



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 third verse of the rousing hymn, *How Great Thou Art*, we sing,

'And when I think that God his Son not sparing
sent him to die I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.'

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus' suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God's life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God's anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again.

We should be very careful about what we sing! On the one hand this theology rightly shows us the extraordinary love Jesus has for us. On the other hand it says some very difficult things about God. What loving

creator, for example, would say that the torture and death of his beloved son is the only way he can be happy about his creatures? What just judge, no matter how angry he or she might be at the crimes laid out in the courtroom, would allow an innocent man to die for the guilty? And how powerful is God over evil if the only way to keep it in check is through human sacrifice? These are serious questions and they have an impact on our everyday life of faith, and can sometimes alienate us from believing that God is our all-loving Father in heaven.

Today, we rightly hear a lot about victims – people, who through no choice or fault of their own, have been dealt with wrongly by others who are free to act otherwise and who know better. In some of the ways we think about the passion, Jesus becomes God's victim. Through no fault of his own, and seemingly powerless in the face of his Father's will, Jesus becomes a victim of God's need for a sacrifice, a ransom or atonement.

As a result, many of us can feel that sometimes we are God's victims too, because if God wanted Jesus to suffer and die, why should we be surprised or complain when we receive large crosses to carry as well?

Mark's account of the passion tends to reinforce Jesus as victim. Mark has Jesus eating with the outcasts, his friends betraying, denying or deserting him. He tells us that Jesus is terrified at the prospect of death and calls on his 'Abba' or 'daddy' to help him out. In the end he accepts 'the will of God' but even then feels abandoned by God on the Cross.

I often think we misread what Jesus is referring to when he accepts God's will in the Garden. Rather than refer to the particular will of the Father to see Jesus suffer and die on Good Friday, I think it's more helpful and consoling to understand it as referring to God's will that Jesus remains faithful to the way he lived.

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- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -

(Year B/2 - March 25, 2018)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Sunday of the Resurrection

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9



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.

Roster for Holy Week



HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Spirit - 7.00pm

Commentator	M Carson
Lectors	T McMahon, A Henderson
Special Ministers	M Fiorillo, V Trinder, D Lunn
Music	K Lynch
Projectionist	M Kroger

GOOD FRIDAY:

Holy Family - 3.00pm

Narrator	G Tolan
Lector	J McKenzie
Projectionist	C Resciniti



EASTER VIGIL:

Ss Peter & Paul's - 5.00pm

Commentator	C O'Brien
Lectors	M Gifford
Special Ministers	P McGlinchey, A Henderson, N Neeld
Music	C O'Dwyer
Projectionist	B Middleton

Holy Family - 7.30pm

Commentator	M Carson
Lectors	J McKenzie, D Lunn, P Gizycki, K Taylor
Special Ministers	M Fiorillo, E&L Kelly, L Sells, D Lunn
Projectionist	C Resciniti

EASTER SUNDAY:

Holy Family - 8.00am

Comentator	R Allum
Lector	V Pavlovic
Special Ministers	R Culo, P Ruggeri, J Genova, I Baulch, ***
Projectionist	R Allum

Holy Family - 9.30am

Commentator	J Siketa
Lector	T McMahon, M Bird
Special Ministers	P Carmody, D&M Horoba, B Kline, D Lunn
Projectionist	C Resciniti

Ss Peter & Paul's - 10.00am

Commentator	M Burn
Lector	J Fraatz
Special Ministers	L Fossey, M Burn, E Ztrzelecki
Projectionist	A Zarb

Holy Spirit - 11.00am

Commentator	C Nielson
Lector	M Kroger
Special Ministers	L Stalio, R Pugh, V Trinder
Projectionist	L Coles

Please Note: *** denotes assistance is still needed. If you are able to assist please contact Bernadette at the Parish office on 5278 1343 by **WEDNESDAY MARCH 28.**

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Ivanka Iskra, Joseph Ribaric, Dominico Pellizzeri, Becky Lunn, Nevio Ercole, Francesco Amato, Anna Kot, Manuel Almeida & Manuel Almeida Jnr, Manuel & Gracinda Oliveira and one month since death of Rocco Ciccone

BAPTISMS:

Blake & Taylah Burgess, Maive Jovanovic, Laana & Rocco Cornwill, Tommy Dahl, Indianna Eyre and Sullivan Harley

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.



Easter Liturgies at St Michael's:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SECOND RITE

Monday March 26...	7.00pm	Holy Family
Tuesday March 27...	7.00pm	Holy Spirit
Wednesday March 28...	6.00pm & 7.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul's

MASS OF ANOINTING

Wednesday March 28...	11.30am	Holy Spirit, followed by Lunch
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MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday March 29...	7.00pm	Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration
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WAY OF THE CROSS

Good Friday March 30...	10.00am 11.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's Holy Spirit
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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday March 30...	3.00pm	Holy Family - this service includes Communion
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EASTER VIGIL

Saturday March 31...	5.00pm 7.30pm 10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's Holy Family Holy Family (Croatian)
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EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday April 1...	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.30am	Holy Family Holy Family Ss Peter & Paul's Holy Spirit Holy Family (Croatian)
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BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

Saturday March 31	4.00pm	Holy Family
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PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 9am Wednesday Mass at Holy Spirit on March 28 and there will be NO 9.15am Mass at Holy Family on March 29.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH:

We are looking for volunteers from each Church (6 in total) to have their feet washed at this Mass. Please contact Bernadette at the Office on 5278 1343 if you would like to be part of this Service.

LUNCHEON FOLLOWING MASS OF ANOINTING:

Manifold Branch of CWL will be providing a light lunch in the Holy Spirit Hall following the Mass of Anointing, 11.30am on **Wednesday March 28**. For transport please ph Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354.



PROJECT COMPASSION Sixth Week of Lent



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion during 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Project Compassion boxes/envelopes, visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413.

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

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on **Wednesday April 4, 1.30pm** in Holy Spirit Hall. All St Michael's Parish ladies are most welcome. For transport please contact Tricia 0431 512 354 or Noella 5278 2142.
- ♦ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION, FRIENDSHIP CRAFT GROUP:** We are a culturally diverse group of like minded people seeking friendship, peace and harmony. We meet at the St Michael's Parish Community Centre fortnightly on Friday (excluding public and school holidays) from 2-5pm - April 20, May 4/18, June 1/15/29. Further details ph Debbie on 0409 416 945. Additional dates will be added based on attendance.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 8, 2018

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Church, Manifold Hts beginning with Confession at 1.30pm; and followed by Exposition, Rosary, Chaplet, Prayers and Benediction at 2pm. Holy Mass and Veneration of the Image completes the Ceremony at 3pm. Enquiries ph Chris 0407 522 022.

Community News:

- Mar 28... MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** Windfire Chamber Choir and Strings at St Mary's Basilica, 8pm. Tickets \$35/\$30, children and school students free from www.trybooking.com/TNUY or at the door.
- ♦ **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TOURS FOR 2018:** Tours for prospective families considering 2019 enrolments at SJC will depart at 9am on **March 27, April 26, May 7 and 9**. Applications close on **Friday May 18, 2018**.
 - ♦ **2018 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MacKILLOP:** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by Sr Mary MacKillop. Commence in Melbourne 23 Oct, travel through Vic and SA, conclude in Sydney 3 Nov 2018. Cost \$3,200 (all incl: airfares, accom, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single supplement \$700. Ph Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683 123 or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au for further information.
 - ♦ **ORCHESTRA GEELONG** is presenting three great concerts with the first being on March 18 at 3pm 'Cool Classics', the second is our 'Youth Concerto' on August 12 at 3pm and the third concert 'Orchestral Spirit' on November 25 at 3pm. For full details ph Andrew on 0431 627 291, email andrewfx51@gmail.com, web address www.orchestrageelong.com

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If by doing that Jesus threatened the religious and political authorities of his day so much that they have to murder him, then his death is the ultimate sacrifice which reveals how far God was prepared to go in love for us. This reveals to us that Jesus came 'to live', and that by faithfully living this life he was put to death by the powers of sin. Through the cross

we see the price to be paid in confronting sin in our day and obediently living out the demands of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

This Holy Week let's celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As we commemorate Jesus' life, death and resurrection may we move from being victims of a bloodthirsty God to choosing again to

follow Jesus' example and live lives which are faithful, loving and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten 'the hell out of' those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what.