



# 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

Have you noticed how, these days when we meet someone and ask how they are, they reply, 'busy' or 'frantic' or 'as busy as ever'. I wonder what would happen if we replied, 'Relaxed and laid back' or 'taking time to smell the roses'. I don't think we would be believed, or we might get a lecture from our friends on how lucky we are not to be busy!

As Christians we have to be careful about this busy-ness competition. Being active in our lives and engaged with the world around us is a gift, but if we are honest about our busyness, some of it is not virtuous. It's about denial, avoidance or trying to stay up with our peer group.

In John's account of the first Pentecost the primary gift Jesus' Spirit bestows on the disciples is

peace. It's curious, isn't it, that just as we all compete with each other to be the busiest person we know, we also complain that what we really want is 'some peace and quiet'. We can't have it both ways. Compulsive frantic activity is the enemy of peace.

Sometimes we can think that peace and quiet is sitting in the lotus position in a darkened room. Christ's gift of peace is more robust than that. Peace is like all the best things in life: an attitude of mind and a habit born of consistently making good choices. Some people can do a large amount of work and be quite serene about it. Peace, for them, is an affair of the mind and a way of life.

Seneca, a 2nd century philosopher, noticed, even in his day, how most of his friends and acquaintances were lacking peace. He wrote a

famous book on anger and how to deal with it. He especially noticed that his richest friends were the angriest of all. Seneca came to believe that the reason so many people were agitated was that they had an unreasonable expectation about how smoothly their day would go. Those who were rich thought their money would buy them an easier life in every way and so when it didn't, they got the angriest of all.

If Seneca is right and we want more peace and quiet, we have to have realistic expectations of each day and factor in the things that might go wrong.

Seneca's secular wisdom holds that the more aware we are of the frailties in us, others and life, the fewer fights we would have.

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## - Pentecost Sunday -

*(Year A/1 - June 4, 2017)*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### Trinity Sunday

1st Reading: Ex 34:4-6,8-9  
2nd Reading: 2Cor 13:11-13  
Gospel: Jn 3:16-18



### 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:

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

## OUR LADY'S STATUE:

**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:

Terry Kelly and Barry Burt

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Duilio Magurno, Eileen Doherty, Kathryn Tuddenham, Filippo Caccamo, Robert Salt, Ljerka Lehpamer, Francesco Cammarere, Jim Hudson, Gerald Drew

### BAPTISMS:

Ivy Catanzariti, Noah Forbes, Will Hilton, George Stoiljkovic and Jasmine Tournier

### 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, June 11, 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)**

## Liturgy in the Cluster:

June 3...	<b>Holy Spirit Confirmation Commitment Mass</b> - 6pm at Holy Spirit Church
June 4...	<b>Holy Spirit Confirmation Commitment Mass</b> - 11am at Holy Spirit Church
June 9...	<b>Class Mass</b> - St Patrick's Chapel 9.15am <b>Class Mass</b> - Holy Spirit Church 11am



## 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 this reunion. Following on from the normal 11am Mass in Holy Spirit, where the Anniversary will be commemorated, you are invited into the Hall for a BYO lunch, hot or cold food to share, tea/coffee provided. BYO refreshments and plenty of memories. Bring along any school photos etc. Hall will be open from 10am to drop food if you wish. Further information please contact Marianne Collins (Sheahan) or Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.

## OFFICE NEWS:


- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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** as both Fr Gerard and Fr Rolyn will be at a Clergy Conference in Torquay.

## Cluster News:

**MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Next meeting will be at 1.30pm, **Wednesday 7th June** in Holy Spirit Hall. We would welcome ladies from St Michael's Parish to come along. For information or transport please contact Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

**HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE, MANIFOLD HEIGHTS** will hold their 2017 Winter Appeal at the Masses on June 17/18. The funds raised are used to directly assist those experiencing hardship and disadvantage in our community.



## CONCERT FOR A CAUSE -

A group of international "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!

## PENTECOST LETTER:

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

## WHEN LIFE IS ENDING:

Discussing Dying, Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia - Dr Caroline Ong RSM provides a thought provoking commentary on the vexed issue of assisted suicide and euthanasia which is before the Victorian Parliament. I commend it for your reading to assist you in the formation of your views on this matter.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** There are still a few free copies available at the back of each Church.



# Community News:

## 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.

**A REMINDER:** Just to let you know that there is a Mass at St John the Evangelist, North Geelong, on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10am.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all winners of the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2017. Most of the winners were from the Melbourne area with one from St Robert's, Geelong. Unfortunately no winners from St Michael's Parish.

**THE CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Come join us for a 2-course evening meal and the opportunity to meet new friends from 6.15pm on **Tuesday June 13**, for only \$33/person at the **Capri Receptions** on Separation St. This month our guest speakers are Elaine and Anders Munro, who will tell us about their history and that of their East Geelong Newsagency. For more information and reservations, please phone or text **Terry** at 5221 7339 by **Friday June 9**.

## 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**.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Pentecost Sunday

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1Cor 12:7)*

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us.

Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God.

Generously sharing our gifts keeps us more 'God-centred' and less 'self-centred'.

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In turn this would lead to fewer occasions when we would need to ask or give forgiveness. In today's Pentecost Gospel forgiveness is the second gift Jesus bequeaths the disciples.

If we really want to cultivate peace and quiet in our lives we have to confront the things we are trying to avoid or deny. Often these things hinge on painful memories

or events where we were destructive toward others or they were toward us. Unless we forgive ourselves or forgive them, our busyness will ensure that we have enough clamour and activity to stay away from ugly memories. Unfortunately it usually follows that when we are so busy not dealing with the sins of our past, peace and quiet stay well away from us as well.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that while

the Spirit might allow us to retain any sins, we choose Jesus' first option this Pentecost and forgive as generously as we can those who have tried to crucify us. We might have to forgive ourselves as well. And then, like Jesus, with old wounds exposed, we can rejoice that the Spirit has breathed into us the greatest gift of all: the peace and quiet we most crave and need.