



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

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the

wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing.

We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. /Cont'd P4...

- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B/2 - February 11, 2018)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gen 9:8-15
2nd Reading: 1Pet 3:18-22
Gospel: Mk 1:12-15

**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 Tuesday, (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 12.30pm 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 12-26... Duggan family, 1/8 Elsie 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:

Crocifissa Sciotto, Pasquale Oliveri, Patrick Harrup (Traralgon)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Francesco Marifioti, Baden Featherstone, Fred Casey, Antonio & Maria Polimeni (Italy), Rosina Maiolo, Flor Sarmiento, Bill Jess and Bernard Tolan

BAPTISMS:

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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

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

5.00PM

Commentators

L Middleton

Lectors

K Maddalena, A Beachell

Special Ministers

K Maddalena

Welcomers

T McNair

Projectionist

D Whelan

Co-Ordinator

M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators

K Saunders

Lectors

B Rainbow

Special Ministers

A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Welcomers

L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C Taylor, M Fiorillo, I Raj, T Herath

E Dalton

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

11.00AM

Commentators

M Kroger

Lectors

J McKenzie

Special Ministers

L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells

Welcomers

L Fossey

Projectionist

F Kearney

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 FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:

An invitation is being extended to families who have primary school aged children and who are not yet baptised. The program is that there will be a parent/child session on **Wednesday March 14, 7pm at the Parish Office**. The child thereafter will be welcomed into the parish community with the baptism taking place later, perhaps at Easter. Please contact Bernadette at the Office on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au

PARISH 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 26 at Holy Family Church, 7pm.

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.



Lent at St Michael's:

- ♦ **SURRENDER LENTEN PROGRAM 2018:** This year there is an invitation to those who would like to be involved in small group conversations on the Readings for Lent. A clipboard will be available at the back of each Church to gauge interest. **We envisage meetings to be held each Thursday evening during Lent 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.**
- ♦ **PROJECT COMPASSION BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY:** Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The annual Lenten-time event raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, and Caritas Australia's role in empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future.

St Michael's News:

Movie Night

When... Wednesday March 7th
Sessions... Two sessions, 4pm and 7pm with Finger food at 6.15pm
Where... Lifestyle Village, Barton St Bell Park.
Cost... \$20 per ticket, 28 seats available at each session.



Please book early by contacting: Margaret Haines 0413 690 625, Desma Dougherty 5244 5459, Amie O'Brian 0427 866 891.
All proceeds to Cancer Council through Fr Mick's Mates

- ♦ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS:** Luncheon on **Wednesday March 7, 12noon** in Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- ♦ **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:

- Feb 14...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm in Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Feb 25...** **FAREWELL FOR FR MAURICE BARRY:** To take place in the Hibernian Hall after 11am Mass at St Mary's. Everybody is welcome to attend to say goodbye to our hardworking Fr Barry, who has been working in Geelong for around 22 years. Please notify St Mary's Office on 5222 1977 to let us know numbers. You are also invited to 'bring a plate' if you are able.
- Mar 2...** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** To be held at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St Geelong at 11am. The theme is **All God's Creation is Very Good!** and has been prepared by the people of Suriname. Everyone very welcome and there will be light refreshments after the service. Further information please ph Sue O'Donoghue 0429 784 331
- Mar 16...** **CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Information sessions followed by tours 1pm and 4.30pm. Enrolments for Year 7 close on **Friday 18 May 2018**. Pre-register online clonard.catholic.edu.au.
- Mar 20...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE DISCOVERY DAY 4PM:** Discover life at SHC, explore the College from 5pm - gates close at 6.30pm. Please RSVP your attendance to shcgeelong.catholic.edu.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 and finishing March 21. 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.
 - ♦ **CHANEL COLLEGE 60TH ANIVERSARY REUNION:** For students of the Marist Fathers era 1958-1970. For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com OR your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1Cor 10:31)

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If he's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other 'gods' (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself if I'm doing this for the glory of God, or for the glory of me?

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And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean.

Why should we bother? Because

this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for

others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him.

May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.