



# 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

Some years ago, Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru. There he was met by a massive crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped forward to the microphone. Their names were Irene and Viktor Charo. As the huge crowd went quiet, they began to speak to the Pope.

'Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread.' Before a hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish. 'You tell me you hunger for bread.' 'Yes, yes', the millions yelled in reply. 'You tell me you hunger for God', said the Pope and again the crowd swelled with an emphatic 'Yes! Yes!' 'I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied.'

The Pope then turned to the generals and

the wealthy politicians gathered there – many of them devout Catholics – and said very starkly, 'I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back – it belongs to the poor.'

As extraordinary as the Pope's words were that day, Jesus' words about the Eucharist in today's Gospel are even more so. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel many people were so horrified by the claims Jesus makes for the reality of his presence in the Eucharist, they stopped following him. John clearly links Jesus giving himself for the sake of God's kingdom and our redemption, with the communion we share with Him in every Mass.

When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or a sign of his life to which we say 'Amen'. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ says to us at every Mass, 'Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take

me. I'm here for you.'

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

Hence, like the Pope in Peru, many people have linked the reception of the Bread of Life here with the giving of bread which sustains life away from here. On average in our world 26,000 die every day of starvation. John F Kennedy observed in 1961, 'The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it.' We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to. /Cont'd P4...

## - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ -

(Year A/1 - June 18, 2017)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from  
heaven, says the Lord:  
whoever eats this bread  
will live forever.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 20:10-13

2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-15

Gospel: Mt 10:26-33



### 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**

### 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...** 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:

**June 19-July 3:** Hoare family, 24 Sycamore St.

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:

Dennis O'Brien, Pat Ryan, Giorgio Vitalone (Italy) and Maria Alvaro (Italy)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Zlatko Lehpamer, Vjekoslav (Stan) Pogacic, Angelica Maino, Marinko Skazlic, Casiano Mangas, Nicola Ruggeri and 1 year Anniversary of Adele D'Antino and Marcella D'Aprile

### BAPTISMS:

Penelope Moody

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

**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 25, 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  
A Henderson, G Tolan  
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 5.00pm 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 at St Michael's:



**FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF FR MICK'S DEATH**  
You are invited to attend this special celebration  
Ss Peter & Paul's Church,  
11am on Sunday 25th June.  
Included in this Mass will be the Anointing of the Sick.



June 23... **Class Mass** - Holy Spirit Church 11am, Gr 3/4  
June 27... **Class Mass** - Holy Family Church 9.15am, Gr 5/6

### **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST MASS CELEBRATED AT ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH/SCHOOL, HAMLIN 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) on 0429 014 971 or Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.

#### **OFFICE NEWS:**

- ◆ **Parish Finance Meeting** - Tuesday 20th June, 7pm at the Parish Office

## **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.

For tickets please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343 or Fr Rolyn Vics on 0423 944 796

# Parish News:

## A PRACTICAL WAY TO WELCOME THE CATHOLIC REFUGEES FROM IRAQ AND SYRIA:

In recent times in Geelong, especially the Bell Park area, we have been blessed with the arrival of a number of refugees from Iraq and Syria. Many of these refugees are Catholics and are becoming an important part of our faith community. One of their needs at this time is to better develop their conversational English.

At this stage I am looking for some guidance on how we can create opportunities for English speakers to meet with our new friends with the aim of developing conversations and, more importantly, friendships.

If you have any ideas and/or you are interested in being part of this opportunity, please let me know. (Fr Gerard)



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

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

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH LEGION OF MARY** are celebrating the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** at the 11am Mass on Friday 23rd June at Holy Spirit Church, followed by Rosary, Prayers, Benediction and Adoration. The following day, Saturday 24th June, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** and Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church 10.30am also with Rosary and Legion Prayers. Following this there will be a BYO Luncheon at the Parish Community Centre. All welcome! For any enquiries please contact John McCarthy on 0409 042 393.

# Community News:

## FAREWELL FR KEVIN:

A 'Farewell Afternoon Tea' for Fr Kevin Dillon will take place on **Sunday 23rd July from 2-5pm** at St Joseph's College Gymnasium (enter off Queens Rd) with formalities at 3pm. Contact Sr Anne on 0417 556 637 or Michael Dowling on 048 145 231.

**CAPTAIN'S NIGHT** to support the pastoral care work of "Lifeboat Geelong" for victims of church-related abuse. **Tuesday July 11, 5.30-7.30pm at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club**, Eastern Beach Rd. Special Guests: Geelong's oldest and youngest Premiership Captains (Fred Wooller 1963 and Cameron Ling 2011) in conversation with Media Personality and entertainer, 'Coodabeen Champion' Ian Cover. Tickets \$60 with delicious finger food and drinks at bar prices. For bookings contact Lifeboat Geelong at [cath@lifeboatgeelong.com.au](mailto:cath@lifeboatgeelong.com.au) or ph 0439 199 400. Brochures and booking forms, including more details on "Lifeboat Geelong's" important work, are available in the Church Narthex.

## 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**.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Corpus Christi

*"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." (1Cor 10:17)*

As disciples of Jesus we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us.

Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to heaven.

Let's help each other get there!

/From P1...

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, 'while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete'. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is

lacking. There's an emptiness.

Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, 'When I was hungry, did you feed me?' This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

May this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength of our convictions.

May the real food and drink we provide away from this sacred table prove to the world the power of the Eucharist to change us into a people that are good, unifying and loving. And may we not just share with the poor from our excesses, but give them back the food that is rightly theirs.