



# 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 conservative Protestant Church in a sleepy fishing village had to find a new minister. Over the protests of Jimmy, the senior Elder, a woman was hired as the new Pastor.

After the Reverend Gayle had been there a few weeks, Tom, a member of the congregation, offered to take her out fishing. Jimmy reluctantly agreed to allow them to use his boat for the day's outing, but insisted that he lead the expedition.

The trio got into the boat and motored out on the lake. When they got ready to fish, they realised that all their tackle had been left on the dock. Tom concluded that they would just have to go back and get it. Reverend Gayle said that wouldn't be necessary, and she got out of the boat and started walking across the water toward the dock. Jimmy, who refused to be impressed by Gayle's miraculous abilities observed, 'See I told you we never should have hired that woman.

She can't even swim.'

The hit animation film *Shrek* was praised by critics for many things but most especially for the clever way it quoted from several other much-loved animation films. When writers do this it's called 'intertextuality', where one text uses another text to tell the story. Some of the references in *Shrek* were obvious; others took a little longer to reveal themselves. Some were used in a new way that turned the original story upside down. Whether any of us got all or none of the references didn't affect the enjoyment we derived from the film, it only added to what was already a great tale.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is in a similar vein to *Shrek*. In eleven verses Matthew quotes several other stories in the Old Testament, uses them in his own way and re-interprets all of them in reference to Jesus. It might be lost on some of us who just enjoy the power of the story, but none of this intertextuality would have been lost on Matthew's first hearers.

Poor old Job found God in the midst of a storm, and winds and waves are a usual Old Testament shorthand for the perils of life. The image of the boat was an early symbol for the Church and Matthew has all Jesus' disciples in it. Jesus hovering over the waters has echoes of the action of the Spirit in the first account of creation in Genesis. Even Jesus restoring calm to the sea follows on from what the Prophet Jonah had done before. For the keen student there is much more besides.

Matthew's account is magnificent on its own terms, but with these details we can see he is also interested in a theological message. Jesus, the Son of God and Lord of creation, remains faithful to the disciples, no matter how treacherous the seas or how great their fear. He has come to them so that they may be saved and recreated as the Church who recognises that he is the fulfilment of creation, the one whom Israel has been longing to see and embrace. /Cont'd P4...

## - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - August 13, 2017)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 56:1,6-7

2nd Reading: Rom 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28



### 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:

<b>Mon...</b>	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
<b>Tues...</b>	<i>Meditation Group</i>	<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
<b>Wed...</b>	<i>Prayer of the Church</i>	<i>Before 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
<b>Wed...</b>	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
<b>Thurs...</b>	<i>Italian Prayer Group</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>St Patrick's Chapel</i>
<b>Fri...</b>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<i>After 11am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
<b>Fri...</b>	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
<b>Sat...</b>	<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:

Eva Bole, Drago Cosic and Lewis Sheets (USA)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Cudmore, Julie DaCosta, Michael O'Dwyer, Francesco Marifioti, Caterina Iannuzzi,  
Miroslav Macarol, Samkeliso Denga and 1 year anniv of Giuseppina Mazza

### BAPTISMS:

Izayah Farrugia, Matilda, Eliza & Adelaide Wood

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

**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, August 20, 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:

**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 REFUGEE FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

- ♦ **St Michael's Craft and 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** would like to invite all ladies from Iraq and Syria to join us for afternoon tea and friendship at the Community Centre on **Saturday 2nd September** from 2pm to 4pm. All members of the Women's Group attending please bring a plate.

**FR MICK'S MATES MEETING:** Wednesday 16th August, 4pm at the Parish Office. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please come or contact David on 0408 378 982.

### 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 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

**Sept 3...** Father's Day Mass - Holy Family School, 9.30am Holy Family Church



# Community News:

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.

## 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.**

## MERCY PLACE RICE VILLAGE MARSHALL:

Our Independent Living Unit residents are looking for a volunteer to drive a 12 seater bus once a month on a Monday afternoon. A normal driver's licence and current police check are required. Please contact Geraldine Malady on 5247 2233 during business hours.



## AN OPEN LETTER FROM CHRISTIAN LEADERS TO THE PREMIER OF VICTORIA REGARDING THE PROPOSED VICTORIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA BILL - Monday 31 July 2017

Dear Premier,

We, the undersigned leaders of faith communities in Victoria, commend much of the work of the recent Victorian End-of-Life Choices Inquiry, which identified the need to improve the quality and accessibility of palliative care for all Victorians. However we strongly reject the proposal to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia in Victoria.

### Better care - not killing

Human dignity is honoured in living life, not in taking it. Even though an act of euthanasia or assisted suicide may be motivated by a sense of compassion, true compassion motivates us to remain with those who are dying, understanding and supporting them through their time of need, rather than simply acceding to a request to be killed. It is right to seek to eliminate pain, but never right to eliminate people. Euthanasia and assisted suicide represent the abandonment of those who are in greatest need of our care and support.

### Mistakes and abuse are impossible to avoid

No 'safeguards' will ever guarantee that deaths under the proposed laws will be completely voluntary. There will always be a risk of error, fraud or coercion. Victoria abolished the death penalty because we recognised that in spite of our best efforts, our justice system could never guarantee that an innocent person would not be killed by mistake or by false evidence. The same is true of health care. Mistakes happen and the vulnerable are exploited. We ask you to consider especially the risks to those whose ability to speak up for themselves is limited by fear, disability, illness or old age.

### Government endorsed suicide

Endorsing suicide as a solution to pain and suffering sends a confusing message to our society, particularly to the young and the vulnerable. Suicide is a tragedy that impacts not just the person whose life is lost, but also their family and community. It would be counter-productive to legally endorse any form of suicide when our governments and community groups are working so hard to persuade others that it is not a solution to take their own life.

### Undermining trust in our doctors

Once the fundamental principle to do no harm and never to kill is removed from medical practice, the integrity of our health system is compromised. It will affect the confidence that seriously ill patients nearing the end of life can have in the treatment and the quality of care that they might otherwise have expected. When euthanasia or assisted suicide is an ever present – even if unspoken – option, how long will it be before the option becomes an expectation?

We ask you and your government to think again and reject this legislation.

*Signed by the Bishops of the Greek Orthodox, Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Syro-Malabar, Ukrainian and Coptic Churches of Melbourne.*

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He said, 'Come'. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus". (Mt 14:29)*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that he knows that he's doing? If so, you are walking on water!

When we say 'yes' to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us!

Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life he has in mind for you.

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And what does all this mean for us?

We are inheritors of Matthew's faith. We're here because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has saved

us from ourselves and from destruction. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to

accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

Aren't we lucky Jesus never learnt to swim?