



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

Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his

life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives

as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. /Cont'd P4...



ST MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS WARMLY WELCOMES BISHOP MARK EDWARDS

- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - October 8, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 25:6-10
2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14,19-20
Gospel: Mt 22:1-14



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:

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:

Jeanette Sheahan, Rosa Arrigo

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hal Hancock, Albert Piccirilli, Annie & Harry Wallace, Joseph Gillett Snr, Giuseppina Resciniti, Margaret Mary Cranbourne, Josipa Ribaric, Jack Bohan, Antonio Palana, Vlado Zanic and 1 month since death of Maria Marruso (Italy)

BAPTISMS:

Myah Denkha and Patrick McKenna

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Howard, Gina Ciuffetelli, Elaine & Aaron Lyall, Rosemary Richens, Marita Mason, Anita Capicchiano

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, October 15, 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 Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells
L Fossey
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

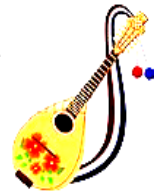
St Michael's News:

- ◆ **CWL:** 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 been cancelled; we apologize for any inconvenience caused.
- ◆ **ROSARY PILGRIMAGE - Saturday October 14th:** Beginning 8am with the Rosary and Mass at St Anthony's Lara, Rosary 9am St Francis Xavier Corio and 10am Holy Family Bell Park and 11am St Mary's Basilica's Gardens - Public Rosary. All welcome! Details - Adele Buaya 0409 135 589 or John McCarthy 0409 042 393.

ST MICHAEL'S REFUGEE FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

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

NB: There will be NO 11am Friday morning Mass or Communion Service at Holy Spirit this week



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

This 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.

BISHOP MARK'S PASTORAL VISIT IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER:

Oct 7...	6pm Holy Spirit	Holy Spirit Church, Confirmation of an adult (Amy Dodd) who was baptised and received First Eucharist last Sunday.
Oct 8...	9.30am	Holy Family Church <i>Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Rolyn after this Mass.</i>
Oct 11...	9am Holy Spirit 11.30am 12.30pm - 2pm 4pm - 5pm 5.30pm - 7pm 7pm	Mass and Visitation of the Sick of Holy Spirit Parish Morning Tea with the Legion of Mary Lunch with the Staff Meeting with the Bereavement Group Meeting with people involved with Liturgy (finger foods and drinks provided) Meeting with Confirmation Candidates from Non-Catholic School sector at Holy Spirit Church with Frank Kearney.
Oct 12...	9.15am 10am - 12.30pm 1pm - 2.30pm 3pm - 4.30pm 4.45pm - 6pm 6pm onwards	Mass at Holy Family Church St Patrick's Primary School Lunch with St Vincent de Paul Meeting with Special Ministers to the Sick Meeting with Iraqi Refugees and Friendship Group PLT & Finance Committee Dinner
Oct 13...	9am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 2pm 4.30pm - 6pm	Visiting Holy Family and Holy Spirit Schools' Confirmation Candidates Holy Spirit School Open Invitation to all parishioners to meet - "Friendly Friday" (finger food and drinks) ****

Confirmation Masses:

Oct 14...	11am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Family Church for St Patrick's School Confirmation Holy Spirit Church for Parish Group Confirmation Holy Family Church for St Patrick's School Confirmation
Oct 15...	2pm 4.30pm	Holy Family Church for Holy Family School Confirmation Holy Family Church for Holy Spirit School Confirmation



****** SIGN-UP BOARD FOR FRIENDLY FRIDAY:**

If you are attending "Friendly Friday", please sign boards at front of all Churches for catering purposes.

- 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 from 12noon 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 11...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm, Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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 rsvp@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.
- Nov 21...** **ADVENT AWAKENINGS:** To support all those working in Catholic parishes, schools and agencies in the Geelong area, the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne, in collaboration with the Geelong Deanery, is offering a formation day featuring Liturgical Ministry Workshops; Personal Reflection and Formation and Advent Preparation. St Mary's Basilica - more details to come.

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)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone." (Mt 21:42)

Jesus was the corner stone and he was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be 'rejected' by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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/>.

Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to

demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's

amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.