



# 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

The Italian film, *Life is Beautiful* vividly portrays the truth of today's Gospel. It shows a father convincing his five-year-old son that the concentration camp is an elaborate game that the Nazis had invented to test the Italians. Some members of the Jewish community criticised this film because they claimed it made light of the holocaust. Writer and director, Roberto Benigni, however, argued that the heart of the film lies in the fact that most parents will do anything to spare their children the reality of evil. Most parents who have seen and wept through the film know exactly what he's talking about.

And if parents could take such risks and go to such lengths for their children, how much more has God done for us in Christ Jesus. We are the only world religion to believe that our God took our form and died out of love for us so that we might understand the love God has for us, and the love we are called to

have for each other.

It isn't, however, just any old love Christ calls us to practise. It's not about a fleeting feeling or having a warm fuzzy inside. Jesus tells us today that the character of Christian love is the degree to which it's sacrificial. This is a challenging way of working out who we really love, isn't it? The people we love are those for whom we are prepared to sacrifice something of ourselves, maybe everything.

If that's the case we could decide to stop telling people we don't love that we love them. The goal of the Christian life is to love everyone, but until we achieve that, the more we lie about love the more we lower its currency. It's perfectly acceptable to like, enjoy, be fond of, respect, admire and be grateful to others, and not love them. There are a very few people for whom most of us would be prepared to lay down our lives. This criteria sorts out our intimates fairly quickly.

We could also decide to stop saying we love things, animals, ideas or organisations which cannot love us back. Human beings can only truly love people. Jesus did not die for an ideology or an institution. He was put to death because of his uncompromising love for all humanity everywhere. If we find ourselves saying we love our pets, house, car, job, our ideology, even our Church more than we love other human beings, then we're in trouble.

That's what I like best about the model of loving Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Just when we might expect to find him using the analogy of a family, he talks about us being his friends. Sometimes we can hear people lament that they are 'stuck' with their families, and that they prefer their friends. It's an instructive moment, usually born out of a bitter and unloving history.

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## - 6th Sunday of Easter -

(Year B/2 - May 6, 2018)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we  
will come to them. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11  
2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-13  
Gospel: Jn 16:15-20



### 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 (followed by Novena to St Anthony), 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 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:

Elsa Callegher (Italy) and Slavko Javni

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ken Gallagher, Theresa & Bill Hogan, Joe & Carmel Phelan, Alejandra Suniega, Kitty, Stanly & Tony Millns (Ireland), Anne & Pat McGlinchey (Ireland), 1 year anniversary of Maria Marcucci and 10 year anniversary of Ron Smith

### BAPTISMS:

Reeve & Ari Pollen, Mila Fantela, Florence Giblett, Octavius Napoli, Levi Seg and Jack & Ella Logan

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Aaron Lyall, Anita Capicchiano, 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 - 6th Sunday of Easter

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (1Jn 15:12-13)*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider him your friend? Jesus says that if we love him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love?

## 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 SPIRIT - 11AM

E Strzelecki  
M Martin  
E Strzelecki, L Fossey  
  
R Martin

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators M Howard  
Lectors F O'Neill  
Special Ministers R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio  
Welcomers C Marcantonio,  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator

### 9.30AM

C Simpson  
D Lunn, A Negro  
H Verdnik, M Baird, M Perera, E Glynn  
V Resciniti, E Glynn  
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. <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 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)

## St Michael's News:

**TUESDAY MAY 22ND, 2.30PM**  
**PARISH OFFICE**  
**FR MICK'S MATES ORGANISING COMMITTEE**  
**OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF FR MICK'S MATES.**  
**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

- ♦ **THANKSGIVINE ENVELOPES:** There is a set of envelopes for all **weekly and monthly** contributors in the foyer today. With changes to Masses some people may now go to a different Church in the Parish. If you can't see your set of envelopes in the back of this Church today, please contact the Office to see where they were sent. Please let us know which Church you prefer for next time. 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 on 5278 1343 or email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au). Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Reminder to all members - **Monday 7th May at 6.30pm is Pizza Night!** BYO drinks if you wish. See you there!!
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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](mailto:Poneill@columban.org.au)
- ♦ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION, FRIENDSHIP CRAFT GROUP:** You are all welcome to attend the craft conversation friendship group. Contact Debbie on 0409 416 945 for further details. Dates are 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.
- ♦ **NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY:** A Novena to St Anthony will be said after the 9.15am Mass on Tuesday - all welcome to stay and join us in this prayerful celebration.

# Community News:

**May 17... CIRCLE OF MERCY:** We are holding our second Circle of Mercy Evening for this year from 7-8.30pm at the Celies Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart College. Sarah Afshar will present **Baha'i Faith** - light refreshments provided afterwards. All welcome. RSVP by **Friday May 11** to Rita Chiavaroli [rsvp@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) or ph 5222 0467. **Save the Date** for Fr Richard Leonard SJ Thursday 23 August and Naomi Wolfe Thursday 18 October.

**May 20... CASSEROLE LUNCH:** 12noon Belmont Seniors Centre, 52 Thomson St. Invitation to KSC members, family and friends, cost \$10/head. Drinks included, bring a casserole or a sweet. Ph Joe Lambert on 5229 8442 to confirm attendance. Proceeds to local and overseas charities.

“ **PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:** the Nazareth Parish Group will celebrate 20 years in the Parish with a **High Tea** at Lisieux Centre, St Therese Torquay, from 3.30-5.30pm. Existing and former members are cordially invited to attend. Please ph Jill & Bob Healy on 5241 4070 / 0427 414 070 if you would like to come for catering purposes.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au)) **Registrations close Friday 18 May.**

**June 21... PEOPLE COME FIRST:** Bro Mark O'Connor, Pope Francis Fellow, Newman College University of Melbourne, will give a reflection on the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis at St Bernard's Church, Fryers Rd Belmont, at 7.30pm. Presented by the Geelong Catholic Deanery, Bro Mark will speak on the pastoral revolution of Pope Francis during his five years in office and his emphasis on “**the first and living rule is the person of Jesus Christ, his humility, his gentleness, his joy and his love**”. Everyone across the Deanery is welcome to attend. For further enquiries please contact Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913.



♦ **FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE:** The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public short course “**From Death to New Life: Preparing and Celebrating Catholic Funerals**” over two Saturdays (June 16 and June 23) at St Mary of the Angels Pioneer Room and Basilica, 150 Yarra St Geelong. Leading scholars will investigate a Christian theology of dying and death and explore how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrate death in a specifically Catholic way. Experienced Priests and Funeral Directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will also be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic Funeral for yourself or a loved one. Registration is essential at [acu.edu.au/acu-centre-for-liturgy/short-courses](http://acu.edu.au/acu-centre-for-liturgy/short-courses). For more information ph (02) 9701 4751.

♦ **STREAMS OF MERCY:** Fr Jerald from Doncaster East Parish would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading featuring Warsaw, Krakow, Vienna, Zagreb, Sinj, Medjugorje, departing on **2nd September** for an all-inclusive price of \$5,490. Call now for early-bird discount of \$500 on the price available for first ten registrations. This fare includes return airfares + local transfers + stay in 4-star hotels + all breakfasts and dinners. Tips and single supplements not included. For enquiries and bookings call 0385 622 246 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

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We choose our friends, and the strength of any particular friendship is usually found in how we know their history and story, and they know ours, in the way we give them time, attention and affection. A true friendship is mutual. Jesus loves us, his friends, enough to know us, be available to us, challenge and forgive us.

And his love is mutual. The only thing stopping us from having a deeper relationship with Christ is our desire for it.

But Jesus also shows how friends are prepared to give their lives for one another. That's what we celebrate here each Sunday, that Jesus the Lord showed the quality and care of his love for us so that we might be

empowered to go out and enable others to know and experience his love in the joyful way we sacrifice ourselves for them.

No one promised us that the Christian life would be easy. All we have is our brother Jesus and all our friends, our family in faith, to support us in every loving sacrifice we make.