



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

Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard.

In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the

earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

When it comes to listening in the Church today, some people mistake mono for stereo, uniformity for unity. At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians had no such difficulty; they knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another.

The early Church was a very complex and diverse community. Like today they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world

was nigh. Through it all, however, the bass notes played: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the Gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it compliments the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture which oppress, demean and diminish the women and men within it.

In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early Church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

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We welcome and pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend.

- Pentecost Sunday -

(Year B/2 - May 20, 2018)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**Trinity Sunday**

1st Reading: Deut 4:32-34,39-40
2nd Reading: Rom 8:14-17
Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

**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:

May 21 - June 4: Iannuzzi family, 17 Roxby 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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dimmy DaCosta, Marianna Macarol, Carmela Caccamo, Antonio Croce, 1 month since death of Antonio Zarli and 1 year anniversary of Pepa Marinac

BAPTISMS:

Ella, Chloe & Myah Wolfenden, Sonny Lymer and Rylie Opacak

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Aaron Lyall, Anita Capicchiano, Sandra Klinge, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa



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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Pentecost Sunday

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." (1Cor 12:4-6)

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what - we are not all called to do the same thing!

Roster for Next Sunday

(4th Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators A Henderson
Lectors G Tolan
Special Ministers A Henderson, G Tolan
Welcomers J Cowell
Projectionist B Middleton
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Burn
J Fraatz
D Dougherty, L Fossey
D Dougherty
A Zarb

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators F O'Neill
Lectors L Kelly
Special Ministers L Sells, E Kelly
Welcomers L&E Kelly
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator

9.30AM

M Lukesic
M Baird, P Gizycki
D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti
A Sare, A/I Dugandzic
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S:

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| 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:

- ♦ **FR MICK'S MATES ORGANISING COMMITTEE:** There will be an open discussion on the future of Fr Mick's Mates, 2.30pm Tuesday May 22nd at the Parish Office. All welcome to attend!
- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:** Over the coming weeks of **May 20 and May 27**, Grade 4 children from Holy Family, Holy Spirit and St Patrick's School will be making the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We wish them all the best for their special day.
- ♦ **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. Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.
- ♦ **PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:** Saturday May 19 at Ss Peter & Pauls with Rosary at 4.30pm and Mass at 5pm and on Thursday May 24 at Holy Family with Rosary at 8.45am and Mass at 9.15am on the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians.
- ♦ **CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL SUNDAY MAY 20:** This weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday and the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund conducts a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. The focus for 2018 is Prison Chaplaincy. If you would like to donate to this appeal, envelopes will be available at all Masses over the next two weekends.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **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 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.
- ♦ **HELP NEEDED FOR THE BREAD RUN (FOR THE VINNIES):** Only on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6-7pm for one hour only, from Highton Baker's Delight to 15 McClelland St Bell Park. If you can help please contact Sr Concepta on 5277 3620 or 0421 470 490.

Community News:

May 26... PAMPER DAY: Do you need time to de-stress and relax? Pastoral Healthcare Network Geelong and Geelong Natural Therapies invites YOU to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare. Come along and choose from a range of treatments including hand, shoulder and foot massage, Bowen and Myotherapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and afternoon tea. Please come and join us for a wonderful opportunity for relaxation and socialising. 1pm until 3.30pm (ten minute meditation at 2.30pm) at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave Geelong West. Cost \$10 - enquiries and bookings phone Carmel 5229 7954. Please RSVP by **Wed May 23** for catering purposes.

June 15... THE FIRST FIVE YEARS: A Seminar celebrating Pope Francis's pastoral vision of Mercy, Justice, Love and Care for the Earth, 10am-3pm at the Oratory, Newman College 887 Swanston St Parkville with various speakers. Events are free - please book ASAP by email / BYO Lunch. Further information ph Br Mark O'Connor on 9389 3106 mark.oconnor@marist.org.au

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.

June 21-23... HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Cost \$199 (see our website for other registration options). Venue: Ibis Melbourne. To register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com Ph: 1300 734 880

June 28... VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT: The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is one of the highest profile corporate fundraisers for addressing homelessness and poverty. For the first time in regional Victoria, Geelong is having its own CEO Sleepout at the GMHBA Stadium thanks to the Kardinia Park Stadium Trust. The timing for this is significant as over the past three years there has been a 68% increase in assistance provided with no signs of stabilisation. Further information or to register please visit ceosleepout.org.au or contact our CEO Sleepout Manager at Melbourne@ceosleepout.org.au



♦ **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. For more information ph (02) 9701 4751.

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Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's pre-eminent gifts. We are not

allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it, and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the market places of our own day and age.