



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

There are people inside and outside the Church who think that Christ did not give the Church a mandate to speak about political matters. They regularly quote the Gospel we have just heard to support their case. But if one knows and understands the context and meaning within which this text was written it provides no ammunition for those who want the Church to stay indoors, reflect on things 'spiritual', preach the eternal verities, and sing hymns more ancient than modern.

In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. Zealots were a well-organised group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things Zealots did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have

been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot.

Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's' is followed by 'And give to God, what is God's', which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states. The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it's dangerous.

We only have to think of some of the darkest chapters last century to see what happens when good, church-going people, like us, do not put their Sunday devotion in touch with their Monday politics. Evil can reign.

Christian leaders, who are charged to proclaim and defend the Gospel, are obliged to use whatever forum necessary to declare that God's personal love encompasses everyone and everything under heaven. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us today, God calls each one of us by name.

At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed; we may even think they have overstepped the mark. If this is the case we should tell them, enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments.

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- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - October 22, 2017)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Ex 22:20-26
2nd Reading: 1Thess 1:5-10
Gospel: Mt 22:34-40



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: Vi McGivern, Vera Katny, Kristina Furlan and Tona Saunders

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonio Sanghi, Reg Doherty, Jozef Kot and one month since death of Alberto Romano and Rosa Arrigo

BAPTISMS: -

PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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 29, 2017

(5th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum
V Pavlovic
J Bartolo, 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
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. 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:

BISHOP MARK'S VISIT:

A Vote of Thanks to all those who took the opportunity to meet with the Bishop and to share some of their views and insights about life in the Parish. He said he found it insightful and helpful. Next week his letter to the Parish will be in the Bulletin. On your behalf I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to Bernadette who did a terrific job in the organising and catering for the visit.

- ♦ **CWL:** The next meeting will be held on **Wed Nov 1** at 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall.
- ♦ **MEETING OF FR MICK'S MATES: Wednesday November 25, 4pm** - to discuss Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon.

ST MICHAEL'S REFUGEE FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

- ♦ **St Michael's Craft and Conversation** - Our next gathering is 3 Nov. Please help ensure this trial is successful as more dates can be added. Contact Debbie for further information on 0409 416 945.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST MICHAEL'S PARISH:

Nov 25... The Anointing of the Sick and Senior Parishioners Luncheon



Liturgy at St Michael's:

BEREAVEMENT MASSES:

The weekend of November 4/5 at all Masses, the focus of our Mass will be **Remembering and Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones**. As part of the Bereavement Mass there are notelets entitled **"In Loving Memory Of"**, which will be placed at the foot of the Cross. These leaflets are now available if you would like to take one and fill it out in preparation for the November Masses. At the Remembrance Masses please do not put the notelets at the foot of the Cross until directed by the Priest.

CATHOLIC MISSION:

In his address for World Mission 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 are available in all Churches this weekend.

- 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

Community News:

- Nov 2...** **ALL SOULS MASS** will be celebrated by Fr Gerard Keith at the Catholic Chapel at Eastern Cemetery (enter via McKillop St) at 5pm. All invited with light refreshments available afterwards. Seating available inside and outside the Chapel with a marquee provided if inclement weather.
- Nov 8...** **2017 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION** to be delivered by Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO - **The Legacy of Justice Higgins - Seeking a True New Start for all Job Seekers and Workers.** 7pm light refreshments for 7.30pm start, concludes 9pm in the Lecture Theatre, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne. RSVP Nov 3 to justice@cam.org.au or ph 9926 5727.
- Nov 11...** **REMEMBRANCE MASS:** St Joseph's College Old Collegians Association invite you to join us for our annual Remembrance Mass, paying tribute to past students, staff and benefactors of the College in the College Chapel at 10am followed by light refreshments. For catering purposes RSVP trybooking.com/SPHT
- 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 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesars, and to God the things that are God's." (Mt 22:21)

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely 'stewards' of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what he gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

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/>.

But we should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community.

If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance,

however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.