



# 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**

**N**ine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in his religion class at school. 'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Given the ways the Scriptures have divided Christians over the centuries and because previous generations wanted to protect the truth of the Bible, we were often taught that the Holy Spirit dictated the text. In this schema, the real skill of Matthew, Mark,

Luke and John seems to have been their shorthand!

Today we begin reading through Luke's Gospel. And in the opening verses of this extraordinary document, Luke puts paid to the idea that he is simply listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in his ear. What we now call the Gospel of Luke was the first instalment of a two-part letter written to his friend and disciple, Theophilus. Epic letters like this one and the Acts of the Apostles, which is its sequel, where the writer praises the deeds of a great man and lists his achievements, were very common in the Hellenised world of Ancient Rome. Luke knew how to write it and, more importantly, Theophilus knew how to read it.

It is not a documentary on the life of Jesus, recording a series of facts. If it were, then it cannot be reconciled with the other Gospels for they disagree with each other about many important details. As Catholics we believe the Holy Spirit guided the writing and selection of the scriptural record so that it

contains no errors regarding our salvation. Our life lived in harmony with the scriptures is its own testament to our belief that the Bible is not a book of facts: it is a book of truth.

Luke knows that Theophilus has already been instructed in the way of salvation in Christ, and he makes it clear that the truth of this way is what he is attending to. In this Gospel he paints a vivid and intimate portrait of who Jesus is and why he has the message of salvation for all people everywhere.

These days we often hear people asking others to be 'up front' and to 'lay your cards on the table'. Long before it was trendy, Luke does precisely this in the second part of today's Gospel. At the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Luke summarises the story he is about to tell Theophilus and his community in what is called 'the programme'.

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## - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

*(Year C - January 27, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Your words, Lord,  
are spirit and life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

**Alleluia!****NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 1:4-5,17-19

2nd Reading: 1Cor 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Lk 4:21-30

**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:

**Jan 21-Feb 3:** Montalto family, 2 Graylea Ave; **Feb 4-18:** Trinder family, 20 Downie Place

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:** Guenter Dahl and Joseph Rebis

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim Pollard, Ida DaCosta, Josip Brajkovic, Alan McFarlane, Maria Vannata and 1 year anniversary of Brian Hennessy

**BAPTISMS:** Margot Williams

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Frank Mason, Val Howard, Kylie Kotic, Anita Capicchiano, Sandra Klinge, Marie Brown, Cheryl Lambert, Elizabeth Topic, Allan Ansell, Alexander, Peter Brown, Sandra Klinge, Greg Malishev



## PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

**Jan 29...** Krasic family members

**Jan 30...** Law and Whiteley family members

**Jan 31...** Sells, McFarlane and Welsh family members

**Feb 1...** Flomo family members

**Feb 2...** Montalto family

## 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  
I Cleary, 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  
P Carmody, B Kline, Horoba  
M&E Hoffman  
C Resciniti  
J Mann, 0488 784 802

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S:

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| 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. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>                              |
| 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.<br>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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## St Michael's News:

- ◆ **COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS:** Unfortunately, due to a sudden increase in the influenza virus over the last few months, it has been decided that Communion under both kinds will not be offered at our weekend Masses just yet.
- ◆ ***This Weekend a Third Collection will be taken up so that as a parish we can mark Fr Prakash's 50th Birthday.***
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, January 28, due to the Australia Day holiday.

## Community News:

**Feb 4...** Belmont Senior Citizens Centre proudly presents **DEER IN THE HEADLIGHTS**. This is a traditional 'Blue Grass' Country Music Group and you will enjoy every moment as you relive this country music that is so popular with many. Entry \$5 with tea/coffee afterwards. Venue - Belmont Seniors Concert Hall, 52 Thomson St Belmont. All welcome! Information ph 5241 1776.

**Feb 11...** THE COMBINED SOCIETIES OF MARY welcomes you to a beautiful **Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration** at St Colman's Church, 293 Carlisle St Balaclava. 1.40pm Rosary and 2pm Adoration, Prayers, Benediction, Healing Mass Blessings with Lourdes Water and a Procession, with Veneration of the First Class Relic of St Bernadette.

**Feb 19...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Members please note - all future meetings will now be held in St Bernard's Church foyer area on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, commencing 19 February. Please be aware of these changes.

**VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED TO WORK WITH REFUGEE STUDENTS:** Volunteer tutors are needed to assist newly arrived refugee students (year 9-10) at Northern Bay College in North Geelong, on Mondays 3.15-4.30pm during first semester in 2019. You will need good interpersonal skills, able to assist newly arrived Refugee high school students in social and language development and schooling. For more details contact Matt Walton (Volunteer Co-ordinator) at CatholicCare on 9926 5699, email [Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au](mailto:Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au)



## FR MICK'S MATES MOVIE NIGHT AT LIFE STYLE VILLAGE, BARTON ST BELL PARK



**Movie: "GREEN BOOK", nominated for 5 Academy Awards this year:  
*Best Picture, Actor in a Leading Role, Actor in a Supporting Role,  
Original Screenplay and Film Editing.***

**Showing in Geelong this week - but don't go!  
Come with us on Wednesday 20th February  
2 sessions 4pm and 7pm, with finger food between sessions at 6.15pm.**

**Our price - \$20 per ticket with all proceeds to Relay for Life.**

**For bookings contact:**

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| <b>Parish Office</b>   | <b>5278 1343</b>    |
| <b>Margaret Haines</b> | <b>0413 690 625</b> |



## REFLECTING ON THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**T**oday's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. - *Loyola Press*



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In the tradition of the greatest of the prophets, we are told Jesus has come for those of us who are poor, captive, blind and oppressed. But, unlike the former prophets, Jesus is not only a companion in our distress or an advocate on our behalf, he has also come to turn the world upside down and establish the definitive reign of God in our lives. In Jesus, all that

Israel longed to see is fulfilled.

And so to us. As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is upfront in what we are called to do. Our programme is explicit. We are called to be companions to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore and to boldly

proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favour.

As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world.

May this Eucharist give us courage for the task at hand.