



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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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:

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Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

A newcomer to a city known for its wind and rain arrives on a rainy day. She gets up the next day and it's raining. It also rains the day after that, and the day after that. She goes out to lunch and sees a young child and, out of despair, asks, 'Hey, kid, does it ever stop raining around here?' To which the child replies, 'How should I know? I'm only six.'

With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil and a labouring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be

preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. Most of us know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. There is no point any of us crying over the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now.

Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously.

One creative reading of today's Gospel is

that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort.

For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends. /Cont'd P4...

- 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - July 16, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live forever.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 12:13,16-19
2nd Reading: Rom 8:26-27
Gospel: Mt 13:24-43

**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:

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| 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:

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: Vincenzo Memoli, Michele (Mick) Vannata, Aniello Pierri, Carmello Montalto, Jasna Lovric

ANNIVERSARIES: Romeo Zanoria, Lucy Murphy, Hilda Smith, Brian Dobbyn, Claude Mullavey, Gabriella Cracco, Cosimo Nadile and 1 month since death of Francesca Napoli

BAPTISMS: Milly & Oliver McDonald, Emily Barnes, Noa Hunter and Chase Trenerry

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 23, 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:

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| 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 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

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.**

- ◆ **A HEARING LOOP SYSTEM** has now been installed at all Churches.



- ◆ **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 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

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 or ph 5222 0467.

A GALA FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE BUILDING OF THE NEW BANNOCKBURN CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Where: Clyde Park, 2490 Midland Hwy, Bannockburn

When: August 11th 2017 from 7pm to 10pm

Cost: \$100/ticket. Tickets through trybooking.com (www.trybooking.com/QTAE)

Dress: Smart casual

Award winning wines/beer/soft drinks and delicious food. Auctions and music by Heath Stenton.

Join us to make this event successful with all proceeds from the evening going to the Building Fund.

MERCY PLACE RICE VILLAGE: Currently have two bedroom units available. If you are interested please call Sally on 5247 2202 for more information.

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

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." (Mt 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God?

Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

/From P1...

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are 'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands', are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice

always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children.

By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it.