



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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Web Page Address:www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au**Facebook Address:**www.facebook.com/michaelparish.st**RECENT DEATHS:**

Desma Dickeson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anna Menchise & 1 Year Anniversary of Dennis Ingles

SICK:Veronica Werzek, Josica Markov, Giuseppa Forestieri, Julita Aquino,
Fr Philip Godsell, Theresa Vickers, Cheryl Lambert, Brian Grubb**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:**

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**St Michael's News:**

- **ST MICHAEL'S PRAYER ROOM:** Our prayer room located at the parish community centre is now open daily from 9.30am - 2.30pm. In accordance with covid-19 conditions of entry, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343 to register your details and book a date & time.
- **REMEMBRANCE MASS 2020** - The Annual Remembrance Mass will now be livestreamed on Tuesday, November 24th at 7.00pm.
- **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** We are looking for volunteers to help out with the distribution of the new thanksgiving envelopes and statements. If you can assist please collect from the parish office.
- **CWL:** Due to the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, we have booked a Christmas Lunch for the Manifold Branch of the CWL on Wednesday December 2nd, 12noon at Pekish, City of Geelong Bowls Club, 7-9 Ballarat Rd, North Geelong. Please bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$10 for our luck dip Kris Kringle. We need to have accurate numbers so if you plan to attend please call Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 515 598. Looking forward to seeing all our friends again.
- **CHANGE OF PARISH HOURS:** The parish office will now be opened daily from 9.00am-2.30pm, until further notice.
- **2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** Available to purchase for \$9 from the parish office
- **COVID 19 PARISH CATCH UP:** Catch up with someone by phone, text, in person (where possible), you would see around the Parish or at Mass
- **CANCELLATION OF LIVESTREAMING OF MASS:** As Fr Minh continues to recover from back surgery, livestreaming of Mass is cancelled for this Sunday.
- **MASS:** Available on Channel at 6am and 11am on Channel 31 & 44. Mass is also available on You Tube daily, from St Simon's Parish, Rowville.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - Nov 8th, 2020)

Wis 6: 12-16

1 Thess 4:13-18

Mt 25: 1-13

Reflection by Richard Leonard

One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1000 cheque on the plate.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly spinster at the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to altar. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and, in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the congregation and said, 'OK Father, I'll take him, him, and him.' Now that's a modern take on a wise virgin!

In one sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the east. It is, however, about planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy.

In Christian theology this is called 'discernment'. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it.

Think for a moment of the times when we are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have. We play out in our mind how the interaction will run. It rarely happens how we imagine and we find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion we go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future that they try and control it and everyone associated with it. It's always a disaster.

St Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood today's Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting. Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times.

St Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is necessary for tomorrow. This is such simple and sound advice and yet many of us don't heed it. For some of us it takes nothing to feel the hurt and pain of our past or to be consumed by the future.

Alcoholics Anonymous sums it up neatly when it tells us to take life 'one day at a time' which is another way of saying what Matthew's community came to see, 'keep awake because you know not the time or place'.

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