



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

The word *love* has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone

better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other.
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We welcome and pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of first Eucharist this weekend.

5th Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - May 19, 2019)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29



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:

May 6-20: Hennessy family

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:

Gweneth Featherstone, Melina Raimondo, Evelyn Fowler and Sr. Josephine Kolotelo (CSB)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marjorie Hill, Alison Carmody, Marianna Macarol, Marcella D'Aprile, Loretta Simonti, Elisabetta Pitaro, Alfred Bird, Dimmy Da Costa and 1 year anniversary of Andrew Stocks.

BAPTISMS:

Buddy Cortorillo, Luca Hines, Jude Irving, Evelyn, Daphne & Harry Stojanovski, Charlie & Finnigan Steer and Francesca Thorley.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Amalia Zaino, Cheryl Lambert, Erin Kinch, Veronica Werzak, John McDonald, Andrew Kelly



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. 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

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **CHAPLAINCY APPEAL SUNDAY MAY 19:** This weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday and the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund conducts a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. If you would like to donate to this appeal, envelopes will be available at all Masses over the next two weekends.
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** There is a set of envelopes for all **weekly and monthly** contributors in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. If you can't see your set of envelopes, please contact the office to see where they were sent and let us know which Church you prefer next time. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au. Thankyou for your continuing regular support.
- ◆ **FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:** The Legion of Mary invite all parishioners to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on **Friday May 24** at Holy Spirit Church. Rosary 10.40am, Mass at 11am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Divine Mercy prayers 3pm followed by the Rosary until 5pm.
- ◆ **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 on 0409 416 945. We meet at Holy Family Community Centre, Separation St, from 2-5pm on 31 May, 7 June, 14 June, 21 June.
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** The Sisters of the Holy Angels wish to thank you for supporting the purchase of flowers on Mother's Day. Proceeds of \$600 and donations of \$250 will go towards the victims of the recent bombings in Sri Lanka.
- ◆ **HOLY SPIRIT HALL UPDATE:** The demolition of the exiting hall and building of a new Childcare Centre and Parish Hall next to Holy Spirit Church is close to commencement. Hopefully in the next few weeks detailed plans will be available for viewing by parishioners after Mass. A list of surplus items currently in the hall will be published and available for sale (details to be advised). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office on 52781343 or contact Michael Scaddan, David Lunn, Meg Kroger or Lane Kelly.

Sacrament of First Eucharist



Over the coming weeks of May 19, May 26 and June 2. Grade 4 children from Holy Family, Holy spirit and St Patrick's Schools will be making the Sacrament of first Eucharist. we wish them and the children from St Michael's Parish Sacramental Program all the best as they prepare for their special day.

Community News:

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MacKILLOP - 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575-\$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call St Therese Leydon RSJ on 0417 683 123.

INVITATION:

On the weekend of **June 1/2**, Fr Kevin Dillon will have been ordained a Priest for 50 years. The Parish of St Simon's Rowville will warmly welcome any parishioners of parishes in the Geelong region who might wish to attend any of the four Masses at St Simon's Church (2 Taylors Lane, Rowville) on that weekend - Sat June 1 at 6pm and Sun June 2 at 9am, 11am and a chance to have a cuppa after each of these Masses. Special Mass is at 2.30pm and thereafter light refreshments provided in the Parish Hall from 3.30pm to 6.30pm at which time a presentation will be made to Fr Kevin. Because of the difficulty of sending invitations to individual parishioners from the Geelong region parishes, it is hoped that this notice can serve as a personal welcome to any in the Geelong region who might like to attend. While there is no need to respond, a brief email from those anticipating attending would assist in planning:

office@stsimonsparish.com.au

Transport: *Anyone who needs transport to go to Rowville for Fr Kevin Dillon's 50th Ordination celebrations please contact Sr Anne by **Tuesday May 28** on 0452 161 937. 'Pick up spot' and cost closer to time.*

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Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters.

All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behaviour from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends.

Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life.

We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

May this Eucharist then grant us the wisdom to love people and not things. May it help us embrace sacrifice in a way that leads to life and may it give courage to sort out the relationships that affirm our dignity and help us grow in faith, hope and love.