



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

John Calvin, one the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a means to salvation. 'If you keep the law, the law will keep you.' He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who. This was tough stuff!

Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behaviour was an indication of who belonged to those elected by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking, swearing or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the benchmarks of

the elect. Within a few generations of Calvin's death, it is easy to see that the observance of the strict, Protestant, moral code had replaced the seven Sacraments as the way of being assured of heaven.

The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him. Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to live the best life we can, the fulfilment of any law, civil or moral, is a tyranny. We do not believe in a tyrannical God.

We do believe, however, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle. He

could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him.

For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel.

We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then its moral authority over us is questionable.

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If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 53:10-11

2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16

Gospel: Mk 10:35-45

**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, 3rd 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:

Oct 15-29th: Hoare family, 22 Sycamore 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:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Ron & Joan Southall, Terry Murphy, Joseph Gillet, Giuseppa & Domenico Colaprisco, Frank Marifioti, Giovanni DiRocco, Boris Ribaric, Eugenio Bifano (10 year anniv), Gina Ciuffetelli (1 year anniv)

BAPTISMS:

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PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Tony Doyle, Peter Daniels, Val Howard, Joe Vanjek, Frank Mason, Val Howard, Kylie Kotic, Anita Capicchiano



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mk 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear.

But we are all called to be generous with all our gifts.

Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries, and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

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

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Co-Ordinator

8.00AM

K Saunders

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

C Taylor, M Fiorillo, M. Perera

E Dalton

C Resciniti

J Mann, 0488 784 802

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S:

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...	Holy Spirit Hall, 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.pastoralclustergeelong.org

What are the solutions to work and the problems of unemployment?

One way of looking at the present era is to see it as a golden age of humanity; record high life expectancies, technological advances, military conflicts at historic lows and unprecedented levels of wealth in developed economies. Another way of looking at it is that we live in a culture that encourages us to spend money we don't have on stuff we don't need, in order to impress people we don't much like. Then we go and cry on a therapist's shoulder. That's the madness we live in today.

Our society desperately needs people to work to earn money to keep the system ticking over. But our economic system has become alarmingly skewed away from those who 'add and create value' to those who 'grab value and shift it around'. In countries with dominant financial centres, like the UK and the US, this has led to growing and dangerous levels of economic inequality.

Do wages and salary scales accurately reflect the real value of the work done? David Graeber (a researcher from the London School of Economics) investigated the social effects of strikes that took place in the late 1960s and early 1970s by bankers in Ireland and garbage men in New York City. In the latter case, the city ground to a halt within a few days of industrial action, while in Ireland, the economy continued to grow without any significant change as the country continued to function normally over several months during the strike.

Graeber concluded that our society is riddled with 'bullshit jobs'. In particular he has identified the fields of marketing, public relations and the array of administrative positions across the public and private sectors as areas in need of more careful assessment for their true worth. Most people are painfully aware of the worthlessness of the contribution of their work. One poll found 37 per cent of the UK workforce believes their jobs are 'bullshit'. The social contribution of labour needs to be fundamentally reassessed to reflect its true value.

John Maynard Keynes said: **The difficulty lies not so much in developing new ideas as in escaping from old ones. And we have developed some very entrenched notions about work, which get in the way of us finding solutions.**

A number of radical proposals are circulating to bring about vital changes in the area of employment. Two are: [a universal basic income](#) and shorter working weeks with enhanced terms for employees, with both being paid for by the higher taxation of capital (assets and machinery, instead of labour). These strategies aim to deal with the threats of automation and to tame a powerful rentier class which creams from the top but contributes little of substance.

To take the issue of a shorter working week first. A New Zealand company has decided to give it a go. Perpetual Guardian has made its four-day week permanent after its trial was a hit among employees and boosted productivity. The company claims productivity has increased by 20 per cent during the trial, and staff were more engaged and enthusiastic. Employees opting in to the four-day week are eligible for a weekly rest day, provided they meet their weekly targets and are still paid for five days. The boss said: "For the four-day week to work, goodwill from both management and employees is vital."

He would be popular with Pope Francis. The Pope said this is not a money issue. We can't "expect money to do what only people can do or create. Money alone will not create development. To promote development we need people who have the courage to take the initiative." When we think about work we need to remember the person "is not just work. There are other human needs that we must cultivate and consider, such as family, friends, and rest."

Francis wrote: "Balance is important for protecting individuals, their families, society and the environment.... Attitudes toward work that consider the family (and time spent with the family) an obstacle to productivity also tend to see the workforce as something to assemble, use or dispose of only according to how much money it makes." The family is "the proving ground of labour policies. When the organization of work takes the family hostage or blocks its progress, then we can be certain society has begun working against itself."

The four-day working week idea has picked up momentum internationally, including in a report by the British Trade Union Council calling the four-day week, with no reduction to living standards. Is this a reasonable and achievable ambition for the 21st century?

(Kevin Fell referring to an article in *The Age* newspaper (3 October 2018): "Company makes four day working week permanent after trial.")

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **GEELONG CEMETERIES TRUST** take great pride in hosting its Annual All Souls Day Mass at the Geelong Eastern Cemetery which will be led by Fr Prakash Cutinha. The Mass will be held in the Catholic Chapel at the Geelong Eastern Cemetery starting at 5.30pm on **Friday 2nd November**. Please enter via McKillop St Gate 2. Tea/coffee will be supplied - all are invited to attend.
- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION/CRAFT GROUP:** Ladies - are you interested in meeting new people? Do you want to experience informal conversation practice and improve your conversation? **We promote cultural inclusiveness and building strong St Michael's Community bonds.** Bring along your current craft project, hobby, or just come sit and chat and be part of the St Michael's Conversation Craft Group. Contact Debbie 0409 416 945. We meet at Holy Family Community Centre, 147 Separation Street, 2-5pm on 19 Oct, 2 Nov, 16 Nov.

Community News:

- Nov 10... ST JOSEPH'S OLD COLLEGIAN'S ASSOCIATION REMEMBRANCE MASS:** Please join us for our annual Remembrance Mass, paying tribute to past students, staff and benefactors of the College. The Mass will be held in the College Chapel at 10am to be followed by light refreshments. Enquiries: Julie Cole 5226 8149 or julie.cole@sjc.vic.ed.au
- Oct 27... PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK GELONG** 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 massage, Bowen and Myotherapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and afternoon tea. Please come and join us for a wonderful opportunity for relaxation and socialising. 1pm until 3.30pm with 10 min. meditation at 2.30pm. New venue - St Bernard's Church Foyer, Fryers Rd Belmont. Cost \$10 - enquiries/bookings ph Gabrielle 0403 500 279 by **Wed 24th Oct**.
- Nov 11... KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Annual Deceased Members Mass 11am at Holy Spirit Manifold, followed by Awards Luncheon in the Hall afterwards. Cost of lunch \$25 per head incl. drinks. Open invitation to members, ladies and family to please attend. RSVP to Denis Turnbull on 5242 8663.
- Dec 1... ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL EAST GEELONG CLASS OF 1968:** A 50 Year Reunion is to be held - for information call Frank 0414 949 570 or stmargarets1968.org Please let any family or friends know who might be interested.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON

When: Tuesday November 6
Where: Holy Spirit Hall
Time: From Noon
Cost: \$20 per person
(All funds going to Fr Mick's Mates helping to fight Cancer)

Come along for a sociable afternoon, lunch and glass of 'bubbly' provided.

Sweeps, Raffles and a congenial afternoon guaranteed!

Book a table or come on your own.

Contact: David Lunn
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MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE: Is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary Schools across the 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. Email: somml@bigpond.com or ph Mercy Connect Melbourne on 9326 1895.

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In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus.

The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality Jesus taught and lived.

Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us

more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people.