



# 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

One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1000 cheque on the plate.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly spinster at the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to altar. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and, in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out

three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the congregation and said, 'OK Father, I'll take him, him, and him.' Now that's a modern take on a wise virgin!

In one sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the east. It is, however, about planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy.

In Christian theology this is called 'discernment'. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it.

Think for a moment of the times when we are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have.

We play out in our mind how the interaction will run. It rarely happens how we imagine and we find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion we go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future that they try and control it and everyone associated with it. It's always a disaster.

St Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood today's Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting. Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times.

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## - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

*(Year A/I - November 12, 2017)*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence,  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Be watchful and ready: you know not  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
2nd Reading: 1Thess 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mt 25:14-30



### 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:**

Esme Hardiman, Eddie Strzelecki, Aileen Harris, Antonio Iannuzzi, Mario Repusic, Claire Coop, Giacomo Saya and Giovanna Ricciardi

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Leonila L.Sarmiento, Gilacio Ramirez, Antolin Tambuli, Loretta Hider, Klara VanSlooten, Nicola, Maria Grazia & Concetta Servello (Italy), 1 year anniv of John McMahan and Anna Menchise and 20 year anniv of Dominic Fazio

### **BAPTISMS:**

Patricia & Monica Koon and Leon Marinovic

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Elaine & Aaron Lyall, Marita Mason, Anita Capicchiano, Brian Hennessey

**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 19, 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 McMahan  
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

## 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:

- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FR GERARD'S FAREWELL:** At all our Masses of Nov 18/19, the **2nd Collection** will go directly towards a farewell gift for Fr Gerard, to be presented at his **Farewell Mass on Sunday December 17 at the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church**.
- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office, or email: [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au) Thankyou for all your continuing regular support.
- ◆ **LECTORS PLEASE NOTE:** Your copy of the new **Break Open the Word** is now in the Sacristy where you are rostered. Please collect it as soon as you can. Many thanks for your continued support.
- ◆ **COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** St Vincent de Paul Society are selling Columban Calendars for \$9 available to purchase from the Piety Stall in all three Churches until **December 17**. Also available are Christmas cards for \$7 a set of eight. Proceeds are used to assist those who are in need.
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** Wednesday November 15th at 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **CWL:** The Manifold branch Christmas break up lunch will be held **12noon Wednesday December 6** at Bell Park Bistro, Calvert St Hamlyn Hts. All the ladies who help with our funeral catering are invited to attend. Everyone attending is asked to bring a wrapped gift \$5 to \$7 in value for our Kris Kringle. For transport, please ph Tricia 0431 512 354 or Noella 5278 2142.

## Liturgy at St Michael's:

### THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:

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 sign up board (white form) in the Narthex. **Catering for the Function** - Please place your name on the sign up board (pink form) in the Narthex if you can assist with the catering. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.





# 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.



## Community News:

- Nov 19... KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Deceased Members Mass** - 11am at Holy Spirit Church followed by a 3-course lunch after in the Hall. Open invitation to members, ladies and family to please attend. Cost \$25 per head, including drinks. **Bookings to Denis Turnbull ph 5242 8663 ASAP.**
- 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.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay, how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

St Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is

necessary for tomorrow. This is such simple and sound advice and yet many of us don't heed it. For some of us it takes nothing to feel the hurt and pain of our past or to be consumed by the future.

Alcoholics Anonymous sums it up neatly

when it tells us to take life 'one day at a time' which is another way of saying what Matthew's community came to see, 'keep awake because you know not the time or place'.