



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

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in

the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally

disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. /Cont'd P4...

- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -*(Year C - October 6, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

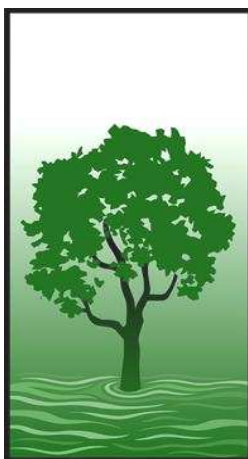
The word of the Lord stands forever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 2Kg 5:14-17

2nd Reading: 2Tim 2:8-13

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19

**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,
2nd & 4th Sundays 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:

30 Sept - 14 Oct: Lynch family, Hilltop 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: Frano Skratulja and Kit Yin Smith

ANNIVERSARIES: Jennifer McLaurin and one year anniversary of Vito Monteleone

BAPTISMS: Hemingway Churchill, Henry Curry, Quinn Johnston, Jack Kelly, Vincent Planken and Maleilani Amspoker

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Colleen Laffy, Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Cheryl Lambert, Veronica Werzak, Cassi McColl, Margaret Barry, Angelita Obaldo



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

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators M Carson
Lectors P Power
Special Ministers P McGlinchey
Welcomers D Dougherty
Projectionist B Middleton
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

E Strzelecki
M Martin
V Trinder, L Vannata

R Martin

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM
Commentators K Saunders
Lectors F O'Neill
Special Ministers R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio
Welcomers C Marcantonio, L Allum
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

C Simpson
D Lunn, A Negro
H Verdnik, E Di Domenico, E Glynn
V Resciniti, E Glynn
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...	St Michael's Community Centre, 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.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **JUST A REMINDER:** This Sunday is the beginning of daylight saving and a friendly reminder to put our clocks forward an hour.
- ◆ **PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISING MEETING:** 7pm Tuesday October 8 in the Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** Wednesday October 9, 12noon in St Michael's Parish Community Centre. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- ◆ **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:** At all Masses next weekend (Oct 12/13), there will be a special Third Collection taken up after Communion in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor.
- ◆ **PARISH LITURGY MEETING:** 7pm Tuesday October 15 in the Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS - Prayer Retreat:** All are invited to come and hear Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR speak on the theme *The Power of the Rosary* - Friday October 25, 9.30am to 3pm at Holy Family Church. BYO Lunch, coffee/tea provided.
- ◆ **Fr Gerard Keith is celebrating his 60th Birthday on October 25th. If you wish to send him a birthday card his address details are: Resurrection Parish, 51 Gum Road, Kings Park 3021.**
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING UPDATE: Envelope Number 2028** - Can you please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343. **All Givers - Please check your numbers.** In early November we will put envelope sets and receipts in the Church you usually attend. Number 1-999 - Holy Family; Number 1000-1999 - Holy Spirit; and Number 2000-2999 - Ss Peter & Paul's. **Please contact Bernadette if the Church you attend does not match the above numbers.**
- ◆ **MEDIUM CANE BASKETS REQUIRED** for the Christmas Hampers. If you have any to spare they would be greatly appreciated.
- ◆ **NOTE OF THANKS:** Thankyou for supporting the recent **CatholicCare Appeal**. \$1,646.70 was raised - another tremendous effort!
- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S CRAFT, CUPPA & CHAT:** Are you looking for something to do every second Friday? Come along for a cuppa, chat, bring your craft project and make new friends. We meet at St Michael's Community Centre, Separation St from 2pm - 4.30pm on 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 15 Nov, 29 Nov and 13 Dec. For more information contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.



LITURGY AT ST MICHAEL'S:

Oct 11...	7pm -	Holy Family Church for Holy Family School Confirmation
Oct 12...	11am and 2pm -	Holy Family Church for St Patrick's School Confirmation
Oct 12...	4.30pm -	Holy Spirit Church for Parish Group Confirmation

HARMONICO FILIPINO

Holy Family Church, 143-147 Separation St Bell Park

Saturday October 19 - 2pm to 3.30pm with Afternoon Tea to follow

Join us for an afternoon of entertainment with "The Quinal Youth Band" and the Filipino Choir
Tickets: Adults \$20, Students \$10, Children u/16 Free when accompanied by an adult

FOR TICKETS

St Michael's Parish Office	Bernadette	5278 1343
Holy Family 8am Mass	Alex Risk	5221 7302
Holy Family 9.30am Mass	David Lunn	0408 378 982
Holy Spirit 11am Mass	Sr Anne	0452 161 937
Ss Peter & Paul's 5pm Mass	Noreen Neeld	0447 656 968

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP
WHICH SUPPORTS THE KUYA CENTRE FOR STREET CHILDREN IN MANILA

To assist with catering please book early.



SAFETY AND WELLBEING:

The safety and wellbeing of our parishioners, staff and the wider community is important to us all. Please report any accidents, incidents or near misses to the Parish Office on 5278 1343. Also, if you notice any potential hazards or risks, please bring these to our attention so that we can address them as soon as possible.



St Michael's Parish Social Events:

- Oct 19...** **HARMONICO FILIPINO with the Quinal's Youth Band:** 2pm at Holy Family Church, followed by Afternoon Tea. All proceeds go to Kuya Centre for Street Children.
- Nov 5...** **MELBOURNE CUP DAY Chicken and Bubbly Luncheon:** Midday at St Patrick's School, Petrel St Geelong West with all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates, Cancer Council Victoria.
- Early 2020...** **FILM NIGHT AND SUPPER:** Date to be advised, at Lifestyle Village Bell Park with all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates, Cancer Council Victoria

CHRISTMAS MARKETS - Proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates:



- Sun Dec 8...** Holy Spirit - 11am Mass
Sat Dec 14... Ss Peter & Paul's - 5pm Mass
Sun Dec 22... Holy Family - 8am and 9.30am Masses

If you wish to buy "Christmas Hampers", please call Margaret Brown 5229 1280.

Community News:

- Oct 12...** **MARCH FOR THE BABIES:** Join us as we once again march for the babies - 1pm Treasury Gardens, cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde Melbourne. For further details contact marchforthebabies@gmail.com
- Oct 26...** **LIFE - LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY:** A Catholic seminar on how to live and grow in your Catholic faith in an ever increasing anti-Christian world. Presented by Flame Ministries International, 10am-5pm in the Hibernian Room, St Mary of the Angels. Cost - by love offering. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. For more information ph 0423 480 440, or email cheryldouglas@hotmail.com

FRIENDS OF FAITH & LIGHT GEELONG:

Founded by Jean Vanier in 1974, Faith & Light is a form of regular community and spiritual support focused on persons with disability. A Faith & Light community is forming in the Geelong region, based at St Mary's. Our next monthly gathering will be held on **Saturday October 12**, 1.30 to 4pm in the Hibernian Hall, Lt Myers St. Theme is **Jesus is the Way** and will include sharing, prayer and a'noon tea. All are welcome, people with a disability including families, friends and carers. For further information please ph Kevin Mark on 0406 081 702 or email kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

THANKYOU FROM MICHAEL NOLAN: Dear friends, today I was officially announced as a 'Local Hero'. Thanks to the generosity of Westfield Geelong, and thanks to you - family, friends, community partners and volunteers and all who kindly voted for me. Thanks to you our Lazarus Community Centre Geelong now receives a grant of \$10,000!

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Breast Feeding into Heaven

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called 'good works' are no more than our duty and don't deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory' (St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty.

We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform

extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.