



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

In the time of Jesus almost everything they couldn't understand was put down to a demon or an evil spirit. In the Talmud, (a large book dating from around the time of Jesus that contains the collected teachings of the Rabbis), several pages are devoted to the healing of 'fevers'. Even though we have become more advanced in our medical knowledge, it's surprising how this thinking still persists. While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament.

There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but

this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

The differences between the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the other healing stories in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel are striking. Rather than in a public space and in front of crowds this personal healing occurs in the privacy of Peter's house. By contrast to the command for the demons to be gone, in his bedside ministry Jesus never mentions a demon and uses no words. Instead he gently takes her by the hand and helps her to her feet. Unlike the others Jesus heals, of whom we never hear about their response, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law leads her to an act

of service. Given all the details Mark give us of this encounter it's a pity he never tells us her name.

Sometimes we can think of Jesus' miracles, then and now, as acts of dazzling power. The problem with this idea is that if we see Jesus as going around 'zapping' people it's hard to figure out why there were times when he could not perform any miracles at all, or that they happened in stages. Whatever else miracles are, they are deeply personal encounters of faith.

As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch set free the healing power God had placed in them. /Cont'd P4...

- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B/2 - February 4, 2018)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord who heals
the broken-hearted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Lev 13:1-2,44-46
2nd Reading: 1Cor 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

**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:

11am Sunday

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday

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;

Elstoft 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... Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

Tues... Meditation Group

5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

Wed... Prayer of the Church

Before 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

Wed... Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

Thurs... Italian Prayer Group

10.00am

St Patrick's Chapel

Fri... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

After 11am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

Fri... Divine Mercy

3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

Sat... Rosary

After 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

Feb 5: DeLuca family, 44 Fairy 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:

Brian Hennessy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Kennedy, Ivanka Juran, Antonio Bagnato, William & Gertrude Paul, Antonio Cicero, Angelina DePalma, Mary Smith, Ida DaCosta, Zanardo Families in Australia and Italy

BAPTISMS:

Mackenzie Bennett, Estelle & Florence Martino and Airlie Villarosa

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Aaron Lyall, Marita Mason, Anita Capicchiano, Eric Lynch

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

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

5.00PM

Commentators

M Carson

Lectors

P Power

Special Ministers

P McGlinchey

Welcomers

D Dougherty

Projectionist

B Middleton

Co-Ordinator

M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators

M Howard

Lectors

F O'Neill

Special Ministers

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

Welcomers

C Marcantonio,

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Baird, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

11.00am

Commentators

E Strzelecki

Lectors

M Martin

Special Ministers

E Strzelecki, L Fossey

Welcomers

Projectionist

M Martin

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 7pm. 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

Liturgy at St Michael's:



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - FEBRUARY 14:

9.30am	Holy Family Church (all school children in attendance)
9.30am	Holy Spirit Church (all school children in attendance)
12noon	St Patrick's Chapel (all school children in attendance)
7.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Church



BAPTISM RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

The program is as follows -

Session 1...	Sunday Feb 25, 9.30am at Holy Family Church <i>Welcome & Commitment Mass and Lesson for Children</i>
Session 2...	Wednesday Feb 28, 7pm at Holy Family Community Centre <i>Family based presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation - parent/child in attendance</i>
Session 3...	Sunday March 4, 9.30am at Holy Family Church <i>Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass</i>
Session 4...	Sunday March 18, 9.30am at Holy Family Church <i>Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass</i>
Session 5...	Sunday March 25, 9.30am at Holy Family Church <i>Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass</i>



Please Note: Attendance at all sessions is compulsory.

First Reconciliation is Monday, March 27 at Holy Family Church, 7.30pm.

The cost of the program is \$70 per child.

Please contact Bernadette at the Office on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au for an enrolment form.

St Michael's News:

EASTER MAILOUT:

Easter is soon upon us! As part of our outreach to our parishioners, we are again having the Easter Mailout. Once again we would like to call on your generosity to assist us with the preparation of the Easter Invitations for delivery;

When... Tuesday February 20th at 2pm

Where... Parish Office, 147 Separation St Bell Park

If you can assist please RSVP Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343, or by email bellpark@cam.org.au



St Michael's News /Cont'd...

- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Returns **Monday 5th February 2018 at 7pm**. See you there!
- ♦ **FR MICK'S MATES:** Thankyou to the ladies who organized the Christmas Stalls. Combined they raised **\$4,600** for the Cancer Council. Special mention to the twins, Margaret and Betty, who made the jams, chutneys, sauces and hampers.
- ♦ **CWL:** The first meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be on **Wednesday February 7, 1.30pm at Holy Spirit Hall**. Any ladies from St Michael's Parish who wish to come along would be most welcome. For transport please phone Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Noella Duggan 5278 2142.
- ♦ **ST MICHAEL'S CRAFT CONVERSATION FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** You are all welcome to attend the Craft Conversation Friendship Group. There are no joining or fees involved, only your time and commitment to come along to talk, practice the gentle art of conversation and share your craft/hobby with the group. We are a group of like minded women who want friendship, peace and harmony. I do hope you can join us. Contact Debbie on 0409 416 945 for further details. Dates are Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 23, April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15 and June 29; further dates will be added based on attendance. Fortnightly on Fridays 2-4pm (excluding public holidays and school holiday periods) in the Parish Community Centre.

Community News:

- ♦ **CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Friday March 16** - Information sessions followed by tours 1pm and 4.30pm. Enrolments for Year 7 close on **Friday 18 March 2018**. Pre-register online www.clonard.catholic.edu.au.
- ♦ **WELFARE HUB VOLUNTEERS:** The St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking volunteers for the newly set up Welfare Hub in Fyans St, South Geelong. The immediate need is for people to assist with the receipt, storage and despatch of donated goods. Possibly could include minor refurbishments, eg shampooing lounges and polishing tables etc. If you are interested please contact 0428 342 368 or email geelong.rc.pres@svdp-vic.org.au
- ♦ **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** Free lunchtime reflections for the season of Lent at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels. Free admission, all welcome. All concerts Wednesdays 12.30pm - 1.00pm beginning Feb 21 with Shannon Ebeling - saxophone, Feb 28 with Helen Seymour - poetry, Tom Healey - organ, March 7 with Patrycja Radzi-Stewart - violin, March 14 with Julie Seal - clarinet and March 21 with Prue Farnsworth - flute. On Wednesday March 28 at 8pm we present the Windfire Chamber Choir and Strings with conductor Rick Prakhoff, Emily Swanson - soprano, Meredith Cox - alto and Miranda Brockman - cello. Works by Max Reger, Arvo Part, Peter Sculthorpe, Stephanie Martin and the premier of a new work by Malcolm John OAM. Tickets \$35/\$30, children and school students free from www.trybooking.com/TNUY or at the door.
- ♦ **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 February 13** followed by the meal for only \$33 per person. We meet at **Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St Geelong West**, previously known as Berkeley Lodge. For more information and reservations, please phone or text Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584 by **Friday February 9**, the deadline for catering purposes.
- ♦ **FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE:** Fr Peter DeSouza is leading this tour which departs 28th May 2018 to Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. This includes a 3 night cruise with all meals, return airfares, local transfers, stay in 4 star Hotels, all breakfasts and dinners. For enquiries and bookings ph 0385 622 246 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come" (Mk 1:35,38)

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives his time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before he begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what he wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

For others it came through another person's intercession. The same holds true for us today.

Furthermore, being anointed, celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist, going to a place of pilgrimage, fasting, being prayed over or meditating can have a similar effect. Looked at in this way we can see why

some people are healed and others are not. If a personal encounter with Jesus did not always lead to healing, then why should it surprise us that some other encounters these days do not always unlock God's healing within us.

Small and large-scale miracles are happening everyday. Today's Gospel reminds us that they do not happen for

show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith. Taking Peter's mother-in-law as our model we are healed and strengthened so that we can witness to God's saving power, serve the Kingdom of God in any way we can, and continue to wait on the Lord.