



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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One Sunday morning during Mass, the congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying submachine guns. One of the men proclaimed, 'Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are!'

Immediately, the choir fled, altar servers fled, and most of the congregation fled. Within a few minutes, out of the two hundred strong congregation only ten people remained where they were. The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the priest and said, 'OK Father, I got rid of all the fence sitters, how about we make a start'.

It's nice to see the priest in the story remained in the Church! I would like to think that faced with such an extreme moment like this I would have the courage of my convictions, but I must admit I have my doubts.

Each Sunday by coming and celebrating the

Eucharist we implicitly, and explicitly, state that we want to become like Christ. As the Gospels repeatedly tell us if we follow him in his saving love for the world then, like him, we must confront injustice, defend the rights of the poor and the oppressed to dignity, give and forgive, heal and reconcile. By saying this, we are clearly not looking for a smooth ride through life.

In concert with the whole Church what most of us have done is domesticate the hard edges of Jesus' teachings to suit our comfortable existences. And then we get a Gospel like today's. The sons of Zebedee want the best seats in the house without knowing what the admission price is going to cost. They want the glory without the gore.

Jesus teaches them, and later all the other apostles, that for his Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, requires of us to drink a cup of suffering and be baptised in a river of sacrificial love. We can't dress this teaching up, or put a good spin on it. There is no resurrection without the cross. No gain

without the pain.

For most of us this challenge means doing whatever we can politically and socially to bring the values of the Gospel to bear on our different spheres of influence. But Jesus also links this challenge to the act of service. And in this regard some leaders in the Church give us mixed messages and let us off the hook.

Whatever of the patrimony of the past, today's Gospel reminds us that bishops, priests and deacons should be excellent models of the humility of service. The leadership Jesus advocates is not monarchical or tyrannical, it is being the least, and being a servant.

The Second Vatican Council taught that leaders in the Church should be outstanding in humility, charity and simplicity of lifestyle. Some leaders are just this. Others have domesticated the hard edge of the Gospel.

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- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B/2 - October 21, 2018)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

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

1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9

2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6

Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

**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:

Jim Healey, Elena Crognale (Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Almor, José & Lues Mairos, Judite DaRosa, Hal Hancock, Albert Piccirilli, Annie & Harry Wallace, Antonio Sanghi, Ercole Iezzi

BAPTISMS:

Lyla Betts and Astrid & Esme Little

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Joe Vanjek, Frank Mason, Val Howard, Kylie Kosic, Anita Capicchiano, Sandra Klinge, Allan Ansell



Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list . Please phone the office on 5278 1343.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mk 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy?

If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share".

This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

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
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
A Sare, A/I Dugandzic
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

A universal wage for everyone with no strings attached?

Two of the ideas that most challenge our traditional concepts of work and employment are [a universal basic wage](#) and a shorter working week with enhanced terms for employees. Both would be paid for by a higher tax on capital (i.e. assets and machinery, instead of labour). Such ideas assume that this will make space in the workplace for those who are finding it difficult to get work; they will have a better chance. These ideas also attempt to deal with the threats of automation. Last week I wrote about the concept of a shorter working week.

Now what about the case for a universal basic wage? In January 2017 Finland began an experiment that has captured world attention. Its government began a trial to test the results of giving away money for nothing. It began paying a random but mandatory sample of 2,000 unemployed people aged 25 to 58 a monthly €560 (\$909). There is no obligation either to seek or accept employment during the two years the trial lasts, and any who do take a job will continue to receive the same amount. An increasing number of economists are taking the idea seriously.

The concept of a Universal Basic Wage (UBI-Universal Basic Income) is mostly associated with left wing politics. However Finland's trial was launched by a centre-right, austerity-focused government interested primarily in spending less on social security and bringing down Finland's stubborn 8% unemployment rate. It has a very clear purpose: to see whether an unconditional income might actually motivate people to take up paid work.

Authorities believe it will shed light on whether unemployed Finns, as some experts believe, are put off taking up a job by the fear that a higher marginal tax rate may leave them worse off. Many are also deterred by having to reapply for benefits after every casual or short-term contract.

The idea of UBI had been circulating in left-of-centre political circles in [Finland](#) since the 1980s, mainly as a way to combat the economic and social consequences of falling industrial employment by freeing everyone – from students to the elderly; stay-at-home parents to the unemployed – to make meaningful contributions to society by, for example, volunteering.

Appealing both to the left (who believe it can cut poverty and inequality) and, more recently, to the right (as a possible way to a leaner, less bureaucratic welfare system), UBI is starting to look extremely attractive [because of warnings that automation could threaten up to a third of current jobs](#) in the West within 20 years with no other replacement forms of employment on the horizon. Other basic income schemes [are now being tested](#) in Ontario, rural Kenya, [Glasgow](#) and Barcelona.

Of all the ideas about unemployment this one confronts our core beliefs more than any other. Or are these just blind prejudices? Most people will be unconvinced by UBI because it fails to recognise the role of work in providing humans with dignity and purpose in their lives. Pope Francis will take some convincing. He says: "Work gives us dignity. Those who are responsible for people, managers, are obliged to do all that is possible so that every man and woman can work, and thus be able to walk with their heads held high, to look other people in the face with dignity."

Providing decent unemployment benefits for those who cannot find work is essential. But in Francis' eyes it is a second order option. Addressing an audience of laid-off workers from Italy's south, he said: "Yes governments must support financially the unemployed. But it makes me so happy when I see rulers going to great lengths to create jobs and aiming for everyone to have a job. Work is sacred. Work gives dignity to a family."

He says work's not just an occupation, but a mission. "We collaborate with the creative work of God when, through our work, we cultivate and preserve creation; we participate, in the Spirit of Jesus, in his redemptive mission, when by our work we give sustenance to our families." Jesus of Nazareth spent most of his life working as a carpenter. "He invites us to follow in his footsteps through work." Francis quoted St. Ambrose: "Every worker is the hand of Christ who continues to create and to do good."

Research on UBI found that people did not work significantly less when receiving a universal basic income. But these are studies of relatively small-scale projects and have only been tested over a short period of time. However if technological change does eventually throw a third of our population out of work permanently UBI will need to be considered as part of the solution. For example, driverless cars threaten to eliminate truck driving forever. Where will these drivers turn for alternative employment?

- Kevin Fell

Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ◆ The weekend of November 3/4 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.

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 2 Nov, 16 Nov.

Community News:

- Oct 21...** **PICNIC BY THE BAY:** Geelong CRAG is hosting this picnic at the Eastern Beach lawns BBQ area 12noon today. All are welcome with a special invitation to our African Australian neighbours who may be feeling the impact of recent negative media and political comment. Bring chairs, picnic rugs, food to share, balls etc for games and musical instruments if you have them.
- Oct 27...** **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 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 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
- 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.
- Nov 20...** **2018 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION - WIDENING THE DOOR OF HOPE, A Response to the Victorian Assisted Dying Legislation.** 7.30pm start, 7pm light refreshments - Mercy Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde Fitzroy. RSVP/inquiries by Mon 12 Nov - justice@cam.org.au or 9926 5727.
- 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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Margaret Haines
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Melbourne Cup Day!

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Let's pray in this Eucharist that we recover a love for the hard teachings of Jesus, even though they demand so

much of us, and that we have the courage to call our leaders to do likewise. These teachings are, after all, what makes us

different from the Gentiles, and sort out who is actually sitting on the fence.