



# 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**

One of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how



they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it.

We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to

not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation. We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity. Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they the preach.'

Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. /Cont'd P4...

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

## - Feast of the Most Holy Trinity -

(Year B/2 - May 27, 2018)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****Corpus Christi**

1st Reading: Ex 24:3-8  
2nd Reading: Heb 9:11-15  
Gospel: Mk 14:12-16,22-26

**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:

Stevan Bosnjak, Andrew Stocks and Tina Creswell

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Connie Tolan, Clifton Diniz, William & Gertrude Paul

### BAPTISMS:

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### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Aaron Lyall, Anita Capicchiano, Sandra Klinge, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Sketa, Antonio Resciniti



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

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Feast of the Holy Trinity

*"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." (Rom 8:16-17)*

If we are heirs to the Kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up his Kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us?

Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

## Roster for Next Sunday

(1st Sunday of the Month)

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators C O'Brien

Lectors Sr J McGonigal

Special Ministers N Neeld, P McGlinchey

Welcomers

Projectionist D Whelan

Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### HOLY FAMILY

### 8.00AM

Commentators R Allum

Lectors V Pavlovic

Special Ministers J Bartolo, I Baulch

Welcomers K McArthur

Projectionist R Allum

Co-Ordinator

### HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson

B Middleton

R Pugh, V Trinder, G Wright

I Cleary, L Fossey

L Coles

### 9.30AM

J Siketa

C Taylor, M Bird

P Carmody, B Kline, D&M Horoba

M&E Hoffman

C Resciniti

J Mann, 0488 784 802

## Workers are road kill

With the closure of our car industry we have to face the harsh reality of international free trade driven by global competition. One of the world's richest men, Warren Buffett, says people who lose their jobs as a result of industries being transferred to low wage countries are 'roadkill'. He compared unemployed workers to animals that have been caught in the head lights and are helpless to avoid being run over. He said governments must do more to help those displaced by competition from overseas and from technological changes.

Buffet believes that society at large benefits from both technological change and free trade. "But this is often at the expense of individual workers who struggle to find new jobs. Those who lose their work to competition from cheaper countries are helping millions of their fellow citizens by providing necessities at a lower cost. Greater productivity will benefit the world in a general way, but to be roadkill, to be the worker who loses their job is a painful experience....It would be no fun to go through life saying I'm doing this for the greater good; so that everyone else can buy their shoes or underwear for 5 percent less."

Buffett, 87, said America is six times richer now than when he was born. He's optimistic about the nation's ability to generate wealth. And he doesn't hold Donald Trump's view that the U.S. has been ripped off by free-trade agreements. He calls on the U.S. to do more to help the working class and has said the tax system is tilted to benefit rich people like himself. "We have to have policies that take care of the people who become the roadkill in the process. We've got the resources. The rich will need to pay more tax."

Buffet says the economic theory that people can diversify (i.e. move their skills to another industry) doesn't work in practice. If you're a 55-year-old car worker and car making moves off shore you can't always diversify into another job. If we want free trade, we also have to take care of the people who, through no fault of their own, have spent their life learning one profession. You can't just talk about retraining. It just isn't practical sometimes. Many don't have alternatives at age 50. A rich country that's prospering because of free trade should take care of the people who become the roadkill when an industry moves off shore.

Pope Francis agrees with all of that. But he makes one more point: "Work gives us dignity. Those who are responsible for people (managers) are obliged to do all that is possible so that every man and woman can work, and thus be able to walk with their heads held high, to look other people in the face with dignity." Providing decent unemployment benefits for those who cannot find work is essential. But it is a second order option for Francis.

"Yes governments must support financially the unemployed. But it makes me so happy when I see rulers going to great lengths to create jobs and aiming for everyone to have a job. Work is sacred. Work gives dignity to a family."

(Kevin Fell)

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## St Michael's News:

- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:** This week 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.
- ♦ **THANKSGIVING 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.
- ♦ **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 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.
- ♦ **THANKYOU:** The Sisters of the Holy Angels wish to thank you for supporting the purchase of flowers on Mother's Day. Proceeds of \$711 will go towards the Missions in the Philippines and Kenya. God bless you all!
- ♦ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** Parish Edition Winter 2018 - In this edition we look at many of the issues that require a vigorous defence of life, protecting and celebrating life in all its fullness. Available now in all Churches.


## 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. <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.<br>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)**

## Community News:

- June 4...** **VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT LAUNCH:** for potential participants (and friends and colleagues) 6-8pm in the Presidents Room, Level 2 Brownlow Stand, GMHBA Stadium Kardinia Park, 10 Kilgour St Geelong. Wine and canapes served, **RSVP June 1** to [lucy.menting@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:lucy.menting@svdp-vic.org.au)
- 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](mailto: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](http://Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com) Email: [heart@TheCatholicGuy.com](mailto: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. Further information or to register please visit [ceosleepout.org.au](http://ceosleepout.org.au) or contact our CEO Sleepout Manager at [Melbourne@ceosleepout.org.au](mailto:Melbourne@ceosleepout.org.au)
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- ♦ **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](http://acu.edu.au/acu) centre for liturgy/short courses. For more information ph (02) 9701 4751.
- ♦ **SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG:** An overnight crisis home for homeless men which rely on your generosity. Please consider making a donation to our Winter Appeal so we can continue to provide a place of warmth, sanctuary and hope. Donations are fully tax deductible and can be made directly through [samaritanhousegeelong.com.au](http://samaritanhousegeelong.com.au)

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Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic

tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for

everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'