



# 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

Many years ago I remember hearing the story of a charismatic prayer meeting which went all night. Apparently the leader was convinced that, 'God wants to do a strong and powerful work here tonight and we have to show we are worthy.' So he insisted that everyone stay until it happened. By dawn nothing had overtly occurred, so the leader declared, 'God has worked hundreds of miracles here tonight – on the inside.' He may have been right, but it sounded like mystical spin doctoring to me! What worries me about his story is that it can portray God as a remote and severe figure whom we need to convince that we are serious about him before he will be moved by our plight.

Today's Gospel is often used to support this idea. The persistent widow gets her way because she nags the judge into submission. While Jesus praises her

endurance, he tells the disciples that God is NOT like the judge, but rather that God will quickly attend to our needs, rather than see us cry out all night.

There is a long and venerable tradition in the Church that prayer can influence God's will. Our belief in the power of intercession is predicated on it. This tradition holds that God regularly and actively intervenes to effect good outcomes in the world. In this school God is waiting to be asked or have us ask others to petition him.

The problem with this school is how much an all-knowing, unchanging God changes his mind in regard to our petitions. Furthermore God's interventions in the world are fine if all the decisions are running our way, but what happens when they run against us?

This approach can downplay free will. It can minimise our role, with God, to discern our options and choose carefully. If most of our

petitions are focused on what God can do, it shifts all the responsibility (and the blame) on to God.

An equally long and venerable tradition in the Church, however, is that prayer changes us. This tradition has had less airplay. Fasting, abstinence and pilgrimages, for example, do not change God, but are meant to change the person who undertakes them. These things can enable us to be more responsive or receptive to whatever happens in life. I think this tradition needs to be reclaimed.

The idea of prayer changing us, changes our prayer – giving it greater dynamism and urgency. While we may not know the mind or will of God, we often know our own thoughts and desires. We can usually pinpoint what needs recrafting or reshaping in us so that we may live out the goodness and love of God more clearly.

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## - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - October 27, 2019)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

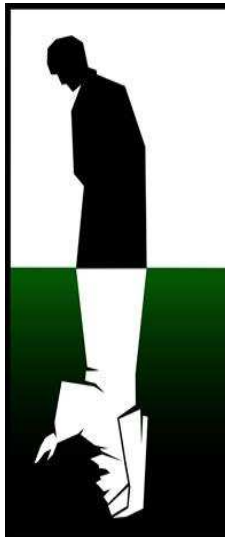
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 11:22-12:2  
2nd Reading: 2Thess 1:11-2:2  
Gospel: Lk 19:1-10



### 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:

**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:**

Colleen Laffy, Kathleen Welsh, Genardo Bove,  
Jakov Drazinic, Les King and Antun Pavlicevic

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Valeno, Salvatore, Antonietta & Rosa Valentino,  
Giovanni Bove, Andrew Marshallsea, Teresa Bahl,  
Reg Doherty, Jozef Kot, Molly Lourey

### **BAPTISMS:**

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

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



*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**

(1st Sunday of the Month)

### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM**

Commentators C O'Brien  
Lectors Sr J McGonigal  
Special Ministers N Neeld, P McGlinchey  
Welcomers  
Projectionist D Whelan  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### **HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM**

C Nielson  
B Middleton  
G Wright,  
L Fossey  
L Coles

### **HOLY FAMILY**

Commentators R Allum  
Lectors V Pavlovic  
Special Ministers J Bartolo, I Baulch, Peter McBride  
Welcomers K McArthur, L. Allum  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

### **9.30AM**

J Siketa  
M Bird, M Scaddan  
P Carmody, B Kline, Horoba  
M&E Hoffman  
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. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
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](http://www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au)

## St Michael's News:



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.

- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **NOTE OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE:** *The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph Home take this opportunity to thank the parishioners of St Michael's for your warm generosity. We are so very grateful and express our gratitude. A total of \$2,257.50 was received. May God bless you all - Sr Josephine*
- ◆ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on **Wednesday Nov 6**, 1.30pm at St Michael's Parish Centre. For transport please phone Bernadette 0417 514 598 or Tricia 0431 512 354.
- ◆ **PROJECTIONISTS REQUIRED:** *Ss Peter & Paul's Church requires a couple of volunteers to help with the power point at the 5pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you are able to assist.*
- ◆ **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.*

### **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE:**

**URGENT!** *Please contact the following people if you are coming to the Melbourne Cup Luncheon. Catering critical!*



**Please contact:**

David Lunn	0408 378 982
Parish office	5278 1343
Amie O'Brien	0427 866 891
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.

### PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISING 2019:

**Raffle Results - 1st Prize...** J Resciniti; **2nd Prize...** A Bereza; **3rd Prize...** J O'Neill; **4th Prize...** N Simpson  
Thankyou to all at St Michael's Parish Community who supported our Philippines Fundraising for the Kuya Centre in Manila. Your generosity and support of the raffle, attendance at the Concert performance, donating of prizes or assistance with the catering, was very much appreciated. A great day was enjoyed by all and **\$7,763** has been raised. Donations to the Philippines Partnership will continue to be accepted and can be made at the Parish Office.

## Community News:



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

A meeting will be held on **Friday 8th November** at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St Geelong at 10am, to prepare for WDP Service on Friday March 6, 2020. As this is a world-wide Ecumenical Service, it would be greatly appreciated that a representative from each Church in Geelong attend this meeting. Please phone Sue O'Donoghue on 0429 784 331 for further information.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://trybooking.com/BABDC)



**FREE LUNCHTIME ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS:** All recitals at St Mary's Basilica at 12.30-1.15pm Mondays 2,9,16 and 23 December.

### MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE:

Mercy Works Ltd is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary Schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approx half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an education setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers end of November 2019. Email [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com)

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Confronting and converting these obstacles, with God, can see our prayer at its boldest and bravest. At these times we can enjoy God's healing and forgiveness. And because conversion is a lifetime process, Jesus encourages us not

to lose heart but to pray always and hold on to faith even when the going gets tough.

John Powell once said, 'God knows what we want and need before we open our mouths. In prayer, then, he does not need a performance from us. He longs for an act of

love.' May this Eucharist help us to move away from demanding that God change his mind or will to allowing his love to keep converting and changing us.