



# 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

Before I said my first Mass an old priest gave me two great pieces of advice. 'You know when the congregation is filled with optimists. After a long series of announcements at the end of Mass and then you say, "and finally..." people take out their car keys!' The second was, 'Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.'

I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace.

Now all this 'come and rest a while' talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality. Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years

after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens. They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ. No wonder they held so strongly to the words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.' And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it. Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this

parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest. Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life.

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## - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - July 9, 2017)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name forever,  
my King and my God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 55:10-11  
2nd Reading: Rom 8:18-23  
Gospel: Mt 13:1-23



### 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:

**July 10-24:** Ramios family, 85 Sunderland Rd

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:** Margaret Hutchins

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nikola Mikin, Tindara Rao

**BAPTISMS:** -

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Anita Capicchiano, June Smith, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa, Johann Angerbaure, Hilary Thornton, Margaret Howard, Gina Ciuffetelli, Elaine & Aaron Lyall, Noella Duggan

**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, July 16, 2017**

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### 8.00AM

K Saunders  
B Rainbow  
A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo  
L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo  
R Allum

### 9.30AM

A Scaddan  
H Verdnik, T McMahon  
C&J Taylor, M Fiorillo, I Raj, T Herath  
E Dalton  
C Resciniti

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### 6.00PM

M Carson  
J McKenzie  
G Wright,  
I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek  
P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

### 11.00AM

G Brown, M Kroger  
L Stalio, L Sells  
D Brown (even months)

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### 5.00PM

L Middleton  
K Maddalena, A Beachell  
K Maddalena  
T McNair  
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. <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)**

## St Michael's News:

- ◆ **A PRACTICAL WAY TO WELCOME THE CATHOLIC REFUGEES FROM IRAQ AND SYRIA:** Many thanks to the parishioners who have offered to assist our new parishioners from Iraq and Syria with our English speaking project. Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday July 18th, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park.**
- ◆ Fr Gerard is away until Friday July 14. He will be on a silent Christian Meditation Retreat for one week.
- ◆ Fr Rolyn is away in Sydney on a Filipino Priests' Conference from Tuesday July 11 until Friday July 14.
- ◆ There will be **No Mass on Tuesday 11 July 9.15am at Holy Family, Wednesday 12 July 9am at Holy Spirit, Thursday 13 July 9.15am at Holy Family and Friday 14 July 11am at Holy Spirit**
- ◆ **A HEARING LOOP SYSTEM** has been installed at Holy Family and Ss Peter & Paul's. Soon the same system will be installed at Holy Spirit.
- ◆ **A CALL FOR ASSISTANCE:** Ss Peter & Paul's is a popular Church for weddings. Part of the service to couples is that bows are placed on the pews and flowers are arranged. Couples are appreciative of this service. To continue to provide this service there is a need for further volunteer support. If you are interested please contact the office on 5278 1343 for further information.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE:**  
**"Moving Forward from Royal Commission - What does this mean for our local Catholic Community/Parish?"** - A public conversation with Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Catholic Church's Truth, Justice and Healing Council - **Thursday October 19th, 7pm at Holy Family.**



## Liturgy at St Michael's:

### FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN THE NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM:

A warm welcome is extended to children who are looking to make their First Eucharist and who are not in the Catholic School system. Please note that prior to making their First Eucharist they must have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The program this year is as follows...

- Session 1:** **Sunday July 30 at 9.30am Holy Family Church** - Welcome and Commitment Mass for children followed by Lesson at Holy Family Community Centre.
- Session 2:** **Wednesday August 2 at 7pm Holy Family Community Centre** - Family based presentation on the Eucharist with parents and children in attendance
- Session 3:** **Sunday August 6 at 9.30am Holy Family Church** - Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass.
- Session 4:** **Sunday August 13 at 9.30am Holy Family Church** - Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass
- First Eucharist:** **Sunday August 20 or August 27 at 9.30am Holy Family Church**

**Please Note:** If you are unable to attend any one of the Sunday classes, a catch up class will be held on **Sunday August 20** and then your child's First Eucharist will be on **Sunday August 27.**

The cost of the program is **\$70 per child.** If you wish to enrol in person - enrolments will be accepted at the Parish Office up until **Friday July 21, 2017.** Office hours are 9am to 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. **Please note - enrolments must close on Friday July 21st, 2017.**

If you would like any further information, please contact Bernadette at St Michael's Parish Office on 5278 1343.

**CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN IN THE NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM** will be held on **Saturday October 14th, 2.30pm in Holy Spirit Church.** Further details about the program will be made available in due course.

# Community News:

- Jul 16... 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST MASS OF ST PATRICK'S PORTARLINGTON:** 9am at St Patrick's Church in Portarlington. Bishop Mark Edwards and Fr James will be the celebrants.
- Jul 22... PAMPER DAY:** Pastoral Healthcare Network Geelong invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare, 1pm-3.30pm at 36 Shannon Ave Geelong West. Cost \$10 or donation. Enquiries/bookings 0408 217 375. Come along and choose from a range of treatments including hand, shoulder/foot massage, Bowen & Myotherapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and a'noon tea.
- Jul 23... FAREWELL FR KEVIN:** A 'Farewell Afternoon Tea' for Fr Kevin Dillon **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.
- " **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Invitation to members, widows, family and friends to a **Casserole Luncheon** in the Belmont Seniors Centre Dining Room, 52 Thomson St. Cost \$10 - drinks included. Just bring a casserole or a sweet. Phone Joe Lambert on 5229 8442 to confirm attendance. **Proceeds to our overseas charity project.**
- Jul 29... SACRED HEART COLLEGE CLASS OF 1977 40 YEAR REUNION:** 4pm beginning at SHC for champagne reception and school tour with further celebrations to follow for dinner. Info email [alumni@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)
- Jul 30... 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**.
- Aug 24... SACRED HEART COLLEGE:** Circle of Mercy Community Evening Rev John Dupuche will present ***From the stormy waves of birth, old age, sickness and death, may I free all beings*** at 7pm in the Celies Hospitality Centre. All welcome/supper provided. Please RSVP by **Friday 18 August** to email [rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) or ph 5222 0467.

**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.

**SHORT TERM BUDGET ACCOMMODATION** available in Melbourne, close to main Hospitals and city attractions. On the No96 Tram route, Nicholson St Fitzroy. Owned by the Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga Wagga. Ph 9417 3379 for bookings and further information.

## MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC:

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

Book at [www.trybooking.com/OMZZ](http://www.trybooking.com/OMZZ)

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

1. **Chamber Choir of St George** Thur 10 Aug 7.30pm

2. **Australian Chamber Choir** Sun 20 Aug 3pm.

Enquiries 0408 305 868, [www.musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://www.musicatthebasilica.org.au)

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11:30)*

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when he calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure.

However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us.

All he is asking is that we give back a small portion of what he has already given to us.

/From P1...

She asked the class,

'What's small and furry and eats nuts?'

To which there was bemused silence. So

Sister tried again. 'What's small and furry

and eats nuts?' There was now stony

silence. Sister then picked out Billy and

asked him for the answer. After several

awkward moments, Billy tentatively

replied, 'Sister, I know the answer is

supposed to be Jesus, because the

answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.'

Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'.

As we all know, for some of our difficulties,

there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no

cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus.

In confronting issues, however, it is

necessary for spiritual and mental health to

take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves

as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some

of you have walked into this church with

today. Whatever burden you may have

brought with you, may you know a

moment's rest, the companionship of

fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's

peace.