



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 a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross.

As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word compati meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about.

If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception.

It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality.

We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do.

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- 4th Sunday of Easter -

(Year B/2 - April 22, 2018)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has
become the cornerstone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**5th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

**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.

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:

April 9-23: Ramois family, 85 Sunderland Rd; **April 24-May 14:** Martin family, 26 Honey Lane, Batesford

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:

Bernie Henderson, Ana Siljac and Marija Spiranovic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rosa Rizzo, Rocco Menchise, Bruno Linic, Charlotte Henderson, Orlando Longo, Josephine Mullavey, Maria Ivelja and 10 year anniversary of Anna DeAngelis and Angela Zuclich

BAPTISMS:

Felix Phillips, Sophie Knezevic and Jye Malesic

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Aaron Lyall, Anita Capicchiano, Eric Lynch, Sandra Klinge, Cheryl Lambert

Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list. Please phone the office on 5278 1343.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the Good Shepherd - and I lay down my life for the sheep - and they will heed my voice." (Jn 10:14-16)

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask him what he wants from you?

How do you listen for his response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers",

so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for his response.

Roster for Next Sunday

(5th Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators L Middleton
Lectors K Maddalena
Special Ministers K Maddalena
Welcomers T McNair
Projectionist D Whelan
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Kroger
J McKenzie
L Fossey, L Stalio
L Fossey
F Kearney

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators K Saunders
Lectors
Special Ministers A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo
Welcomers L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator

9.30AM

A Scaddan
H Verdnik, T McMahon
C Taylor, M Fiorillo, I Raj, T Herath
E Dalton
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

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

Opposing sides are cheering the Pope on immigration.

That's because he commented on an effort by the Italian government to limit the number of people departing Libya in an effort to reach Europe. After thanking Italy and Greece for their efforts to cope with the massive refugee flow, Francis reflected on immigration in general.

"It's a commandment of God to accept [new arrivals] because you were migrant slaves in Egypt, but a government must handle this problem with the virtue proper to a leader, [and] this means with prudence," the pope said. "What does this mean? First, how many places do I have? Secondly, not only to receive them but to integrate them."

Taken as a whole, many Italians saw the remarks as a new, more cautious and realistic line from Francis on immigration; one that recognizes limits and the need for 'prudence'. The daily newspaper *Libero*, known for its hard line stance against immigration, was the most dramatic, carrying a banner page-one headline reading, "We've converted the pope!"

The Pope is managing to say things that draw applause from opposing camps, depending on which part of his message actually lands on their respective radar screens. How does this happen? First, whenever Francis discusses immigration, he makes an obvious distinction in his own mind (even if he doesn't always say it out loud) between the spiritual and moral dispositions a society ought to have in the face of strangers and newcomers, and the political task of translating those dispositions into concrete acts of government.

"The problem of migrants is, first, [to have] an open heart, always," he said. In almost the same breath he added, "But an open heart isn't enough."

Governments must also have prudence based on the number of places they have in a society, and also their capacity to integrate new arrivals beyond simply finding spots for them. Francis highlighted the example of Sweden, a country he visited in October 2016. "I've spoken of the integration policy of Sweden as a model," he said. "But even Sweden had to say, with prudence: 'This is the number [we can receive]; more than that, we can't do,' because there's the danger of non-integration."

When it comes to Francis, it often takes some time to put his (undeniably alluring) soundbites into the proper context.

John L Allen Jr: CRUX, September 13, 2017

Over the years Germany has taken in many foreigners. But they have been given the title 'guest workers'. There was never any expectation they would stay and become citizens. One German politician said: "We wanted workers. But we got people." Francis wants wealthy countries to accept refugees butwith the long term offer of citizenship. That entails careful consideration of national capacity to care for them.

Kevin Fell



VINNIES YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE:

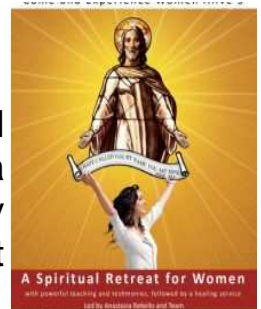
The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding a Pizza Night Think Tank about building a Young Adult Conference in Geelong on **Wednesday 2 May 2018, 7.30pm - 9.00pm at 141 Fyans St, South Geelong**

Vinnies Conferences are a chance for young people aged 16-40 to come together for Social Events, Prayer and Reflection and Social Outreach. If you have been wanting to meet likeminded young people and even make a difference in your community, then you should come join this new amazing team! As part of SVDP, our gatherings are based on Catholic values. However, we encourage people to join us from all and no faith backgrounds. Come and find out more at our pizza evening and info session! For more details please ph Jacob on 0488 048 649 or email youth@svdp-vic.org.au You can follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/vinniesyouthvic RSVP not necessary but appreciated, via email.

St Michael's News:

COME AND EXPERIENCE WOMEN ALIVE 3 -

A Spiritual Retreat for Women with powerful teaching and testimonies, followed by a Healing Service led by Anastasia Rebello and Team. The Family Retreat will be held on Sunday April 22 from 2 to 5pm at Holy Family Church, 147 Separation St Bell Park.



- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY:** Divine Mercy Mass is held every Friday, 3pm at Holy Spirit Church. All are most welcome to attend.
- ♦ **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Public Holiday on **Wednesday April 25**, the Parish Office will be closed.
- ♦ **FASHION PARADE:** The Manifold CWL are holding a Blumes Fashion Parade on **Wednesday May 9**, 2pm in Holy Spirit Hall - entry cost \$5. Come along and update your winter wardrobe at very reasonable prices. Members are asked to bring a plate. For transport please ph Noella 5278 2142 or Bernadette 0417 514 598.
- ♦ **INVITATION - Columban Centenary Celebrations:** Frs Kevin and Peter O'Neill and the Columban Missionaries cordially invite the parishioners of St Michael's Parish to attend Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday June 24** at 11am. Refreshments to follow at the Cardinal Knox Centre next to the Cathedral. Refreshments RSVP by May 30 to Fr Peter O'Neill on 9375 9475 or email Poneill@columban.org.au
- ♦ **MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL FLOWERS:** Special flowers will be available to purchase on **Sunday May 13** at the 8am and 9.30am Masses at Holy Family Church. Money raised will go to help the Missions in the Philippines and Kenya.
- ♦ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS:** Luncheon on **Wednesday 2nd May at 12noon** in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- ♦ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION, FRIENDSHIP CRAFT 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 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) at St Michael's Parish Community Centre.

Community News:

- May 24... CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Featuring Daniel Wells, current Collingwood Champion. The venue is the CQ Club, 113-123 Queen St Melbourne, 7-9am. \$45/head, enquiries and bookings ph Michael Bohan on 0439 172 465 (michael.bohan@menalive.org.au) This Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith.
- May 27... MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite all expectant mothers and their families to this special Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. Registrations ph 9287 5587 (lmf@cam.org.au) **Registrations close Friday 18 May.**
- ♦ **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TOURS FOR 2018:** Tours for prospective families considering 2019 enrolments at SJC will depart at 9am on **April 26, May 7 and 9**. Applications close on **Friday May 18, 2018.**

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Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of

our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them

so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.