



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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Father Jim was invited by Caritas, the Catholic Development Agency, to travel to the Philippines and see the excellent work they were doing with the monies collected in their Lenten appeal.

When he arrived in Manila he was asked if he would like to have some exposure to the real lives of the people Caritas was helping. It was decided that for two days he would live with a family on Smoky Mountain. Smoky Mountain no longer exists, but for over thirty years it was home to nearly ten thousand people. Smoky Mountain was the refuse tip for metro-Manila. It got its name from the smouldering pile of rubbish dumped there every day. People lived on three sides of this mountain of waste and made their homes and livelihood from the city's refuse.

Jim had heard of Smoky Mountain, but nothing prepared him for the reality. He smelt it before he saw it and when he saw it

he couldn't believe it. The crest of the hill was indeed billowing smoke, and canals of water surrounded it. Running water was only available at public pumps. Over the canals were semi-public cubicles where people showered and went to the open toilets. As the bulldozers shovelled the day's deposit into the mountainside, the residents picked through the collection to see what could be salvaged. Homes were made of every weather-resistant material imaginable.

Jim met the Jesuits who looked after the Smoky Mountain parish. They were campaigning to have it shut down. The parish priest took him to meet the family with whom he would be staying. On a hot, humid afternoon he started the climb to Bing's home. There were children everywhere. Dirty, energetic, scavenging children. His heart was close to breaking, his stomach was dry-retching.

When he arrived at Bing's neatly kept home he was given a warm welcome. Bing saw that Jim was hot and bothered by his new surrounds and offered him a drink of water. Nothing prepared him for this dilemma: how far was he prepared to share in the life of the poor? All Jim could think of were the diseases he could catch from drinking water from the pump. As thirsty as he was he declined the offer, knowing that later he would privately gulp down one of the bottles of water in his backpack. Jim watched as the glasses of water were served on a tray. As he chatted to the family about Smoky Mountain he felt a fraud. Bing's daughter emerged with a sealed bottle of water and proceeded to fill up all the glasses. On seeing the bottle Jim had a change of mind and accepted the water. Bing then produced a plastic glass in a sealed package for Jim's use. Flushed with embarrassment, all he could think of was Jesus and the Woman at the Well. /Cont'd P4...

- Third Sunday of Lent -

(Year A - March 15, 2020)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: 1Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13

2nd Reading: Eph :8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

**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. **Reconciliation after Friday Mass each week.**

McKellar Centre:

10.00am Communion Service every 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday

Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Friday;

Elstoft House (formerly Vincentian Village): 3.00pm 3rd Tuesday, (1st, 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 Sunday 12.30pm at Ss P&P,
5th 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:

Mar 16-30: Hoare family, 22 Sycamore St; **April 1-13:** Hennessy family, 4 Hennessy Ave

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: Antonio Della Fonte and Narciso Baldasso

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank & Katherina Riedl, Brigid Griffin, Antonio Pardo, George Rodrigues, Sr Gabriella McDonald (RSM), Almor, Jose & Luiz Mairus, Judite DaRosa and 1 year anniversary of Henry Cieciora

BAPTISMS: Isaiah Fenech and John Toulmin

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Veronica Werzek, Angela Reed, Narciso Baldasso, Josica Markov, Giuseppa Forestieri, Maria Failla

After approx 5 weeks, names will be taken off sick list. If you wish names to be reinserted, please contact the office.



Roster for Next Sunday

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

K Maddalena

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D Whelan

M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

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Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

8.00AM

M Howard

P. Carvalho

Sr Concepta, P Ruggeri, R Culo

P Ruggeri, R Culo

R Allum

L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

M Kroger

J McKenzie

L Stalio,

L Fossey

F Kearney

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

M Fiorillo, M. Perera

E Dalton

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 Morning Tea...	After the 9.30am Mass each Sunday
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 7.00pm 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

CORONA VIRUS SAFEGUARD

- 1. Until the current crisis is over, Holy Communion will be distributed in one form only - the Consecrated Host. The Chalice will be used by the Priest only.**
- 2. We will greet each other without physical contact at the Sign of Peace.**
- 3. People who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are respectfully requested to receive in the hand, as the almost inevitable transfer of saliva creates a high unnecessary risk to others' health.**
- 4. Holy Water will not be in the fonts at the doors until this crisis is over. Parishioners who wish to take Holy Water home for private use are asked to bring a small container to collect some from the Sacristan.**

Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ◆ **CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE AT ST MICHAEL'S PARISH:** *Please note, there will no longer be a Saturday morning Mass at 9am on the first Saturday of the month at Holy Spirit Church. Confession will be available after the 11am Mass and Adoration every Friday.*
- ◆ **HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Washing of the Feet:** An invitation goes out to all St Michael's parishioners who would like to have their feet washed at the 7.30pm Mass at Holy Spirit Church on April 9. Please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you are interested.
- ◆ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During the remainder of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at Holy Spirit Church every Friday at 2.30pm, commencing on March 20 until April 3. All welcome!

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **CHANGES AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH:** You may have noticed the security fence around Holy Spirit hall. At last it means that progress is being made on the proposed Childcare Centre and new Hall on the site. Temporary toilets are behind the Church, accessed through the gate on the Nambool St side. We will keep everyone up to date on developments.
- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL BELL PARK** is in urgent need of a Treasurer. If you have bookkeeping experience, and can spare an hour or so each week - we need your assistance. No visits required and work can be done from home. Please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you are interested.
- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:** Sunday March 15 - come join us for children's entertainment, rides, food stalls, prizes, etc. At St Patrick's School, Britannia St Geelong West from 11am until 4pm. Everyone welcome! 
- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S CRAFT & CONVERSATION GROUP 2020:** Come along and make new friends, bring along your current craft project, and spend an hour or two enjoying pleasant conversation over a cuppa while your project grows. **The day of the week has changed** - we will now meet on the first and third Thursday afternoons of most months at 2pm-4.30pm. Any questions ph Debbie on 0409 416 945. **Dates:** Mar 19, Apr 2/16, May 7/21, June 4/18, July 2. After a small gap we will again meet on Aug 20, Sept 3/17, Oct 1/15, Nov 5/19 and Dec 3.

Community News:

Mar 17... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Tuesday, 7.30pm St Bernard's Church foyer area. Please endeavour to attend and bring a plate of supper.

Mar 21... **YOUTH FESTIVAL:** Emmaus College, 503 Springvale Rd Vermont South, 10am-6pm. Cost \$20

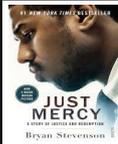
Mar 28... **ASHES TO EASTER:** Concert-Reflection with Peter Kearney and Anna Demetriou - a prayerful sequence of songs and stories on Lenten and Easter themes at 11am St Thomas Church, 27 Peninsula Dve Drysdale. Gold coin donation. The concert program is mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy it.

Mar 28... **PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK GEELONG** invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare, including hand, shoulder and foot massage, Bowen and Myotherapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and a'noon tea. St Bernard's Church Foyer, Fryers Rd Belmont, 1-3.30pm. Free but donations welcome. Enquiries/bookings ph Rod 0410 471 005. **Please RSVP by Wed March 25 for catering purposes.**

SACRED HEART COLLEGE HERITAGE FESTIVAL: All are warmly invited to attend SHC's inaugural Heritage Festival, featuring an Antiques Sideshow, on **Sunday 5 April from 10am - 4pm**. There will be many exciting attractions on the day, including antique valuations by Leonard Joel experts, family tree workshops, an antiques and vintage wares market, heritage talks and expert presentations, recitals and expert talks in our Chapel; a vintage car display and a Village Green with live musical entertainment, and an array of food vans. Entry is free and object valuations are \$5 per item. Please RSVP via www.trybooking.com/BIOJV. You can also use this link to register your object/s for valuation.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY: You are invited to join us in a 24 week study of the Bible - all you need is a Bible (Catholic edition), the Study workbook (\$60) and 1.3/4 hours. St Francis Xavier Corio on Wednesdays 7.15pm-9pm commencing 25 March to 2nd September. To register and purchase the study book or more information, ph 5275 4120 9am-2pm by **16 March**. Limited places available.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX AND STS LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN - 8 April 2020: The relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Sts Louis and Zelig Martin (the parents of St Therese) will be at St Therese Catholic Church, Torquay from 11.30am on **Wednesday 8 April until 8.30am on Thursday 9 April**. We are seeking volunteers who are prepared to spend one hour in prayer, on a Roster, with the Relics between 8.30pm on Wednesday 8 April and 8.30am on Thursday 9 April. There will be a minimum of three people with the Relics at all times. If you would like to be part of this special time of prayer, please contact the Grovedale Parish office on 9412 8444 or email grovedale@cam.org.au by **Friday 27 March at the latest**.



- FR MICK'S MATES -

Movie Night at **Life Style Village, Barton St Bell Park**
Wednesday March 25.

"JUST MERCY"

(Only 10 tickets left for each session!!!)

Two sessions - 3.45pm and 7pm, with finger food between sessions at 6pm.
Our price: \$20 per ticket with all proceeds going to Relay for Life.

For Bookings contact: **David Lunn... 0408 378 982**
Parish Office.... 5278 1343
Margaret Haines... 0413 690 625



- PROJECT COMPASSION -

"The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship"

- Pope John Paul II



Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

A brighter future for men, women and their families can start today. Let's Go Further, Together.

- CATHOLIC COLLEGES OPEN DAYS -

Sacred Heart College Discovery Day 2020:

Discover life at Sacred Heart College. Tuesday March 17 explore the College from 4-7pm. Enrolment applications for Year 7 will close on Friday May 8.

Clonard College Open Day:

Friday March 13 with information sessions and tours 1pm-4.30pm. Enrolments for Year 7 close on Friday May 8. Pre-register online at www.clonard.catholic.edu.au

St Ignatius College Open Day:

Sunday March 22 from 11am to 2pm with information sessions 11am and 12.15pm. Tours of facilities, course information, presentations and exhibitions, plus meet our staff and students. Enrolments for Year 7 will close on Friday May 8.

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At that famous well Jesus enters the world of a poor Samaritan woman who has been dumped five times by the men who married her. By asking for a drink, by engaging her in conversation, by understanding her situation and offering her a way out of the cycle of emotional abuse in which she was caught, Jesus

gives her the greatest gift of all: personal dignity. This changes her life and turns her into one of the earliest missionaries in John's Gospel.

Although separated by time and space, a drink of water helped a Samaritan woman and Fr Jim face up to the embarrassment of their worlds, their quick and inaccurate

judgements and reassess the choices that could lead them to life. Both of them recognised that no matter how good the gift of water was that day, the unknown and unexpected Giver of the gift was so much greater.

May this Eucharist help us do the same.