



# 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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**Web Page Address:**[www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au](http://www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au)**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate****Subverting the Social Order**

This is a story of subversion, subversion of the social order turned upside down by the healing presence of Jesus.

Jesus is approached by one of the local elite: a male, with a name [Jairus], prestige, an advocate for his twelve year old daughter, and he knows the correct procedure, adopting a deferential posture. Jesus hears his request to heal his daughter and sets off.

Jesus' progress is stopped in its tracks by a contrary figure: a woman, with no name, voiceless, because of her haemorrhaging blood ostracised from social and religious contacts, and she adopted the utterly wrong approach. She touched Jesus, or at least his clothing, which risked contaminating him with her 'uncleanness'. But she was immediately healed. This voiceless, marginalised woman was healed at every

level of her person: physical, social and religious. She could now mix with people and attend the synagogue. All the woman needed to do was get close and have faith that Jesus would restore her to a life worthy of a human being.

By the way, that is the best way to approach confession. You or I should come into the confessional conscious of whatever is making one ill-at-ease with God because of something one has done or failed to do. Bring that dis-ease into close proximity to Jesus as the Divine Physician. The confessional is 'the hem of his cloak'.

But to return to the Gospel. Jesus stops and looks around: 'Who touched me?' The disciples are unreconstructed supporters of the social status quo. They regard stopping to find out who touched Jesus as an unfortunate and rather misguided interruption to the important task of continuing on to the house of the local leader, the male at the top of the social scale who had so properly pleaded on

behalf of his daughter.

But, Jesus does stop and one of the most beautiful moments in the Gospel ensues. The woman gets her voice back, tells Jesus it was she who had broken all the taboos and touched him. He turns to her and says: 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

He, Our Lord Jesus Christ, calls the outcast who had endured social isolation for twelve years, 'Daughter'. This woman heard this term of relationship, this term of affection and care, 'Daughter', from the lips of Jesus. Can you imagine the liberating and joyful effect of hearing that title of honour and love from Our Lord?

Yes, Jesus went on to heal the little girl. But unlike the disciples he did not regard stopping as an interruption. It was a priority which totally subverted the expectations and the power structures of that society. /Cont'd P4...

**- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time -***(Year B/2 - July 1, 2018)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done  
away with death, and brought us life  
through his gospel.

**Alleluia!****NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 2:2-5

2nd Reading: 2Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

**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:

**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:

Natalia Ogriz and Leslie Ganski

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Stanislaw Gwizdek, Antonio Zaino, Joseph Radojevic, Antonio Fiorillo, Ernesto & Assunta DeLorenzo, Frank & Helen DeLorenzo, Jean Allison, John Dempsey, John & Bessie Keppel and one month since death of Raffaele Traficante

### BAPTISMS:

Paxton Beaumont, Caeley & Murray Mills and Kaspar & Mason Sobolevski

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"As a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." (2Cor 9:14)*

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts, but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

## 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  
V Trinder  
  
R Martin

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators M Howard  
Lectors F O'Neill  
Special Ministers R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio  
Welcomers C Marcantonio, L Allum  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

### 9.30AM

C Simpson  
D Lunn, A Negro  
H Verdrik, M Baird, 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)**

## **Do you remember how it was?**

For most of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century until the 1960's Australian society was dominated by a Protestant Ascendancy, made up of Anglicans (then known as the Church of England), Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists. In all sorts of ways Catholics were made to feel they were outsiders. This was at the tail end of a period during which the patriotism and loyalty of Catholics of Irish origin was seriously questioned.

At that time most Catholics in Australia had Irish ancestry and most were sympathetic to the Irish struggle for independence from Britain. That horrified many Australian Protestants who saw loyalty to the British Empire as the foundation of Australian patriotism. It was made worse after the Irish rose up in violent rebellion. There was a tendency, particularly in the media, to condemn all Catholics because the Irish Republican Army was involved in terrorist activities. All Catholics were potential terrorists and subversives.

That cultural divide played out in the schools. As Catholic school children passed the local state school they often heard: "Catholic dogs, jump like frogs, eat no meat on Friday." The Catholic battle cry in retaliation was: "Catholics, Catholics ring the bell, and all the Proddies go to hell." Fights sometimes followed these taunts.

All this might seem trivial and quaintly amusing these days. But there are lots of ways little children can be made to feel outsiders. As a result of the tensions in the Protestant/Catholic divide some Catholic children didn't feel they quite fitted into our society. Many felt anxious. Many non-Catholic children formed the firm belief that they could never be friends with a Catholic. Words matter in shaping a child's sense of identity. The practical solution was that society divided into religious ghettos. People mixed only with those they felt secure among.

Now we have the 'sectarians' back. They don't see Catholics as the danger to our society as was the case through the first half of the last century. (But make no mistake; with their mind set they would have denounced Catholics as a danger had they been around at the time). They appear to have stopped condemning Asians. It's now Muslims and Africans who are the Nation's dangerous subversives. It may be possible for rational adults to put into perspective exaggerations about being swamped by Muslims. (After all only 2.2% of the population is Muslim). But by the time the message filters down to the immature minds of children it becomes a template for how they should think about our society. Non-Muslim children are programmed to hate Muslims. And Muslim children hear themselves described as outsiders; condemned as would-be terrorists before they have the chance to figure where they fit in the Australian community.

Hard right 'Nationalists' and their supporters help to make school life a misery for a generation of Muslim kids. The playground could become a mine field on the journey to adulthood. And their divisiveness will be perpetuated because young children will be loath to form friendships with children of "the other sort"; as happened before the Catholic/Protestant divide collapsed at the end of the 1960's.

Looking back it's truly amazing how abruptly those old hatreds disappeared in the late 1960s. How did we manage to do that?

(Kevin Fell)



## St Michael's News:

- ♦ **EUCCHARIST:** 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.
- ♦ **PARISH EUCCHARIST PROGRAM:** This program is for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools who wish to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. **The program begins on Sunday July 22 and enrolments close Friday July 13.** For further details please phone Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 or email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au).
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Mid Year Dinner to be held at the Sphinx Hotel, Thompsons Rd North Geelong, on **Monday July 2nd at 6.30pm**. An evening to be enjoyed by all members!
- ♦ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on **Wednesday July 4**, 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall. We will be having a Dutch Auction and members are asked to bring a wrapped item for the auction. All St Michael's Parish ladies are most welcome. For transport please contact Bernadette 0417 514 598 or Tricia 0431 512 354.
- ♦ **THANKYOU:** The Bohan family thank Fr Prakash, parishioners and friends for your prayers and thoughts at the time of the death of Frank. Thanks also to the Communion Team for weekly Communions, and Sue O'Donoghue for First Friday Masses at MACS. May God bless you all.

## Community News:

- ♦ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, an interesting guest speaker, and the opportunity to meet new friends. Appetisers begin at 6.15pm on **Tuesday July 10**, followed by the meal for only \$33/person. We meet at **Capri Receptions**, previously known as Berkeley Lodge, 258 Pakington St Geelong West. For more information/reservations, please phone or text Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584 by **Friday July 6**, the deadline for catering purposes.
- ♦ **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)
- ♦ **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC:** Three Choirs Special Save \$15 - three wonderful concerts at St Mary's Basilica - **Australian National Youth Choir** Thursday July 5 7.30pm \$30/25; **Melbourne Chamber Choir** Sunday 19 August 3pm \$30/25; **Australian Chamber Choir** Sunday 26 August 3pm \$40/35. Tickets available at the door and also as a Three Choirs Special. [www.Trybooking.com/WEAS](http://www.Trybooking.com/WEAS). Package prices are \$85 full/senior or \$70 conc, a saving of \$15. To buy a package by phone call Jan Lavelle on 0407 095 498.

### PRAYER FOR GOOD HUMOUR - by St Thomas More

*Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.  
Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.  
Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good  
and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,  
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.  
Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments,  
nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I'.  
Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.  
Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy,  
and to be able to share it with others.*

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I want you to close your eyes for a moment. Bring to mind whatever it is that is making you ill-at-ease with God. Something you have done or failed to do you now experience as a dis-ease in part of your personality. Then say with the

woman of today's gospel: 'I will touch the outer garment of my Lord and Saviour. I believe he will forgive me and heal me.' Say it with her profound confidence in divine power. Keep your eyes closed and hear Him say to you: '

My son [or] my daughter,  
your faith has made you well;  
go in peace and be healed  
of your dis-ease.'