



# 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

As we come to the end of the Church's year it's good for us to do some soul-searching. It has been a tough year for the Church and today's Gospel does not let us off the hook. In fact, it names one of the challenges before us. The last line of today's Gospel sums up what it has been like for many of us to hear about how some priests betrayed our trust, many victims were disbelieved and a few of our bishops have tried to cover up criminal actions. The exalted have been humbled and the humble exalted.

Jesus tells the crowds to listen to what the Pharisees teach, but not to follow their appalling example. The behaviour of the

Pharisees has a name: hypocrisy, and it's one of the reasons we have received such a public pasting in



recent years. Some of it has been justified. We have been seen to be a community more interested in our good name and public standing than in the damage done to those brothers and sisters of ours who were given into our care and became victims of physical and sexual abuse. We have been exposed as not practising what we preach.

The Church is in a bind here. We are not like other groups who can simply expel their worst members and move on. If we are going to be faithful to all of Jesus' teaching and the entire Christian tradition, then we have to comfort and heal the victims of abuse and call the perpetrators to the demands of the law, treatment and reconciliation. St Augustine summed this up in the 5th century when he said that forgiveness has two daughters: justice and compassion. We believe that the only way to healing is through forgiveness. True forgiveness never runs from the truth or

minimises our sinfulness. It confronts the human condition with justice and compassion for all concerned.

The media may not like it, the public may be baying for blood and we might want an instant fix, so we put this tragic chapter behind us quickly, but forgiveness which is just and compassionate is the only way we can practise what we preach. It's going to take time.

On the other hand while some in our Catholic community have been exposed as hypocrites, some other truths remain consoling, or at least provide a context within which we can confront the sins of our fathers and mothers. For example, though there should never have been one case of child abuse in the Church, less than two percent of all Catholic priests have been convicted of this dreadful crime.

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*Today especially we remember and pray for those who have died.*

## - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A/1 - November 5, 2017)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ! **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16  
2nd Reading: 1Thess 4:13-18  
Gospel: Mt 25:1-13



### 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:

<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:

**Oct 30-Nov 13:** Cudmore family, Elizabeth 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:** Ivica Bilic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Madge King, Damian Dougherty, Marie Gallagher, Bob Feldman, Rodolfo Accheni, Gina DiDomenico and Rocco, Francesca and Salvatore Daniele

**BAPTISMS:** -

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Elaine & Aaron Lyall, 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, November 12, 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. <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:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Office will be closed on **Tuesday Nov 7** - Melbourne Cup Day.
- ◆ **No 9.15am Mass at Holy Family on Tuesday Nov 7.**
- ◆ **FR GERARD ON LEAVE:** I have been lucky enough to be accepted to be a Chaplain on a cruise leaving on **Thursday Nov 9th** through to **Monday Nov 20th**. Bon voyage!
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** To the Priests, Frs Peter O'Neill, Bob Wood, Luka Pranjic, Maurice Barry, Ray Zammitt and George Slowinski, who are supplying either the weekend Masses or weekday Masses. **Please note there will be a Communion Service on Wednesday Nov 15 at 9am instead of Mass.**
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** Wednesday November 15th at 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Melbourne Cup Eve - Monday 6th November... reminder Chicken and Champagne Dinner is 6.30pm with BYO drinks and prize for best dressed on the night.
- ◆ **FR MICK'S MATES:** Small baskets are required for Christmas Hampers. If you can help, please leave at rear of Church in the next few weeks.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE PICKUP (next weekend)** - Envelope numbers relate to the Parish Church you usually attend.

1-999	Holy Family
1000-1999	Holy Spirit
2000-2999	Ss Peter & Paul's

Please check your Envelope Number. If it does NOT correspond to the Church you usually attend (as above), please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office **THIS WEEK**. Any other Thanksgiving questions or issues, please contact Bernadette at the Office on 5278 1343 or email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au)

**HOME PRODUCE MARKETS - All proceeds to Fr Micks Mates**

**To be held after the following Masses:**

<b>Sunday 3rd Dec...</b>	<b>Holy Spirit 11am</b>
<b>Saturday 9th Dec...</b>	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's 5pm</b>
<b>Sunday 10th Dec...</b>	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's 11am</b>
<b>Sunday 17th Dec...</b>	<b>Holy Family 8am and 9.30am</b>

**If you wish to order a Christmas Hamper please ph Betty on 5229 4530 or Margaret on 5229 1280.**



## Liturgy at St Michael's:

### **BEREAVEMENT MASSES:**

This 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. At the Remembrance Mass please do not put the notelets at the foot of the Cross until directed by the Priest.

### **THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:**

A warm invitation is extended to all Senior Parishioners to attend the Mass and Luncheon on **Saturday November 25**, commencing with Mass at 11am and Luncheon at 12noon. If you wish to attend please place your name on the signup board (white form) in the Narthex. **Catering for the Function** - Please place your name on the signup board (pink form) in the Narthex if you can assist with the catering. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.



## - 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:

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

## Community News:

**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](mailto:justice@cam.org.au) or ph 9926 5727.

“ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.

**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](http://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](mailto:deanexec@pipeline.com.au). **RSVP: Tuesday 14 Nov** - register online [trybooking.com/RWUX](http://trybooking.com/RWUX) Cost \$15pp or \$50 parish rate (5 people or more). Dinner is \$35pp and at participants' own cost.

### GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:

Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, an interesting guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends. Appetizers begin at 6.15pm on **Tuesday Nov 14** for only \$33/person. We meet at **Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St Geelong West**, previously known as Berkeley Lodge. Traditionally, the November dinner includes our Annual General Meeting but we will also have entertainment this year. **Dan the Magic Man** will awe us with his amazing magical feats. For information/reservations ph or text **Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584** by **Friday, Nov 10**, the deadline for catering purposes.

### HAVE YOUR SAY:

Upper House MP, James Purcell, is taking a survey of the views of voters in his Region on the proposed Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia Bill before the Victorian Parliament. I encourage you to have your say -

[www.jamespurcell.com.au/purcell-seeks-community-opinions-on-assist-dying/?utm\\_source=&utm\\_medium=&utm\\_campaign=](http://www.jamespurcell.com.au/purcell-seeks-community-opinions-on-assist-dying/?utm_source=&utm_medium=&utm_campaign=)

The Upper House is expected to begin debate on the Bill Tuesday, 31 October. Although the Bill passed the Lower House last week the Upper House, as the House of Review, now has the opportunity to give considered attention to it.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Mt 23:12)*

Jesus gave his life to serve, not to be served. Putting other's needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other's needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.

An accusation is not a conviction and even priests and religious deserve the presumption and rights of innocence before they are proven guilty. Even though the public perception may be otherwise, nearly all Catholic priests are faithful servants of the Gospel, doing what they can to practise what they preach.

Against a prevailing misconception, Church-run institutions are not the places where children are most at risk. Tragically, it's the family home. Over 80 percent of all child abuse occurs there.

This does not excuse one case of abuse in the Church but it does suggest that, if our wider society really wants to tackle this problem, we are all going to have to start by looking in our own backyards.

Furthermore, against those who claim that the Church is hypocritical, they cannot take away from us the fact that our community, in the name of Christ, remains the largest provider of education, healthcare and welfare both here and overseas. This often-heroic work will rarely make it to the front pages of newspapers, but it's the backdrop against

which we face up to the criminal actions of a few and those who try to protect them from public scrutiny.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that, as hard as this year has been for us all, we are converted again by the forgiving, just and compassionate example of Jesus who calls us to leave behind any trace of triumphalism and arrogance and recommit ourselves to what we should do best: the self-sacrificing love of one another and the world.