



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 well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he

made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of

right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources.

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To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19

2nd Reading: 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18

Gospel: Lk 18:9-14

**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:

14-28 Oct: Wright family, 42 Logan St; **29 Oct - 10 Nov:** Stocks family, 22 Orr 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:

Kevin Cross

ANNIVERSARIES:

Giovanni DaRocco, Ercole Iezzi, Antonino Zanghi,
Francis Murphy

BAPTISMS:

Charlie, Spencer & Harvey Murphy and Ruby
Ryan.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Colleen Laffy, Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra
Klinge, Cheryl Lambert, Veronica Werzak, Cassi McColl, Margaret
Barry, Angelita Obaldo, Josica Markov, Joe Vanjek



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, L Vannata
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
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
Holy Family Luncheon...	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO casserole & drink to share.
St Michael's Luncheon...	First Sunday of each month at Louisa Fossey's house
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:

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 1 Nov, 15 Nov, 29 Nov and 13 Dec. For more information contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.



The weekend of November 2/3 at all Masses, the focus of our Mass will be "Remembering and Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones".

As part of the Bereavement Mass there are notelets entitled "In Loving Memory of", which will be placed at the foot of the Cross. These leaflets are now available if you would like to take one and fill it out in preparation for the November Masses.

At the Remembrance Masses please do not put the notelets at the foot of the Cross until directed by the Priest.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE:



Please contact: David Lunn 0408 378 982
 Parish office 5278 1343
 Desma Dougherty 5244 5459
 Margaret Haines 0413 690 625

Cost: \$25 per ticket - *Chicken & Bubbly Lunch*
Venue: St Pat's Primary School, Petrel St Geelong West
Time: Arrive 11.30am for noon start
Parking: No school this day so parking is no issue!

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:

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 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

Oct 26... **PAMPER DAY:** Pastoral Healthcare Network Geelong invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering 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. 1pm until 3.30pm with ten minute meditation at 2.45pm. St Bernard's Church Foyer, Fryers Rd Belmont. Donation appreciated - enquiries and bookings ph Jacqui 0488 527 656. **Please RSVP by Wed Oct 23 for catering purposes.**

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA - November and December

Nov 3... **Australian Chamber Choir - *Keys to Heaven*,** music from the composers of the Sistine Chapel. 3pm at St Mary's Basilica, tickets \$50/45/40 at the door or www.auschoir.org

Nov 9... **A Country Ramble** - Luxury coach departs 9am, returns 4pm. 3 Concerts, morning tea, lunch, charming country churches and excellent artists. More details ph Jeannette 0408 305 868 or email music.basilica@bigpond.com All inclusive ticket \$95/85 from Jeanette 0408 305 868.

Nov 22... **Windfire Chamber Choir** - 8pm at St Paul's Church, Latrobe Tce. **Cesar Franck and his students** - choir, soloists, organ, harp and cello. Tickets \$50/45/40 at the door or trybooking.com/BABDC



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted

up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to

being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.