



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

A few years ago there was an English film entitled, *Secrets and Lies*. It charted the story of a dysfunctional family who sat on terrible secrets and told many lies for decades.

Like many successful dramatic films, audiences flocked to see it, not only because of its compelling story, but also because it tapped into an important truth about family life as many of us live it.

When I was a boy I was often told that 'What's said and done in the home, stays in the home.' And to a degree, this is a good and loyal principle.

There are, however, family secrets and lies that cause untold damage for generations because no one is allowed to speak about them. Sexual abuse, domestic violence, suicide, incest, drug-taking, alcoholism, theft, adoption and abortion are only some of the secrets and lies that many families sit on.

Jesus, however, tells us in today's Gospel that what you 'say in the dark, tell in the light. What you whisper in darkness, shout from the housetops.'

This doesn't mean that Christians tell everyone their personal business, but it does cut to the heart of what stunts spiritual and personal growth.

To the degree that something shameful remains buried, hidden and unhealed, then its power over us is increased. It remains the thing about which we can never speak. The bad spirit has a field day with this sort of stuff, feeding our fears and lowering our self-esteem.

In this regard some Christians make a false distinction between their spiritual and psychological lives. They hold that the exploration of one's personal history or emotional problems is self-indulgent or unimportant to how we live.

We all know people who, in the pursuit of emotional health, become obsessed by their

own story, feelings, reactions and psychology. We also know others who never deal with the heavy hurts they seem to carry through the years, even though the pain of them seem to be as powerfully felt now as they were when they were inflicted upon them. Today's Gospel reminds us that there is a middle road between denying what should be acknowledged and dealt with, and being absorbed by it.

The Church, rightly, holds that the best psychological tools can bring out into the open memories and experiences that can be seen for what they are and dealt with.

We just have to be sure that we don't get conned into believing that psychology and therapy is anything but a pit-stop in life, so that we can attend to the working order of our mental machinery, and, importantly, get back on the road with everyone else, calling in later if needs be.

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- 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - June 25, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Kg 4:8-11,14-16

2nd Reading: Rom 6:3-4,8-11

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42



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:

Francesca Napoli, Robyn Johnson and Fr Claude Borg MSSP

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Mick Fitzpatrick, Matthew Barr, Margaret McFarlane, Alki DaCosta, Stefano Mileto,
Francesca & Rocco Daniele, John Dempsey, Rajko Jovic, Breda Gajic, Stanislaw Gwizdek,
1 month anniv of Pepa Marinac

BAPTISMS:

Cleo DeLuca, Mia Hyland, Patrick Kildea, Zoe & Louie Phillips

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

Roster for Next Sunday, July 2, 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:

<p>St Michael's Luncheon... Holy Family Luncheon.. Holy Family Women's Group... St Vincent de Paul...</p>	<p>First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share. Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO casserole & drink to share. First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 6.30pm (Winter), 7.00pm (D'light savings) 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</p>
<p>Legion of Mary... Baptism Preps Holy Family Choir Practice... Manifold CWL... Italian Mass... Catholic Diners' Club...</p>	<p>Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel 2nd Tues of each month, 6.15pm at Capri Receptions. Dinner/Guest Speaker - ph 0431 959 584</p>

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 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 this Sunday 25th June.



Included in this Mass will be the Anointing of the Sick.



June 27... Class Mass - Holy Family Church 9.15am, Gr 5/6



- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Thankyou to parishioners from Holy Spirit who donated \$500 to St Vincent de Paul. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
- ◆ **ST ANTHONY'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF LAST MASS:** Thankyou to Jeanette Sheahan and daughter Marianne for organising the St Anthony's 10 Year Anniversary of Last Mass celebrations. It was good to see a mixture of young and old parishioners and also previous Principals and Teachers. These days don't just happen, someone has to get things started. Thanks again for a great day!

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)



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 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 or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / 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.

ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL is interested in hearing from Special Ministers of Communion who would like to join the Pastoral Care Volunteer Team in providing Communion to our patients. Commitment to the team roster would entail one Sunday each month from approx 8.30-10.30am. Please contact Moira Wilding on 5215 8739 for more details.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC:

If you love choral music, we have three fantastic concerts for you -

Saturday 1st July at 8pm - Melbourne Bach Choir Rachmaninov 'Vespers'.

Book at www.trybooking.com/OMZZ

Adult and Senior \$30, Concession \$25, school students no charge. Tickets available at the door.

Or save with this special offer - save \$5 per ticket when you buy a 3-concert package.

\$80 full/senior, \$65 concession.

1. **Melbourne Bach Choir** Sat 1 July 8pm
2. **Chamber Choir of St George** Thur 10 Aug 7.30pm
3. **Australian Chamber Choir** Sun 20 Aug 3pm.

Enquiries 0408 305 868, www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Mt 10:32)

Do you share your Catholic faith with others?

Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals?

Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

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Long before the therapist's office Christ enabled the Church to develop the Sacrament of Penance where we admit our most destructive behaviour and hear that we are forgiven and healed.

That's why, when I am hearing a

confession, I can't tell you how happy I am to hear the penitent say, 'Father I have never told anyone this before.'

At that moment I know the love of God is active in the person, drawing out what Christ wants in the light, spoken of and healed.

This Sunday Jesus invites all of us to find a person we respect and trust, and to end the tyranny of the power of secrets and lies. I promise you when you take this risk with the appropriate person, the presence of God won't be very far away either.