



# 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

A teacher asked her grade one class to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about the task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Beckie was particularly focused on her painting. 'What are you painting Beckie?' asked the teacher. 'I'm painting God, Miss' replied the little girl. 'Well that must be difficult because no one knows what God looks like.' At which Beckie stopped, looked up and confidently announced, 'But they will when I'm finished.'

The names Christians give to God – Father, Son and Spirit – are both ancient and important. But we should never think they exhaust the possibilities of God's reality. Creator, mother, lover, redeemer, Saviour, higher power or friend all go some

way to help us put words around our experience of our God, who is more and beyond all names we can possibly use.

The naming of God, however, is an important, but secondary focus to today's feast. There are two other facets to it that are more central.

The first is that the Trinity declares that relationships are at the very centre of God. We believe that the Father, Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our

relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch the divine.

The second extraordinary thing we celebrate today is that the Father invites us into this loving relationship with Him, Jesus and the Spirit. What is especially consoling about this is that we are the only world religion that believes our God took our flesh. So through Jesus' life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love we not only discover who he is, but, at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like.

Some people think themselves unworthy of such invitation. Others argue they have to be a better person to deserve such an offer.

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## - The Most Holy Trinity -

(Year C - June 16, 2019)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Corpus Christi**

1st Reading: Gen 14:18-20  
2nd Reading: 1Cor 11:23-26  
Gospel: Lk 9:11-17



### 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:

**June 17 - July 1:** Mileto family, 82 Sladen 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:**

Amalia Zaino, Lillian Canny and Mario Brumniach

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Alina Synoradzki, Zlatko Lehpamer, Stan Pogacic, Giuseppe Sciarrone, Ivan Bicanic, Francesca Napoli

### **BAPTISMS:**

Arabella Bowles and Hattie Ingle.

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

Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, 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**

(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)


## 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.*

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- ♦ **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.
  - ♦ **SVDP HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE** will hold their 2019 Winter Appeal at the 11am Mass in Holy Spirit Church **TODAY, 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.
  - ♦ **PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP 2019 FUNDRAISING:** A meeting has been organised on **Tuesday June 25, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.** The group is planning ideas for fundraising and we would love to see you there. ***"Many hands make light work!"***
  - ♦ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION/CRAFT GROUP:** We meet at St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 2-4pm on the following afternoons - 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
  - ♦ **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 be available for viewing by parishioners after Mass. There is an insert in the Bulletin advertising the surplus items currently for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of the listed items, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343 or contact Michael Scaddan, David Lunn, Meg Kroger or Lane Kelly.
  - ♦ **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! 
  - ♦ **HELP!** Two overseas university students looking for accommodation. Anyone know of any rental accommodation? References provided. Contact Fr Prakash or the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you can help.
  - ♦ **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:

**June 22... PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK GEELONG** invites you to a relaxing afternoon of papering and pastoral healthcare. Come along and choose from a range of treatments, including hand, shoulder and foot massages, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and afternoon tea. Please come and join us for a wonderful opportunity for relaxation and socialising. 1pm until 3.30pm with ten minute meditation at 2.30pm, at St Bernard's Church Foyer, Fryers Rd Belmont. Donation appreciated, enquiries and bookings ph Gabrielle 0403 500 279. **RSVP by Wednesday June 19 for catering purposes.**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://samaritanhousegeelong.com.au/donate)*

### **Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

*The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity.*

*God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us?*

*How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us.*

*Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like!*

*We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.*

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While both of these responses to God's invitation are understandable, they fail to take into account that in Jesus we have been made worthy of God's love and if we are waiting to get to a certain level of goodness to deserve God's love, we will wait forever.

God invites us into the

compassionate embrace of the Trinity where we are and as we are, so that we can become all that God knows we can be. We don't have to get good to get God. We have to get God before we can get good.

Let's not be like the small boy who once said to me, 'The feast of the Trinity is all about that old bloke, his younger son and that bird.'

On this Trinity Sunday let's celebrate the intimacy and dignity to which we are called by signing ourselves with the focus of our love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.