



# 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**

Think about this for a minute! It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day.

Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate

A is Franklin D. Roosevelt. Candidate B is Winston Churchill. Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love.

Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth,

brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus.

Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts.

**WELCOME BACK FR PRAKASH, AND HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY!****- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -***(Year C - February 10, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

In the sight of the angels  
I will sing your praises, Lord.

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

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I  
will make you fishers of my people.

**Alleluia!****NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 17:5-8

2nd Reading: 1Cor 15:12,16-20

Gospel: Lk 6:17,20-26

**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:

**Feb 4-18:** Trinder family, 20 Downie Place; **Feb 18 - Mar 4:** Martin family, 26 Honey Lane

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:**

Francesca DePalma (Italy) and Antonia Guerra

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Elsie Gillett, Bernard Tolan, Gino, Carmella, Max and Antonio Bisinella, and one month since death of Antonio Lombardo and Salvatore Modica

### **BAPTISMS:**

Anthony Ivankovic

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Frank Mason, Val Howard, Kylie Kotic, Anita Capicchiano, Marie Brown, Cheryl Lambert, Elizabeth Topic, Allan Ansell, Alexander, Peter Brown, Sandra Klinge, Greg Malishev



## **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

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. <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
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:*

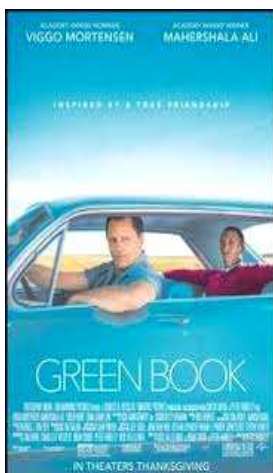
[www.pastoralclustergeelong.org](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)

## Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ♦ **COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS:** Unfortunately, due to a sudden increase in the influenza virus over the last few months, it has been decided that Communion under both kinds will not be offered at our weekend Masses just yet.
- ♦ **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: Listen to what the Spirit is saying...** *"What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?"* We wish to invite parishioners to attend two discussion afternoons at the parish office on **Tuesday February 12 at 4.30pm and Wednesday February 13 at 4.30pm** to discuss your ideas and opinions on this important upcoming event. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bernadette at the parish office on 5278 1343.

## St Michael's News:

- ♦ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION/CRAFT GROUP:** Ladies - are you interested in meeting new people? Do you want to experience informal conversation practice and improve your conversation skills? **We promote cultural inclusiveness and building strong St Michael's Community bonds.** Bring along your current craft project, hobby, or just come sit and chat and be part of the St Michael's Conversation Craft Group. Contact Debbie 0409 416 945. We meet at Holy Family Community Centre, Separation St from 2-5pm on 8 Feb, 22 Feb, 15 Mar, 22 Mar, 29 Mar, 26 Apr, 3 May, 10 May, 31 May. Further dates will be added later.



### FR MICK'S MATES MOVIE NIGHT AT LIFE STYLE VILLAGE, BARTON ST BELL PARK

Movie: **"GREEN BOOK"**, nominated for 5 Academy Awards this year:  
*Best Picture, Actor in a Leading Role, Actor in a Supporting Role, Original Screenplay and Film Editing.*

Come with us on Wednesday 20th February  
2 sessions 4pm and 7pm, with finger food between sessions at 6.15pm.

Our price - \$20 per ticket with all proceeds to Relay for Life.

For bookings contact:

David Lunn	0408 378 982
Parish Office	5278 1343
Margaret Haines	0413 690 625

## Community News:

- Feb 11...** **THE COMBINED SOCIETIES OF MARY** welcomes you to a beautiful **Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration** at St Colman's Church, 293 Carlisle St Balaclava. 1.40pm Rosary and 2pm Adoration, Prayers, Benediction, Healing Mass Blessings with Lourdes Water and a Procession, with Veneration of the First Class Relic of St Bernadette.
- Feb 17...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA** proudly presents acclaimed actor and soprano Wendy Grose with pianist Len Vorster in "**A Different Hat**", at All Saints Church, 113 Noble St Geelong, 3pm. A tribute to Marjorie Lawrence who stated a lady must always travel with at least 50 hats to ensure one has the perfect hat for every occasion! Tickets \$35 Adult/Senior, \$30 Concession from [www.trybooking.com/BABCW](http://www.trybooking.com/BABCW) or at the door. Children and school students free.
- Feb 19...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Members please note - all future meetings will now be held in St Bernard's Church foyer area on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, commencing 19 February. Please be aware of these changes.

**ARE YOU LISTENING TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?** Do you have a heart for working with young people in a rural parish? Would you like to work in a five hour paid capacity per week to help connect young Catholics across a wide geographical area but centred on Bannockburn and also involved with the new St Mary MacKillop Primary School. Help and support is readily available. Please call Father Charles on 0417319556 to have a chat if you even have an inkling of an interest or email [parishofmeredith@bigpond.com](mailto:parishofmeredith@bigpond.com)

## REFLECTING ON THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium.

We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

- Fr Michael Tate

### 'A Virtual Prayer'

Join with people from all around Australia (and beyond) in pledging a prayer for more vocations to the religious life and priesthood.

Go to [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au) where you can pledge a variety of prayers for vocations and see others who have joined you in this virtual community of prayer.

Prayer is the first step to more vocations.

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Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the

community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.