



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 young priest was sent by his bishop to a parish that had a 'red light district' within its boundaries. On his first day in the parish a nun, who had worked in the area for many years, took him on a tour of her beat, the area where all the women-in-prostitution were plying their trade. As they went along Sister introduced the priest to her friends Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane. 'Sister it's fantastic that you know these women so well', he said. 'Don't worry', replied Sister, 'you'll know them in no time as well, and they'll know you by name too.'

Seized by panic, the young priest had visions of the bishop, the parish priest or, worse still, his mother coming to visit and walking with him down the street as Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane all wave and call out across the road, 'Hello Father'. Who would ever believe he only knew them pastorally?

'Truly I tell you that prostitutes and tax collectors are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God.'

The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written.

It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following

Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour. He went to where they were, as they were. And we do the same because this is precisely what God has done for us. God didn't wait for us to 'talk the talk' before we could 'walk his walk'. Jesus came to us when we were religiously dumb and immobile and showed us how to speak, what to say and where to walk.

The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. *Cont'd P4...*

- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - October 1, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 5:1-7
2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9
Gospel: Mt 21:33-43



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 (3rd & 5th Communion Service)

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:

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:

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: Amy Hancock, Vjekoslava Dula, Michelle Virkes, Berislav Kovacev, Alberto Romano, Fr John Donneau SJ

ANNIVERSARIES: Norma Moody, Maria, Antonio, Benito & Rosa DeAngelis, William, Irene & Marj Dempsey, Margaret Gartlan, John O'Loughlin

BAPTISMS: Amy & Sonny Dodd, Emmi Yow, Pia Johnson, Harriet Reaper, Charles & Alice Saunders

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Margaret Howard, Gina Ciuffetelli, Elaine & Aaron Lyall, Rosemary Richens, Marita Mason, Jeanette Sheahan

Roster for Next Sunday, October 8, 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, 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, L Fossey
L Fossey

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:

- ♦ **FR ROLYN APPOINTMENT:** The Archbishop has appointed Fr Rolyn as the Administrator (a similar position to a Parish Priest) of the Parish of Alexandra and Yea, which will take effect from October 11th. The appointment will be for three months. At this stage there is no replacement for Fr Rolyn. **After the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on October 8th there will be a morning tea with Fr Rolyn.**
- ♦ **Ss PETER & PAUL'S TOILETS:** Plans have been drawn up to upgrade the toilets and hopefully the works will commence from the latter part of October.
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: October Meeting 2nd October - Daylight Savings Time is 7pm!** We will be hosting a "Partylite Show", which is candles and accessories. Christmas is coming quicker than we think. Look forward to seeing you all there. Everyone welcome!
- ♦ **CANCELLATION OF MOVIE NIGHT:** Unfortunately the Movie Night on Friday October 6th **has been cancelled** due to low numbers. Those who purchased tickets will have their money refunded.
- ♦ **CWL:** The meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL scheduled for **Wed 4th Oct** has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on **Wed Nov 1** at 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall. The Blume's fashion parade scheduled for October 17th has also been cancelled; we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

ST MICHAEL'S REFUGEE FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

- ♦ **St Michael's Craft and Conversation** - Our next gatherings are: 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.

H.K.U.D. "Lado" Geelong are celebrating their 45th Anniversary with a Concert at Costa Hall, Deakin University Waterfront on October 14th. We hope to see many of you there! Without your support, we wouldn't be able to keep this amazing tradition going! Tickets: Adults \$30/ Children 15 & under \$15. To book online: www.gpac.org.au or phone 5225 1200.



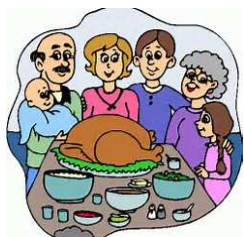
Liturgy at St Michael's:

WELCOME TO BISHOP MARK EDWARDS:

Next week Bishop Mark Edwards will preside over a number of our weekend Masses and during the week will meet with various parish groups. On your behalf we extend a very warm Geelong Welcome to him.

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

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



FAMILY/FOOD/FAITH - Enhancing the Aroma and Flavour of Family Life:

Next week at each of the Masses a small booklet produced by the Life, Marriage and Family Office, will be available for free. This booklet is designed to encourage families to make time for shared meals and to offer some practical guidance that will help strengthen relationships - with each other, with neighbour and ultimately with God.

- UPCOMING FR MICK'S MATES EVENTS -

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 enjoyment and possibly a prize in the sweeps or raffle.

\$20 per ticket.

Bookings: David Lunn 0408 378 982, Parish Office 5278 1343, Amie O'Brien 0427 866 891 or Margaret Haines 0413 690 625.



FR MICK'S MATES RAFFLE:

Raffle Books to be distributed at Parish Masses on Saturday/Sunday October 21/22

1st & 2nd Prizes - NEW CAR. 3rd Prize - TRAVEL VOUCHER

A TIME FOR LISTENING: LESSONS FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION

A Public Conversation with Francis Sullivan, CEO Truth, Justice and Healing Council

The Truth, Justice and Healing Council is responsible for co-ordinating the Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

All of us have been impacted by the sexual abuse scandal and this conversation with Francis will provide the opportunity to:

- ◆ Better understand the crisis and the reality of what happened
- ◆ Gain insight into the findings of the Royal Commission, and
- ◆ Hear what this means for the Church and our Parishes.

Time: 7-9pm

Date: Thursday 19 October, 2017

Place: Pioneer Room, St Mary's Parish, 150 Yarra St Geelong

THIS EVENT IS FREE! For further information ph St Michael's Parish Office on 5278 1343.

Community News:

Oct 7... MARCH FOR THE BABIES - 1pm at Treasury Gardens, Melbourne (Meet at the corner of Spring St & Wellington Pde). Babies are precious; protect them **all**. Show your support by wearing pink and/or blue.

Oct 10... GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, interesting guest speaker and an opportunity to meet new friends. Guest Speaker this month is **Chris Hanson**, Deputy Principal at Christ the King, who will be speaking about East Timor. For more information/reservations ph or text **Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584** by **Friday Oct 6** for catering purposes.

Oct 12... SACRED HEART COLLEGE - CIRCLE OF MERCY COMMUNITY EVENING: Zuleya Keskin will present **Mercy in Islam** 'Interfaith Dialogue from a Muslim perspective' 7pm to 8.30pm, Celies Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart College. Supper is provided. All welcome. More details shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au **RSVP by Friday 6 Oct** to Rita Chiavaroli at rspv@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au or 5222 0467.

Oct 17... MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC PRESENTS: *Do I Love You More than a Day?* - Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir. 3pm in the Pioneer Room, St Mary's Parish, 150 Yarra St upstairs (lift available). Tickets \$30 adult & senior, \$25 Conc. School children free, afternoon tea. Tickets available at the door. Details of concerts at www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

Oct 22... FOR THE JOY OF SINGING THE CLASSICS: The Geelong Chorale and GAMA presents Johannes Brahms - A German Requiem, conducted by Manfred Pohlenz and accompanied by Selmo Carreira. No audition is required, just come along and sing! 3-hour session 2-5pm costs \$15 and includes all music and a'noon tea.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED: A Volunteer homework club under the auspices of CatholicCare and Northern Bay College, is looking for volunteers to assist in Term 4. The time required is 1½ hours weekly on Mondays from 3.15-4.45pm at Northern Bay College, 3-25 Goldsworthy Rd Corio. If you can help ph Matt Walton on 9926 5699 (Mathew.Walton@cam.org.au)

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/>.

So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

May this Eucharist give us the strength to not only 'look good', but to 'be good', to start over if we need to, and do our best to live out the faith we profess. May it strengthen us to find the Lord where he is, and not keep looking in the places where we would prefer him to be.