



# 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 furore broke out in a country diocese some years ago about the retreat style of priest who was taking Catholic students in their last year of high school or who were attending university away for weekend retreats. On the Friday night of the retreat this priest would tell the young people that by the end of the weekend they should make a decision about their Christian faith.

Some parents were shocked that their young people were given an ultimatum that included the possibility of rejecting their faith. The priest replied that Catholic youth have to make all sorts of decisions regarding career, lifestyle, residence, studies and

relationships. Religion, he contended, often fell by the wayside, either not important enough on which to make a decision, or relegated to the personal shelf of neglect to be possibly taken down and dusted off years later for a hatching, matching or dispatching.

The priest argued that this wasn't good enough. After 12 years of Catholic education or many years of catechetics the Church had to take the risk of calling for a personal decision for faith. Some of the young people consciously chose membership in the Church. In making such a profession of faith many reported having a deep encounter with God and an experience of their faith in Christ. Other students made decisions against belonging to the Church, which is, of course, never irrevocable.

The entire retreat process was based on the

question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?'

The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

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We welcome and congratulate the children who are making their First Eucharist this weekend.

## - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - August 27, 2017)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9  
2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2  
Gospel: Mt 16:21-27



### 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;

**Eilstoft House (formerly 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:

**Aug 28:** Trinder family, 20 Dunie Place; **Sept 5-Oct 1:** Tissera family, 8 Crofton St; **Oct 2:** Sharry family, 23 Lily 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:

Eileen Pollard, Simé (Simon) Began, Anastazia Krkoska, Augusto DiCesare, Bruno Komel, John D'Andrea and Tony Millns

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Damiano Fazio, John DaCosta, Walter Augustyn, Bill Salt, Elodia & Angelo Capra, Francesco Altreri, Bruno Nicolich, Pat McGlinchey Snr

### BAPTISMS:

Hugh Lovick and Alexander Preiato

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Howard, Gina Ciuffetelli, Elaine & Aaron Lyall, 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, September 3, 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  
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:

### 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 - 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.

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Activity for Sept 4th at 6.30pm is a Games Evening - board games, cards, Bingo, etc. A fun evening to be enjoyed by one and all. See you all there!

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - SPRING 2017 EDITION:** This week the Australian Catholic magazine will be available for free. In this edition the focus is entitled **No One is an Island - Rebuilding our Connections with Each Other.**

## Liturgy at St Michael's:

Aug 27...	<b>First Eucharist for Children in Non Catholic Schools</b> - 9.30am Holy Family Church
Aug 29...	<b>Class Mass</b> - Gr Prep 9.15am Holy Family Church
Sept 1...	<b>Class Mass</b> - Prep/1 10.15am St Patrick's Chapel
Sept 2...	<b>Father's Day Mass</b> - Holy Spirit School, 6pm Holy Spirit Church
Sept 3...	<b>Father's Day Mass</b> - Holy Family School, 9.30am Holy Family Church
Sept 5...	<b>Class Mass</b> - Gr 3/4, 9.15am Holy Family Church
Sept 8...	<b>Class Mass</b> - Gr 3/4, 11am Holy Spirit Church
Sept 10...	<b>Confirmation Commitment Mass, St Patrick's School</b> - 11am Ss Peter & Paul's
Sept 15...	<b>Class Mass</b> - Gr 1/2, 10.15am St Patrick's Chapel



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

Catholic children who are in Grade 6 or above and have already celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, are welcome to proceed to Confirmation. The program involves five sessions of preparation. The cost of the program is \$70/child. Enrolment forms can be obtained from Bernadette at the Parish Office. (Phone 5278 1343; email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au))

- Session 1:** **Wed Sept 6** - 7pm at the Parish Community Centre; parent/child in attendance
- Session 2:** **Sun Sept 10** - 9.30am at Holy Family Church; Welcome and Commitment Mass for children followed by lesson at the Parish Community Centre.
- Session 3:** **Wed Sept 13** - 7pm at the Parish Community Centre; Family based presentation on the Sacrament of Confirmation with parent/child in attendance
- Session 4:** **Sun Sept 17** - 9.30am at Holy Family Church; lesson for children during the first part of the Mass.
- Session 5:** **Wed Oct 11** - 7pm-8.30pm at Holy Spirit Church with parent/child in attendance
- Confirmation:** **Saturday October 14, 2.30pm at Holy Spirit Church**
- Please Note:** *Compulsory attendance of all sessions is required*
- Closure for Applications: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST**

## - UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS -

Friday Oct 6...



### Movie Night -

Come and see the hilarious comedy starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant in *Florence Foster Jenkins*. Two sessions - 4.00pm and 7.00pm, with Finger Food Supper in between.

To be held at St Mary's Hibernian Theatre.

**Bookings:** David Lunn 0408 378 982, Cluster Office 5278 1343, Amie O'Brien 0427 866 891  
\$20 per ticket on sale from Sunday 27th August.

Tuesday Nov 7...



### Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon - Holy Spirit Hall

Chicken and Glass of Champagne Lunch, soft drink and punch provided; BYO other drinks welcome. Sweeps on the Cup, raffles and lucky seat prizes.

Don't sit home - come and join us for an afternoon of entertainment and possibly a prize in the sweeps.

\$20 per ticket.

**M**ANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL will be holding their Annual Meeting in Holy Spirit Hall, 1.30pm on **Wednesday Sept 6**. Guest Speaker will be **Ken Francis** who will talk on the Euthanasia Campaign and his involvement with local Prison Ministry and Samaritan House. Ken's talk will be about 2pm and parishioners from St Michael's Parish are welcome to attend. CWL members a plate of food for a'noon tea please. 2018 Membership \$25, Horizon \$20 and Scripture Diary \$10 can be paid on this day. For information/transport please contact Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.



## Community News:

**Sept 14... ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Featuring Daniel Wells, current Collingwood and former North Melbourne star, discussing *Faith, Family and Football* with John Canavan. Venue - CQ Club, 113-123 Queen St Melbourne from 7-9am. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 [michael.bohan@menalive.org.au](mailto:michael.bohan@menalive.org.au)

**CONFESSION AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION:** The following is a short press release by the Archbishop:

*"Confession in the Catholic Church is a spiritual encounter with God through the priest. It is a fundamental part of the freedom of religion, and it is recognised in the Law of Australia and many other countries. It must remain so here in Australia. Outside of this all offences against children must be reported to the authorities, and we are absolutely committed to doing so."* (Archbishop Hart)

**SAME SEX MARRIAGE:** To assist you in making a decision about the same sex marriage postal plebiscite, the Archbishop has written a Pastoral Letter which can be found online at <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/>.

**ONE HEART AND ONE SOUL PILGRIMAGE:** Marie Fonseca is organising her 6th Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India from February 19 to March 10, 2018. The highlight of this pilgrimage will be a 4-night meditation/yoga retreat with daily Mass led by Fr Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. For further information contact Marie on 0293 440 523 or 0418 265 117.

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**WESLEY LIFEFORCE** will be conducting a **Suicide Prevention Workshop** at Quality Hotel Bayside Geelong, 13-15 The Esplanade on **Thursday December 14** from 9am-4pm - there is no charge to attend the workshop. The program helps participants recognise when a person may be having thoughts of suicide and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them. If you are interested go to this link:

[eventbrite.com.au/e/wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-full-day-workshop-geelong-vic-tickets-37290873005](http://eventbrite.com.au/e/wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-full-day-workshop-geelong-vic-tickets-37290873005). The training is open to community members aged over 18 years - morning tea provided.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Rom 11:35)*

St Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families.

It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face of Christ in today's world and whether they

could find a home with us.

And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?' How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion.