



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

Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy. Who can blame the young children, then, who wrote the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament?

'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'



The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that

illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us.

Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it.

On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

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We welcome and congratulate the children of Holy Spirit School who are making their First Eucharist this weekend.

- The Transfiguration of the Lord -

(Year A/1 - August 6, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is king,
the most high over all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom
is all my delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1Kg 19:9,11-13
2nd Reading: Rom 9:1-5
Gospel: Mt 14:22-33



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...	<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:

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:

Tony Curtain, Damien Teague, Arnald Colaso, Margaret Howard, Drago Cosic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin O'Brien, Joseph Hagebols, Kath Edwards, Kate Dempsey, Eugene Guardiano, Joan Gazenbeek, Giuseppe & Maria Pitaro, Francesco & Serafina Lecchino, Margaret Callander Carmody, Sam Grego, Salvatore, Antonietta & Rosa Valentino, Giovanni Bove, Kevin McFarlane, Ercole Iezzi, Luigi Fatone and 1 month since death of Carmelo Montalto

BAPTISMS:

James Sells, Archie & Harper Sells.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Howard, Gina Ciuffetelli, Elaine & Aaron Lyall, Noella Duggan, Pat Walsh, Rosemary Richens

Roster for Next Sunday, August 13, 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. 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:

- ◆ **WELCOME TO FR JULIUS:** Fr Julius, a friend of Fr Rolyn, will be visiting Australia for a couple of months and staying with him. He will be involved in some of the Parish Masses and activities, so I am sure you will extend a warm welcome to him.
- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S CRAFT & CONVERSATION:** A new group is being formed in conjunction with the St Michael's Refugee Friendship Group. Do you enjoy sewing, embroidery, knitting or craft? Together we can teach each other our craft and practice the art of conversation through fellowship. Bring along any project you are working on, or one to share/donate from your craft box to inspire conversation. Our trial project will run fortnightly on a Friday, 2-4pm in the Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St. Dates are as follows - 25 Aug, 8 Sept, 22 Sept, 6 Oct, 20 Oct and 3 Nov. Please help ensure this trial is successful as more dates can be added. Contact Debbie for further information on 0409 416 945.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Monday August 7 - our activity is the good old **BYO Wine & Cheese Night**. Come along for a fun fellowship night, sharing a plate of nibbles, sweet or savoury - it's your choice what you bring to share with the lovely ladies from Holy Family. NB: We are arranging our event/outing for next year so please come along and be part of the group's decision making mini meeting, your input is valued.
- ◆ **A NOTE OF THANKS:** The family of Dawn McFarlane, who died recently, wish to offer a vote of thanks to Fr Gerard, her friends in the parish and the ladies who took care of the funeral catering.

MARIAN RETREAT:

A Marian Retreat is being held at Holy Spirit Church Saturday 19 August to commence at 10am with Rosary and Legion prayers and Mass 10.30am. Followed by Spiritual Talks on Mary as "Queen of Peace", to conclude 3pm. BYO lunch to share. Led by Fr Rolyn Vics, for enquiries ph John McCarthy on 0409 042 393.



Liturgy at St Michael's:

- Aug 5... **First Eucharist for Holy Spirit School children** - 6pm Holy Spirit Church
- Aug 6... **First Eucharist Class** - 9.30am Holy Family Church
First Eucharist for Holy Spirit School children- 11am Holy Spirit Church
- Aug 8... **Class Mass** - Gr 5/6 9.15am Holy Family Church
- Aug 13... **First Eucharist Class** - 9.30am Holy Family Church
- Aug 15... **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:**
Whole School Mass Holy Family School - 9.15am Holy Family Church
Whole School Mass Holy Spirit School - 9.15am Holy Spirit Church
Whole School Mass St Pat's School - 12noon St Patrick's Chapel
Evening Mass - 5.30pm Ss Peter & Paul's
- Aug 18... **Class Mass** - Preps/Buddies, 11am Holy Spirit Church
- Aug 21... **First Eucharist for Children in Non Catholic Schools** - 9.30am Holy Family Church
- Aug 27... **First Eucharist for Children in Non Catholic Schools** - 9.30am Holy Family Church
- Aug 29... **Class Mass** - Gr Prep 9.15am Holy Family Church
- Sept 1... **Class Mass** - Prep/1 10.15am St Patrick's Chapel
- Sept 2... **Father's Day Mass** - Holy Spirit School, 6pm Holy Spirit Church

- ◆ After the closure of St Anthony's School in Hamlyn Hts in 2007, the marble plaque at the entrance to the school and inscribed with the words **St Anthony's Catholic Primary School** was retained. At the recent ten year commemoration of the school's closure, it was decided to donate the plaque to St Anthony's Catholic primary School in Lara. On July 21st the plaque was handed over to the Principal of St Anthony's School in Lara, thus showing that a St Anthony's Catholic Primary School has been providing Catholic primary school education in the Geelong area for 54 continuing years. (*Barry Hill*)

Community News:

- Aug 9...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Aug 11...** **GALA FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING OF NEW BANNOCKBURN CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Clyde Park, 2490 Midland Hwy Bannockburn from 7-10pm. \$100/ticket through trybooking.com (www.trybooking.com/QTAE) - dress Smart Casual. Award winning wines/beer/soft drinks/delicious food; actions and music by Heath Stenton. Join us to make this event successful with all proceeds from the evening going to the Building Fund.
- Aug 13...** **A GALILEAN EXPERIENCE:** A reflection of world changing events occurring 2,000 years ago when Jesus of Nazareth preached and healed in towns and fishing centres around the shore of Galilee. To be held on the shore of Swan Bay near the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club at 2pm. Further details ph 0438 191 196.
- 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.

VOLUNTEER HOMEWORK TUTORING:

CatholicCare's Homework Group in Geelong provides students with a supportive environment to enhance their academic achievement and build social connections with their peers. Students are from both culturally and linguistically diverse and English speaking backgrounds. Volunteer tutors will assist students to understand and complete their set homework tasks in various subjects such as Maths, Science and English, and encourage them to continue working towards their academic and career aspirations. They are required to work weekly on Monday (during school terms) between 3.15pm and 4.45pm. All volunteers are required to undergo a Police Record Check (PRC) and a Working with Children Check (WWCC) prior to commencing any voluntary work with CatholicCare. (Note: CatholicCare will facilitate the PRC at no cost to the volunteer).

Application Details:

- ◆ Request a **Position Description**
- ◆ To apply, email a current resume and **Expression of Interest Form** to volunteer@ccam.org.au
- ◆ Contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator, Matt Walton, at volunteer@ccam.org.au or ph 926 5699 for more 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.**

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:

Today the Church prays for the Care and Respect at the End of Life. The Church and society need leaders to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life. Please pray for more priests and religious for Melbourne who can help us proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - The Transfiguration of the Lord

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." (Mt 17:2)

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect his love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

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On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

