



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

These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the waters of baptism at

dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver, get dressed up and have somewhere to

go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out. In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - October 15, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 45:1,4-6
2nd Reading: 1Thess 1:1-15
Gospel: Mt 22:15-21



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 16-31: Montalto family, Graylea Ave.

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: Edolie Burke and Matthew DeGrandi

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Sos, Joan & Ron Southall, Giovanni DiRocco, Giuseppa Colomiso, Maree Haberman, Eugenio Bifano and 1 year anniversary of Michael Rocky and Sam Genova

BAPTISMS: Harriet Juric and Lexi Matheson

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 22, 2017

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill
L Kelly
L Sells, E Kelly
L&E Kelly
R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic
M Baird, P Gizycki
D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti
A Sare, A/I Dugandzic
C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

M Carson
Sr J McGonigal
C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman
M Brown
T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson
G Tolan
A Henderson, G Tolan
J Cowell
B Middleton

11.00AM

M Burn
J Fraatz, L Eastman
D Dougherty
D Dougherty
R Zarb

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:

- ♦ **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.

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.

Liturgy at St Michael's:



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.

CONFIRMATION MASSES:

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

CATHOLIC MISSION:



Reach out. Give life.

In his address for World Mission Sunday (next Sunday), Pope Francis writes: ***"The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues His mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere"***.

It is hard to recall a celebration of World Mission Day when the need for a caring a seeking Church is more urgently felt. The focus of this day highlights our partnership with the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who minister to the local villagers of Xuan Son, Vietnam. It is a very tangible way for our parish community to help transform lives with the provision of a new water filtration system.

Envelopes will be available next weekend in all Churches.

- 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 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. **11.30am - 8.00pm at St Mary's Basilica** with evening session at **Centra Hotel**. Enquiries ph Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913 deanexec@pipeline.com.au. **RSVP: Tuesday 14 Nov** - register online trybooking.com/RWUX Cost \$15pp or \$50 parish rate (5 people or more). Dinner is \$35pp and at participants' own cost.

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 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will supply whatever you need..." (Phil 4:19)

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are sceptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are sceptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

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/>.

For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others

legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day

was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away.