

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

Recently I was accosted by a fundamentalist Christian in the street. He asked me whether I had given my life to Jesus Christ. I have. He asked me if I spoke in tongues. I can, but don't. He asked me if I had made the necessary sacrifices for the Holy Spirit to come into my life. At this point I said that as a Jesuit I was poor, chaste and obedient for Christ, which I think is a decent effort in that direction.

Mind you, in saying I take the vow of poverty I always think of my mother, who, on seeing Jesuit real estate for the first time said, 'If this is poverty, I'd like to see how you guys live chastity — it all seems pretty loose and fast to me.'

The problem with our evangelical brothers and sisters is that they

often think the Holy Spirit can be reduced to external signs.

We know, however, from the first Pentecost and from our own experience that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:

- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;
- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;
- clarity about what's true; and
- an 'at homeness' with God.

The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of

the discernment of spirits.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, left the church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. One summary of them goes like this:

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- Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
- 2. The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
- 3. The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing. /Cont'd P4...

- Pentecost Sunday -

(Year C - June 9, 2019)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things

understands what is said, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Trinity Sunday

 1st Reading:
 Prov 8:22-31

 2nd Reading:
 Rom 5:1-5

 Gospel:
 Jn 16:12-15



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: **Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:** Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday Croatian... 11am Sunday 11am Sunday 5.00pm Saturday

Slovenian.. 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

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

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12.30pm at Ss P&P, BAPTISMS:

3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

Mon... Holy Family Women's Prayer Group 10.00am Holy Family Community Centre Holy Family Community Centre Tues... Meditation Group 5.30pm

Wed... Prayer of the Church Holy Spirit Church Before 9am Mass

Holy Family Women's Prayer Group Wed... 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 Rosary After 9am Mass Holy Spirit Church Sat...

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

June 10: Bird family, North Geelong

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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Monique Kelly, Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Hugh

> McDonald, Jim Hudson, Harry & Ila O'Brien, Maria Mileto, Ljerka Lehpamer and 1 year anniversary of

Theresa Radojevic

BAPTISMS: Raffael Panetta and Maxwell McDonald

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Amalia Zaino, Cheryl

Lambert, Erin Kinch, Veronica Werzak, Cassie McColl, Margaret

Barry

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 **HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM**

M Kroger Commentators K Maddalena J McKenzie Lectors **Special Ministers** K Maddalena L Stalio Welcomers L Fossev

Projectionist D Whelan F Kearney

Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY FAMILY 8.00AM 9.30AM M Howard A Scaddan Commentators

Lectors P. Carvalho H Verdnik, T McMahon Special Ministers Sr Concepta, P Ruggeri, R Culo M Fiorillo, M. Perera

Welcomers P Ruggeri, R Culo E Dalton C Resciniti Projectionist R Allum

L. Kelly, 0409 291 138 J Mann, 0488 784 802 Co-Ordinator

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S:

Rosary... St Michael's Luncheon...

Holy Family Luncheon.. Holy Family Women's Group...

St Vincent de Paul...

Manifold CWL... Italian Mass... Catholic Diners' Club...

Legion of Mary... **Baptism Preps** Holy Family Choir Practice...

First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share. Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO casserole & drink to share. First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 6.30pm Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre 7pm.

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

Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 5.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre

4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel

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:

"COME AND LISTEN TO THE GOOD NEWS"

Christ is calling for you to Listen!

A series of Catechesis will be given at St Michael's Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park Monday and Thursday evenings from 7-8pm commencing Monday July 1.

Each evening gives an opportunity to pray, to encounter and experience the Church in a deep and enriching way.



- PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday June 10 due to public holiday.
- ATTENTION LECTORS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS: There are currently a few vacancies to fill at our weekend Masses for Lectors and Special Ministers. If you are interested, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343.
- FASHION PARADE: The Manifold Branch of the CWL are holding a Blume's Fashion Parade on Tuesday June 11, 2pm at St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. All parishioners are most welcome to come along and enjoy the chance to update their winter wardrobe and enjoy afternoon tea with friends. \$5 entrance and CWL members are asked to bring a plate for afternoon tea.
- SVDP HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE will hold their 2019 Winter Appeal at the 11am Mass in Holy Spirit Church on Sunday June 16. There will be an extra 3rd Collection taken up and the funds raised are used to directly assist those experiencing hardship and disadvantage in our community.
- ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION/CRAFT GROUP: We meet at St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 2-4pm on the following afternoons - 14 June, 28 June, 12 July, 26 July. Extra dates will be added in a few weeks. Bring along your craft project, sit, chat and make new friends. Contact Debbie 0409 416 946
- AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Winter Edition 2019 In this issue of Australian Catholics we explore some issues related to mental health in schools and the broader community. We look at mental health and wellness and how we can better support people who are living with mental illness. Pick up your free copy today!
- HOLY SPIRIT HALL UPDATE: The demolition of the existing 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 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 5278 1343 or contact Michael Scaddan, David Lunn, Meg Kroger or Lane
- CUP OF TEA AND COFFEE AFTER THE 9.30AM HOLY FAMILY MASS: An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us after the 9.30am Mass each Sunday at Holy Family Church for a Cuppa. All are most welcome!
- PART TIME EMPLOYMENT REQUIRED for three overseas university students. If anyone in the parish community can assist or may have contacts, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

Community News:

- July 7... THE MESSIAH: The Geelong Chorale For the joy of Singing the Classics 2019, Sing with Us! Conductor Anne Pilgrim, Accompanist Sonoka Miyake, 2-5pm at St Luke's Uniting Church, cnr Barrabool & Scenic Rds Highton. \$15 music and a/noon tea included. Bookings essential with Anne Pilgrim on 0412 524 316, pandapilgrim@gmail.com
- Sept 21... ALIGHT FAMILY FIESTA St Bede's College, Mentone. At a time when living Christian family life can feel like swimming against the tide, Alight is an event that will strengthen everyone, especially parents, to be renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a Priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music will help to make this a joyful celebration for the whole family! To register or for more info, look for the Alight flyers or visit cam.org.au/alight19

SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG 2019 WINTER APPEAL:

Homelessness can happen to anyone. Winter is the toughest time of all for those affected by homelessness in the Geelong community. Samaritan House Geelong provides crisis accommodation and support for homeless men. Please consider making a donation to our 2019 Winter Appeal so we can continue to provide a place of warmth, sanctuary and hope. To make a gift online go to samaritanhousegeelong.com.au/donate

FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG - Founded by Jean Vanier

Faith and Light is a form of regular community and spiritual support, focused on persons with disability. A Faith and Light Community is being formed for the Geelong region and an initial gathering will be held on **Saturday June 15**, 1.30 to 4pm in the Hibernian Hall, St Mary's Parish Centre, 150 Yarra St Geelong. This will include an introduction to Jean Vanier and Faith and Light, as well as prayer and fellowship. All are welcome, including those with disabilities, their families, friends and carers. Theme: **Pentecost - A New Community**. For further information please call Tricia O'Keeffe on 0414 672 267.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the very old days, the 'Holy Spirit' was known as the 'Holy Ghost'. It comes from the old English word 'gust' which 'blows wherever it pleases'. St Luke's account of Pentecost tells of what 'sounded like a powerful wind from heaven'. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples' lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear.

The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. 'O Breathe on me Breath of God' is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: 'O Breathe on me Breath of God... until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine'. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us.

Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds 'with a loud voice' about 'Jesus the Nazarene' and the fact that 'God raised him to life'. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church:

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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- The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.
- 5. Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.
- Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.
- 7. The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

Not bad for a guy who died in 1556.

So Pentecost is not the charismatic movement's birthday. It is God's promise to abide with us come what may. And living in the power and love of the Spirit and claiming her direction is an intensely practical

affair.

It is with this type of confidence that can sing the ancient chant, 'Come O Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we will be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.'