



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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Homily by Fr Michael Tate**Avoiding the real Jesus**

This Gospel passage portrays two ways in which we can reject the *real* Jesus Christ. One way is quite common and we all engage in it to one degree or another. Thank goodness it is forgivable. The other is rare but has very dire consequences.

The first way is to domesticate Jesus, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', already provoking a severe reaction from the religious and political authorities. He was madly putting himself in harm's way and he had to be restrained.

But Jesus would not give up his mission to establish the reign of God on earth, the signs of which were the curing of bodies and minds, and the forgiving of sins, embodying the merciful healing presence of God, come what may (and he did know what was coming!).

His Nazareth family were trying to reduce him to manageable size so that he did not imperil himself, and them. So, he dramatically creates a new family constituted by those who, like him, are dedicated to doing the will of God.

You and I have to ask: 'Have I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meek-and-mild?' If so, we are closer to the family of Nazareth standing just outside his circle, ready to run for cover, than to the family of Jesus Christ seated around him really listening to him and therefore vulnerable.

The second way to reject the real Jesus Christ is to completely, and with malice aforethought, misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and claim that it must be Satanic, that he must be in league with the devil.

Jesus quickly retorts that, if that were the case there must be a civil war going on in Satania, because he is constantly undoing

the devil's work by merciful healing. The charge is non-sense.

Worse than that, if you grievously mislead others by saying publicly, as did these religious leaders, that Jesus is diabolically acting because 'He has an unclean spirit', then it is this malicious misleading of others that is unforgiveable. You have deliberately put the salvation of others at risk.

This is real blasphemy, not some outburst of language disrespecting God, but a deliberate turning against God's plan to send the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ amongst us for our salvation.

You have also made yourself the sort of person who, at death, will not recognise the saving presence of the Risen Lord for who he is – the source of forgiveness necessary to be swept up into the loving eternal life of God.

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- 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B/2 - June 10, 2018)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 17:22-24
2nd Reading: 2Cor 5:6-10
Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

**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:

June 11 to July 2: Bourke family, 36 Pleasant 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:

Raffaele Traficante, Frank Bohan and Milica Ludas

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nick Hoare Snr, Nicholas Hoare Jnr, Gerald Drew, Fr Hugh McDonald, Maria Mileto, Mihail Germanjuk, Ljerka Lehpamer, Isla & Harry O'Brien, Ivan Jovic, Rachel Peso, Leo O'Dwyer, Dorothy Shine, Casiano Mangas

BAPTISMS:

Harriet Dyer and Riley Zawislak

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." (Mk 3:25)

Do your parish ministries complement each other or do they compete against each other? Is your parish "one Body of Christ" or a bunch of little, separate ministries controlled by human ego? The goal of all parish ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work should be for the glory of God's name, not our own name.

Roster for Next Sunday

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

K Maddalena

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D Whelan

M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

8.00AM

K Saunders

P. Carvalho

Sr Concepta, P Ruggeri, R Culo

P Ruggeri, R Culo

R Allum

L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Kroger

J McKenzie

L Stalio

L Fossey

F Kearney

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C Taylor, M Fiorillo, M. Perera

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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Modern politics is evolving as a 'no compromise' war.

To get the perfect set of social policies in place warriors of the populist right must defeat warriors of the populist left; and vice versa. This entails a worrying authoritarian tendency requiring politics to be fought with relentless fervour and simple moral clarity.

But political truth is plural

There is no one and correct answer to the big political questions. Instead, politics is usually a tension between two or more views, each of which possesses a part of the truth. For example, sometimes immigration restrictions should be loosened to bring in new people and new dynamism; sometimes they should be tightened to ensure national cohesion. Leadership is about determining which viewpoint is more needed at that moment. Politics is a dynamic unfolding, not a debate that can ever be settled once and for all.

What is needed is moderation.

Moderation is not an ideology; it's a way of coping with the complexity of the world.

David Brooks, New York Times.

Pope Benedict expressed the dilemma in these terms: "Faith and hope are what emigrants and refugees bring with them. They say: 'We can face our present even if it is arduous; it can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey'. Society offers a precious gift when it guides people to a stable and trustworthy hope. Migrants and refugees can enrich their new countries with their professional skills, their social and cultural heritage and their witness of faith, which can bring new energy and life to host communities."

"Certainly every state has the right to regulate migration and to enact policies dictated by the general requirements of the common good. While some migrants attain a satisfactory social status and a dignified level of life through proper integration into their new society, many others are living at the margins, frequently exploited and deprived of their fundamental rights, or engaged in forms of behaviour harmful to their host society."

"The process of integration entails rights and duties. It also calls for attention on the part of migrants to the values offered by the society to which they now belong."

"An orderly migration policy must not end up in a hermetic sealing of borders, more severe sanctions against irregular migrants or the adoption of measures meant to discourage new entries. These measures could put many migrants in danger of falling prey to human trafficking and the ills that come from that."

(Kevin Fell)

St Michael's News:

- ♦ **EUCHARIST:** Starting in June and continuing through the colder months, a decision has been made to offer Eucharist of one type **only** at our Masses. This will be re-addressed in September.
- ♦ **HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE, MANIFOLD HTS** will hold their 2018 Winter Appeal at the 11am Mass on Sunday June 24 with a special collection. The funds raised are used to directly assist those experiencing hardship and disadvantage in our community.
- ♦ **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 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.
- ♦ **WINNERS OF THE 2018 COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLES:** Unfortunately our Parish was not amongst the winners with the three Suzuki Belnos going to Tess Bugeja from Keysborough, Wayne Nicolaci from Highett and Wilson from Mulgrave. The Coles/Myer Gift Cards all went to Melbourne parishes with one from Grovedale. Thankyou once again for your support.

FATHER MICK'S MATES

Thankyou to the parishioners of St Michael's. Our team was formed in 2007 and in the last 12 years through your participation and generosity, we have raised **\$146,090.50** for the Vic Cancer Council. All funds raised are used for research in fighting this deadly disease. The organising committee has decided to continue for another year as long as **YOU** continue to support our "fundraisers", and we would welcome further assistance in setting up and cleaning up at our functions.

Planned Fundraising:

October... Distribution of Rotary Raffle Books at all Masses

Nov 6... Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon

December... Christmas Stalls at each Church. (Due to workload, Hampers will need to be 'ordered' for pick-up after Masses. Details later.)

Feb 2019... Movie Night at Barton St Lifestyle Village

Mar 2/3... Relay for Life Weekend - St Albans Reserve, Whittington.

Over the last two years we have not held "Registration Campaigns, cost of \$25 per adult" for the weekend event, as the numbers participating reduced significantly. This year Fr Prakash has agreed to hold a Leaving Collection for those who would like to contribute to the Cancer Council. Date to be finalized in August or September.



On behalf of the Committee again I thank you for your generosity and trust that it will continue in memory of Fr Mick. Any questions or clarification please contact David Lunn on 0408 378 982.

Community News:

June 10... **FOR THE JOY OF SINGING THE CLASSICS 2018:** The Geelong Chorale invites you to St Luke's Uniting Church, cnr Barrabool & Scenic Rds Highton 2-5pm. \$15 - music and a'noon tea included. Bookings essential with Anne Pilgrim pandapilgrim@gmail.com or ph 0412 524 316.

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. For further enquiries please contact Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913.

June 22... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Social Luncheon/Meeting - ladies invited to attend. 12noon at White Eagle, Fellmongers Rd Breakwater. Opportunity to gather together and keep up to date with Branch activities. For bookings ph Frank Khan on 5243 4926.

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 or contact our CEO Sleepout Manager at Melbourne@ceosleepout.org.au

♦ **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

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The fact that you are here listening to this homily leads me, with pastoral confidence not presumption, to say that you need not be worried that you have committed *this* blasphemy.

You and I may be more justly worried about the first mode of rejection of the real Jesus.

Fortunately, we can with the grace of God recognise this and determine to read and hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for

our lives and come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father'.