



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

In the second year of the Jesuit novitiate, the Jesuit novices are dropped around 140km from their first house in Australia at Sevenhill in South Australia. He has eight days to walk the distance and beg for food and accommodation. He cannot tell anyone who he is or what he is doing.

One Jesuit writes, 'It's the only time in my life I've been remotely in what we could call a wilderness and I have known hunger. There were many knockbacks, but there were a few occasions when people were extraordinarily generous.

'We are told that we cannot trade off being a Jesuit, but if we are invited into someone's home we can tell them who we are, so that they will not be frightened that they have welcomed Jack the Ripper to stay the night. If the person has offered the garage and a sandwich, however, we cannot use our being a Jesuit to get an upgrade from economy to first class!

'One woman who welcomed me into her home questioned me at length about where was I from, where was I going and how I got here. Then she declared, "I think I can trust ya". So she ushered me into her home, offered a meal that night, breakfast the next day and her guest room.

'I told this woman who I was and complimented her on her extraordinary generosity. "Well listen sunshine", she said, "let's face it, I knew you were OK, 'cause you're the most beautifully spoken, articulate beggar I've ever met."

In today's Gospel we are told that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Numbers are never randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. 40 indicates a time of formation. Luke tells us that Jesus confronts evil head-on and is tempted in every way that we are.

We often feel alone when faced with difficult choices and temptations, but, especially at these moments, there are four things we need to remember:

Temptation is not sin. Only when we freely and knowingly choose to act on temptation is sin involved. Though one may like to talk about the temptations one has in Reconciliation, we never have to 'confess' them as though they are sinful actions.

When we look at our temptations they often appear as good things, but often they have a sting in the tail which is destructive. We need to be very alert to all the consequences of what we do and say, and learn from our experiences.

The more we give into temptation, the more immune we become to seeing that there's anything wrong with what we are doing. We can develop whole habits in our living, deceiving ourselves that what we are doing is 'not that bad'.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, tells us in *The Spiritual Exercises* that the worst temptations are greed, pride and riches.

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- 1st Sunday of Lent -

*(Year C - March 10, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

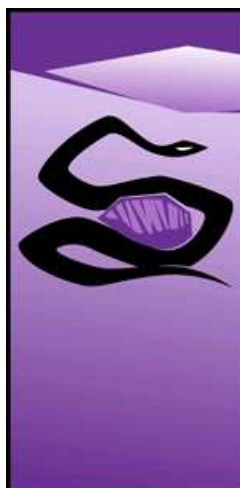
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**2nd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gen 15:5-12,17-18

2nd Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

**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:

Mar 11-25: Sharry family, 23 Lily 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:

Antoine Alam, Bianca Savi, Peter Brown, Maria Bisinella, Maria Gulli and Wayne Gilbert

ANNIVERSARIES:

George Rodrigues, Katharina Riedl, Margaret Bourke, Giovanni, Lidia & Anna DeAngelis, Nella Bellofiore, 1 year anniversary of Carmelo Napoli & Eileen Cotter, 25 year anniversary of Des Beach and 50 year anniversary of Giuseppe Bellofiore

BAPTISMS:

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PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Greg Malishev, Amalia Zaino, Paul Kennedy, Cheryl Lambert



After approx 5 weeks names will be taken off sick list. Please contact Office if you wish names to be reinserted.

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:

Rosary...	The Rosary is recited at 8.45am Tues and Thurs in Holy Family Church prior to the 9.15am Masses
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
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

Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ◆ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Holy Spirit Church every Friday at 2pm, commencing on March 8 until April 12. All welcome!

Lent at St Michael's:

TRUST LENTEN PROGRAM 2019:

This year there is an invitation to those who would like to be involved in small group conversations on the Readings for Lent. A clipboard will be available at the back of each Church to gauge interest or alternately, contact the parish office on 5278 1343. **We envisage meetings to be held each Wednesday evening during Lent 7pm at the Parish Community Centre, beginning on March 13th.**

LENTEN PROGRAM 2019 - A DAY OF REFLECTION BY THE SEA - Santa Casa Retreat Centre, Queenscliff

We walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

The day will include: Meditation, time of quiet and reflection, walking the Labyrinth, a foot wash and massage - Jesus said, "Do as I have done unto you."

Venue - Santa Casa, Flinders St Queenscliff on **Tuesday April 9 or Wednesday April 10** from 10am to 3pm. Cost \$15 with morning tea and lunch included. For bookings, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343 or Sr Jean 0408 559 891.



St Michael's News:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday March 11** due to the Labour Day Public Holiday.
- ◆ **FR MICK'S MATES 2019 RESULT:** At the Relay for Life last weekend, Fr Mick's Mates was the major money earner for this past year. We raised \$11,727 with the 2nd Team Geelong Bushwalkers raising \$6,656. Congratulations and 'thankyou' to the very dedicated group on the Committee. A brief summary of our 'fundraisers': Rotary Raffle \$2,450, Ladies Craft Stalls \$4,045, Movie Night \$1,738, Melbourne Cup Lunch \$2,109, Donations \$1,280. To the parish community - thankyou for your generosity in supporting us. Without you we could not continue. Since 2006 when Fr Mick's Mates started, we have now raised **\$146,090** for the Cancer Council and have been the 'Major Money Earner' in 7 out of 13 Relays. Before the group hangs up its walking shoes, it would be great to pass the \$150,000 mark. Quarterly 'follow-ups' will be published in the weekly Bulletin to keep you advised. Thankyou again to the Committee and the Parish.
- ◆ **NOTE OF THANKS FROM SR KATE O'NEILL:** *My sincere thanks to Fr Prakash and all the parishioners of St Michael's Parish and school communities for your very generous donation from Kuya Centre. Your ongoing support for the street children in our care is greatly appreciated. We continue to provide rehabilitation for boys in our residential shelter, and are providing non-formal education to more than 500 children on the streets. Our school scholarship program continues, along with our micro-credit program. Your Partnership with us enables us to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable children in society here in the Philippines. With heartfelt thanks and God's blessings - Sr Kate.*
- ◆ **HELP:** Are there any parishioners out there in the Parish who are competent in calligraphy and would be able to help out with any calligraphy from time to time? Please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you can help.

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- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:** Sunday March 17 - come join us for children's entertainment, rides, food stalls, prizes etc. At St Patrick's School, Britannia St Geelong West from 11am until 4pm. Everyone welcome!
- ◆ **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 15 Mar, 22 Mar, 29 Mar, 26 Apr, 3 May, 10 May, 31 May. Further dates will be added later.

Community News:

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

- March 15...** **CLONARD COLLEGE** - Information sessions followed by tours 1pm and 4.30pm. Enrolments for Year 7 close **Fri May 17**. Pre-register online www.clonard.catholic.edu.au
- Mar 19...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE** - Explore the College 4pm to 7pm to discover life at SHC. Enrolments for Year 7 will close **Friday May 17**.
- Mar 24...** **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE** - Open 11am to 2pm with Information Sessions 11am and 12.15pm. Visit www.ignatius.vic.edu.au to view our online College Prospectus and download an enrolment application form. Year 7 applications close on **Friday May 17**.

March 25... **BELMONT SENIORS CONCERT HALL**, 52 Thomson St proudly presents direct from Melbourne: **The Best of British** featuring Franki Muratore, 1.30pm with a'noon tea provided. Entry \$10 - Aged Care Residents \$5.

- ◆ **SVDP FESTIVAL MASS:** The Geelong Regional Council's Annual Festival Mass where members, associates and volunteers gather to encourage and maintain a unity of both spirit and action, is being held on **Thursday 14th March at St Francis Xavier Church, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio**, commencing at 7pm followed by supper. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Corio/Lara Conference and all are most welcome to be part of the commemoration of this important milestone. **RSVP by Tuesday 12th March** to 0419 527 388 (please leave message).
- ◆ **GEELONG ST PATRICK'S CUP:** Your local community race meeting will be held on **Saturday 16th March** at Geelong Race Course. Kelly Sports for kids, Fashions on the Field, live Music on the Terrace and lots of horse racing action both locally and from Flemington with the inaugural All Star Mile featured. Kids entry free, Adults \$15 by ringing the Club on 0409 007 913. BYO picnic food or buy two entries for \$50 and receive a picnic basket free filled with goodies. Website bookings - country.racing.com/geelong-stpats
- ◆ **MERCY PLACE RICE VILLAGE** currently have two-bedroom units available. Please call Sally on 5247 2202 for more information.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH CatholicCare:** Volunteer tutors are needed to assist students of refugee backgrounds in three schools in the Geelong area for 1.5 to 2 hours per week after school, commencing in term two. Skills required: Good interpersonal skills, cross cultural communication, able to assist refugee students in social and language development and their schooling. Please contact Matt Walton on 9926 5699 or email Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au

Project Compassion:



12 year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water, helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide access to clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.**

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This comes as a surprise to Catholics who have been told for too long that sex is number one. Ignatius says that we should be wise in how we deal with temptations: name what's going on, and attend to the pattern of the temptation quickly and consistently.

As John B. Metz, says, 'We can say that

the three temptations in the desert are three assaults on the poverty of Jesus ... What Satan fears most is the powerlessness of God in the humanity he assumed ... so he appeals to Jesus' divinity, he wants God to remain God but Jesus subjected himself to our plight and opted for us as we are.'

We should take great comfort from this: there

is no path of temptation along which Jesus has not gone ahead of us to show us we can choose life ahead of death.

That's what Lent is always about – a yearly season where we are encouraged to keep embracing life and live it to the full.