



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

When I was a boy, Sir Edmund Hillary came to speak at my school. I can remember the fuss surrounding the visit of the first person to scale Mt Everest. And though there is now a school of thought that holds that he was beaten to the summit by Tenzing Norgay, his Tibetan colleague, there was an aura around this New Zealander who had been to the top of the world.

Some of my usually dour teachers were in awe of Sir Edmund. There was more than a little hero worship going on that day. Rather surprisingly in his address Sir Edmund did not say very much

about his adventure to the peak. He was much more interested in what we do to each other on the plains than what he did on the mountain top. He spoke about justice, peace and the dignity of humanity. I can vividly remember him sending us out at the end of his speech to create a better world for all people everywhere. When questions came, there were several about whether he felt closer to God at the top of Mt Everest, and although he said he did, he mentioned there were life and death moments on the way up and down, where God's presence and companionship were much more real to him.

Hillary's visit to my school is not far from what happened to the disciples in today's Gospel. Matthew tells us

that the eleven men who worshipped Jesus were commissioned by him to go out to the world and they were promised that he would stay with them until the end of time.

Worship is a word Catholics don't use all that often. While other denominations describe their liturgy as 'worship', we tend to use it only in a more secular way like in 'hero worship' or 'not an altar at which I worship'. The concept behind this word, however, is an important one. To worship God is to admit that we are not God. We are creatures and our worship is directed toward our Creator, Saviour and Sustainer.

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



- The Ascension of the Lord -

(Year A/1 - May 28, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Gen 11:1-9
2nd Reading: Rom 8:22-29
Gospel: Jn 7:37-39



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

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...	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Tues...	<i>Meditation Group</i>	<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Wed...	<i>Prayer of the Church</i>	<i>Before 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Wed...	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Thurs...	<i>Italian Prayer Group</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>St Patrick's Chapel</i>
Fri...	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<i>After 11am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Fri...	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Sat...	<i>Rosary</i>	<i>After 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

May 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:

Josipa Marinac and Tony Zarb, also the deaths which occurred in both Manchester and Jakarta.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Bove, Clifton Diniz, Marcella Conti, Aldo Scarpetti, Annunziata Guarnaccia, Salvatore Daniele

BAPTISMS:

Leo Groves and Charlotte Mahoney

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

Roster for Next Sunday, June 4, 2017

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum
V Pavlovic
J Bartolo, B McFarlane, I Baulch
K McArthur
R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa
C&J Taylor
P Carmody, B Kline, D&M Horoba
M&E Hoffman
C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

J O'Neill
M Abbott, D Torpy, C Laffy
M Kroger

11.00AM

C Neilson
B Middleton, M Wright
R Pugh, V Trinder
I Cleary, L Fossey
L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien
Sr J McGonigal
N Neeld, P McGlinchey
B Pleasance
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 29...** **School Closure Day** - The staffs of Holy Family, St Patrick's and Parish office staff, are having a Faith Formation Day with Dr Miriam Rose.
- May 30...** **Class Mass at Holy Family** 9.15am for Prep children.
- June 3...** **Holy Spirit Confirmation Commitment Mass** - 6pm at Holy Spirit Church
- June 4...** **Holy Spirit Confirmation Commitment Mass** - 11am at Holy Spirit Church

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:

- ◆ **OFFICE CLOSURE:** Be advised that the Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on **MONDAY MAY 29TH**.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **ADVANCE NOTICE:** There will be **No Mass** on **Tuesday 6th June 9.15am at Holy Family, Wednesday 7th June 9am at Holy Spirit and 9.15am Thursday 8th June at Holy Family.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:

Parish Edition Winter 2017 - This edition focuses on Extraordinary Women Inspiring our Faith and Love. Articles include Mary Glowery, 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.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL SUNDAY:

We thank you for your generous donation of \$1283 raised for the Chaplaincy Appeal held last Sunday. Your support is very much appreciated.

PENTECOST LETTER:

Each year the Archbishop writes a Letter to the Youth of the Diocese at Pentecost. Next week the Archbishop's letter will be available for those interested and it is entitled **Be Courageous**.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE:

A group of "**Singing Priests**" from the Diocese of Malaybalay in Southern Philippines, will be doing a **Concert for a Cause** in Holy Family Church on **June 25** (Sunday) at 3pm. They are raising funds for the construction of the House for Elderly Clergy in their Diocese and also for their program on the Protection of the Environment. Let's support them! General admission is \$35.

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 7.00pm.** (Please note new time) 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. **St Michael's Parish is organising two tables of twelve. If you are interested please contact Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.**

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 or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / 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 - 7th Sunday of Easter

"I am praying for them" (Jn 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship.

Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well.

Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts he has given you.

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Whether we realise it or not we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' This changes our worship. We are not here just for ourselves. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still

wants to accomplish.

Finally, we continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives or else we wouldn't be here. God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion-God who seeks our company as much as we need his.

In this Mass, then, let's thank God for the mountain top of Christ's Ascension that lifts us up out of our

everyday life to celebrate that we are creatures, not the Creator. Let us hear again Christ's call to each of us to move away from the complacency of a spiritual cafeteria to a church moving out to change the world. And let's rejoice in Christ's presence which abides before us, behind us, over and in us, within and without, now and forever.

Amen.