: the law and love. In a few verses Jesus keeps moving between the two ideas because he knows how closely related they are.

This can seem curious to modern ears because we have been duped into thinking that the law is the enemy of love, and that only freedom and joy are love's fruits. But think for a moment of people or projects we love, ones to which we are committed. We don't need a rulebook to call us to the most generous and sacrificial behaviour in their regard. We respond 'above and beyond the call of duty' not because of the law, but because of love. Jesus teaches us today that obedience to his

commandments is a sub-set of our loving relationship with him.

The word 'obedience' comes from the Latin word *oboedire*, meaning, 'to listen carefully'. That's a gentler way of understanding Jesus' call. The more obedient we are to Christ's commandments, the more we are listening to his Spirit's call in our lives. And what are these commandments to which we have to listen? Jesus said the whole law and the prophets could be summarised as 'loving God and our neighbour, as we love ourselves'. If this seems too general a statement, then St Paul helps us fill out the details. Like Jesus, St Paul tells us the law of love is not primarily revealed in what we say, or how we feel, but in what we do. Christian love is an intensely practical affair. When we are patient, kind

and gentle with each other we are obeying the law of love. So too when we forgive each other, tell the truth and remain faithful, we are listening most carefully to Christ's commandments.

St Paul also tells us that another of the fruits of Christian love is self-control. Sacrifice and self-control are really where the law of love comes into its own. The secular world keeps peddling the myth that self-expression is the only way to happiness. Most of us can see how irrational this position is and how unliveable the world would be if everyone expressed all their feelings and desires as they wished.

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*Welcome to the children who are making their  
First Eucharist this weekend*



### - 6th Sunday of Easter -

*(Year A/1 - May 21, 2017)*

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them  
and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

##### **The Ascension of the Lord**

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11  
2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23  
Gospel: Mt 28:16-20



#### **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:

Sr Frances Flannery, Peter Watach, Vlado Damjanovic and Angelica Maino

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Carmela Caccamo, William & Gertrude Paul, Dimmy DaCosta, Vincenzo Benevento, Peter Bordonaro, Marianna Macarol, Yolanda Marruso and 1 year anniversary of Antonio Croce

### BAPTISMS:

Patrick Bascomb, Evie McConvill, Lilah Portella and Hugh Pitman

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

## **Roster for Next Sunday, May 28, 2017**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

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

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

M Carson

Sr J McGonigal

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

M Brown

T McShanag

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

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J Cowell

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. <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)**

## Liturgy in the Cluster:

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 - At Holy Spirit we will have Mass at 9am on Wednesday 24th May, the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians.

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST MASS CELEBRATED AT ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH/SCHOOL, HAMLYN HTS:

**Sunday 18th June 2017** - An invitation is extended to all former students, parents, staff and parishioners of St Anthony's to the 10th Anniversary of the last Mass celebrated at St Anthony's. The normal 11am Mass at Holy Spirit will commemorate this Anniversary and then you are invited to a BYO lunch to share at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. For further information contact Marianne Collins (Sheahan) 0429 014 971 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063. More details in coming weeks.

### OFFICE NEWS:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** As part of the amalgamation process, the recommendation was that we change our email address from [cluster@cam.org.au](mailto:cluster@cam.org.au) to [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au) - which we have done.
- ◆ **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.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** Parish Edition Winter 2017 - This edition focuses on Extraordinary Women Inspiring our Faith and Love. Articles include Mary Blowery, a trailblazer on the road to sainthood; heroic women in the Bible; empowering women as mothers and leaders; the place of Mary in the Church. Available for free at the back of each Church.

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

This 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.

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](http://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!

# Community News:

**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.

## ANNUAL DEANERY DINNER:

This dinner will take place on **Thursday 15th June at Capri Receptions, 55 Separation St North Geelong** at 6.30pm. This will also include a Farewell to the Deanery Co-Ordinator, Fr Kevin Dillon AM. Includes two course meal - drinks at bar prices, cost \$45/per person. Everybody is welcome to attend this event. For enquiries and payments, please ph Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913.

## FAREWELL FR KEVIN:

A 'Farewell Afternoon Tea' for Fr Kevin Dillon will take place on **Sunday 23rd July from 2-5pm** with formalities at 3pm. The venue yet to be decided.

## 2017 ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60-70th Wedding Anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass which will be celebrated at **St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30th July** at 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register: [cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / [imf@cam.org.au](mailto:imf@cam.org.au). Registrations close **Friday July 14th**.



## 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 - 6th Sunday of Easter

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1Pet 3:17)*

The old line says "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes - we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises.

Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing - God has a different and better plan in store for you.

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Sometimes the most loving thing is to do nothing. If we are very angry with friends, for example, abusing them physically or verbally won't help. If we are sexually attracted to our best friend's spouse, having an affair will end in tears. On a more positive note, if we are alert to the poverty in which others live in our world, making sacrifices so that they might have something will not take away from us at all. Self-control is

the ally of love and it helps us sort out the appropriate time to undertake the appropriate action.

The path to true happiness is found in being self-controlled. The problem is that self-control doesn't come easily. We need to train ourselves in its art and practise it regularly and consistently so that we can enjoy seeing the benefits of winning smaller battles before we venture out on larger campaigns. If we cultivate an attitude

of self-control, we can be sure that when we most need to exercise it, we are in charge of our emotional life rather than it being in charge of us.

May this Eucharist effect a change of heart in us. May we embrace sacrifice and self-control as the doors to an even greater practical experience of the Risen Christ's law of love.