



# 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**

An American Jesuit theologian, John Powell, tells the story of a young man named Tommy who was the resident atheist during one of his courses in the Philosophy of God at Loyola University in Chicago.

At the end of the course while he was turning in his final paper, Tommy said to Fr Powell, 'Do you think I will ever find God?' 'No', Powell replied bluntly, but as he walked away he continued, 'But I think God will find you'. Tommy kept walking.

Years later, Tommy returned to see John Powell to tell him that he had been diagnosed as having terminal cancer. More than ever, Tommy said, he wanted to find God or to be in the right place at the right time to be found by God. John Powell told Tommy to go and tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them.

Within a week Tommy reported to John

Powell that in the midst of doing this he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They had found each other. Tommy died three months later. John Powell reports that the only way to describe the final three months of Tommy's life was to say that, whatever happened to him in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God.

The Transfiguration is no mountaintop light show. In borrowing heavily from similar stories in the Old Testament, it describes, in a dramatic way, how loved Jesus was by God and how this experience was seen and known by his disciples.

So often we hear people say they have not, or cannot, experience the presence of God, and therefore deny that God exists. These readings show us that if you want to encounter God then you have to experience love. This is not an optional extra for the Christian life. As St John says, 'The one who says they love God, yet they hate their brother or sister, is a liar.'

The Transfiguration is not a once off event for Jesus alone. It is a moveable feast for all of us who have become God's sons and daughters in Christ.

The problem with love is that we have devalued the currency. We say it too often about things we don't or can't love, like our car, a bottle of wine or our holiday. We say 'I love you' to people we don't love and because we have learnt that actions are more telling than words we don't easily believe others when they tell us they love us.

We can feel unlovable and cynical about the whole experience. But there are three things of which we can be sure: If we feel distant from God, we only have to guess who has moved away from whom. Nothing we do stops God from loving us.

God loves us as we are, not as we like to be. As the old saying goes, 'you don't have to get good to get God. You have to get God to get good.' /Cont'd P4...

## - 2nd Sunday of Lent -

(Year C - March 17, 2019)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****3rd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ex 3:1-8,13-15

2nd Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

**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:**

Thomas Lancaster, Antonio Carlopio, Marijana Benasic, Elaine Bee, Giuseppa Siracusa and Bob Holdsworth (Rachel Holdsworth's father-in-law)

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Brigid Griffin, John & Teresa Cito, Paola Spata, Sr Gabriella McDonald RSM, Almor Mairos, Jose Medeiros & Madalena Ferraz

### **BAPTISMS:**

Anne Abba, Toby Grant, Macey Leonard, Liam Uluheua and Jackson Zaparenkov

### **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**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

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

Commentators A Henderson  
Lectors G Tolan  
Special Ministers A Henderson, G Tolan  
Welcomers J Cowell  
Projectionist B Middleton  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### **HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM**

M Burn  
J Fraatz  
L Fossey  
D Dougherty  
A Zarb

### **HOLY FAMILY**

**8.00AM**  
Commentators F O'Neill  
Lectors L Kelly  
Special Ministers L Sells, E Kelly  
Welcomers E Kelly, L. Allum  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

### **9.30AM**

M Lukesic  
M Baird, P Gizycki  
D Lunn, C Simpson, V Resciniti  
A Sare, A/I Dugandzic  
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. <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:

- ◆ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Holy Spirit Church every Friday at 2pm 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. **Meetings will be held each Wednesday evening during Lent 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.**

### 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:

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 22 Mar, 29 Mar, 26 Apr, 3 May, 10 May, 31 May. Further dates will be added later.



**ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL: TODAY! 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!**

# 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](http://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](http://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 23...** **ACIES** invite you to attend our Consecration of Mary at 9.30am Holy Mass followed by Consecration. St Francis Xavier Church, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio. Everyone welcome! More info ph Adela 0409 135 589.
- March 23...** **PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK GEELONG** invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare. Range of treatments including hand, shoulder and foot massage, Bowen and Myotherapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and a'noon tea. 1pm until 3.30pm with ten minute meditation at 2.30pm. St Bernard's Church Foyer, Fryers Rd Belmont. Donation appreciated - enquiries/bookings ph Gabrielle 0403 500 279. **Please RSVP by Wednesday 20th March for catering purposes.**
- 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.
- April 7...** **THE PLAINS YOUTH EVENT:** St Joseph's Parish Meredith invites all young people from Grade 6 upwards to this youth event from 6pm to 7.30pm. Bannockburn Stadium adjacent to St Mary Mackillop Primary School. Great contemporary Christian music and story telling!

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- ◆ **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](mailto:Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au)
  - ◆ **EMPLOYMENT POSITION - Nazareth Parish Grovedale:** There is currently a position of employment available as 'Director of Parish Faith and Mission at Nazareth Parish to begin Term 3, 2019. A Working with Children check and Police check are required. For a detailed job description and any further information, please contact Nazareth Parish Office on 9412 8444 or [grovedale@cam.org.au](mailto:grovedale@cam.org.au). Applications to be sent to: Fr Linh Tran, Parish Priest via email or post: 43a Surf Coast Hwy, Torquay 3228. Closing date is **Wednesday March 27, 2019**.

## PROJECT COMPASSION:



Tati lives in the remote forest of West Kalimantan. She is a mother of 3 who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati cannot afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment, Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty and give them hope to protect our common home.**

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Finally, as the song runs, 'You ain't nobody until somebody loves you.'

And so for a Christian, being vulnerable enough to tell those we love that we love them is no sentimental exercise but a participation in the heart of God. By taking the risk of doing this, others may clearly

hear the voice of God through us and we may discover ourselves transfigured by the personal love of God for us too.

In the process God may move from being an idea, an abstraction, even an object of curiosity to the focus of a loving experience that can give our lives meaning, purpose and

hope.

In this Eucharist then, let's ascend the mountaintop and let's listen to Jesus say, 'You are my son. You are my daughter. And I love you.'