



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

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.

Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world.

We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world.

Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world.

Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete' as a result of having a baby and yet each year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world.

The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that:

- our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday;
- our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live;
- our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross.

And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvaries of our world and be Christ-like?

In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

- He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant;
- He spoke the truth to Pilate;
- He empathised with the women of Jerusalem;

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- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - (Year C - April 14, 2019)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the Cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**Easter Sunday**

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

**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:

Mar 31 - April 22: Bourke family, 36 Pleasant St Newtown

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:

Peter Iskra, Maurice O'Brien, Katica Dosen, Honora (Noreen) Bourke and Sofija Obeliynas

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stefani Lehpamer and Harold Parsons

BAPTISMS:

Noah Bryans, Ava Logory, Wol La Thiep, Akur Leuth, Max & Lily Donati, Jack Palmieri, Adelina Williamson and Mathew Habash

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Greg Malishev, Amalia Zaino, Paul Kennedy, Cheryl Lambert, Erin Kinch, Veronica Werzak



After approx 5 weeks names will be taken off sick list. Please contact Office if you wish names to be reinserted.

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

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

Easter Ceremonies:

You are warmly invited to share in our Holy Week Celebrations 2019 -

The Sacrament of Reconciliatio, 2nd Rite...	Mon Apr 15...	7.00pm	Holy Spirit
	Tues Apr 16...	7.00pm	Holy Family
	Wed Apr 17...	7.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's
Mass of Anointing...	Wed Apr 17...	11.30am	Holy Spirit, followed by Lunch
Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Thursday...	Thurs Apr 18...	7.30pm	Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration 9pm
Way of the Cross, Good Friday...	Fri Apr 19...	10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
		11.00am	Holy Spirit
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION INCLUDING RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:			
Good Friday...	Fri Apr 19...	3.00pm	Holy Family
Easter Vigil...	Sat Apr 20...	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's
		7.30pm	Holy Family
		10.00pm	Holy Family (Croatian)
Easter Sunday Masses...	Sun Apr 21...	8.00am	Holy Family
		9.30am	Holy Family
		8.30am	Ss Peter & Paul's (Lithuanian)
		10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
		11.00am	Holy Spirit
		11.30am	Holy Family (Croatian)
Blessing of Easter Food...	Sat Apr 20...	4.00pm	Holy Family

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 9am Wednesday Mass at Holy Spirit on April 17 and there will be NO 9.15am Mass at Holy Family on April 18.

Roster for Holy Week:

HOLY THURSDAY:	Holy Spirit - 7.30pm	Commentator..... M Carson
		Lectors..... T McMahon, M Gifford
		Special Ministers M Fiorillo, D Lunn
		Music K Lynch
		Projectionist..... M Kroger
GOOD FRIDAY:	Holy Family - 3.00pm	Narrator J McKenzie
		Lector G Tolan
		Projectionist..... C Resciniti
		Special Ministers P McGlinchey, V Resciniti, G Tolan, ****
EASTER VIGIL:	Ss Peter & Paul's - 5.00pm	Commentator..... A Henderson
		Lectors..... M Gifford
		Special Ministers P McGlinchey, A. Henderson, N Neeld
		Music Choir
		Projectionist..... L Coles
	Holy Family - 7.30pm	Commentator..... M Kroger
		Lectors..... J McKenzie, D Lunn, P Gizycki, B Middleton
		Special Ministers E&L Kelly, L Sells
		Music Choir
		Projectionist..... C Resciniti
EASTER SUNDAY:	Holy Family - 8.00am	Commentator..... M Howard
		Lectors..... P Carvalho
		Special Ministers R Culo, P Ruggeri, Sr Concepta
		Projectionist..... R Allum
	Holy Family - 9.30am	Commentator..... A Scaddan
		Lectors..... P Carvalho
		Special Ministers D&M Horoba, D Lunn
		Music Choir
		Projectionist..... C Resciniti
	Ss Peter & Paul's - 10.00am	Commentator..... E Strzelecki
		Lector J Fraatz
		Special Ministers L Fossey, E Strzelecki
		Projectionist..... J Cook
	Holy Spirit - 11.00am	Commentator..... C Nielson
		Lectors..... ****
		Special Ministers L Stalio, R Pugh
		Music Kearney Family
		Projectionist..... F Kearney

Please Note:
 ***** denotes assistance is still needed. If you are able to assist please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 by **WEDNESDAY APRIL 17.**

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 28th, Holy Family Parish

1.30pm... Confession
2.00pm... Exposition Rosary Chaplet Benediction
3.00pm... Holy Mass
Enquiries 5278 1343 or Chris 0407 522 055



Lent at St Michael's:

- ◆ **HOLY THURSDAY MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT:** We are looking for **FOUR MORE** volunteers to have their feet washed at this Mass. Please contact Bernadette at the Office on 5278 1343 if you would like to be part of this Service.
- ◆ **SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY:** There will be a Special Collection taken up at the 3pm Good Friday Service for the upkeep of the Holy Places, maintained by the Holy Land.

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES:** We wish Marie Brown a very Happy Birthday on April 16. Marie will be celebrating her 102nd birthday. Congratulations and Best Wishes always!
- ◆ **LUNCHEON FOLLOWING MASS OF ANOINTING:** Manifold Branch of the CWL will be providing a light lunch in the Holy Spirit Hall following the Mass of Anointing, 11.30am on **Wednesday April 17**. CWL members are asked to bring a plate of sweets. For transport please ph Noella Duggan 0437 121 533 or Bernadette Middletn 0417 514 598.
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** *On Wednesday May 1st at 12noon in St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. Cost \$10 - all welcome! (Please note change of venue)*
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are seeking more volunteers to help out with the Communion Ministry at McKellar Centre. Please contact Ray Harrison on 5278 8012 if you are able to help.
- ◆ **PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP 2019 FUNDRAISING:** Sr Kate O'Neill will be home in Geelong in June for a few months and will be visiting St Michael's Parish Community. The Parish Leadership Committee would like to form a Fundraising Committee to organise events during this period. We are seeking your ideas and assistance to help make this a great success, and would love you to come on board and be part of our team. As the saying goes... "many hands make light work". Please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 or David Lunn on 0408 378 982.
- ◆ **PARISH MAGAZINE:** St Michael's Parish plans to produce a Parish Magazine to help keep us all informed about the various activities in the Parish. We envisage two productions a year. Step One - everything 'new' needs a name so there will be a competition to suggest the most suitable name, with a prize for the winner! If you have a suggestion, please leave it with Bernadette at the Parish Office before Easter, or email to bellpark@cam.org.au
- ◆ **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 skills? **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 on 0409 416 945. We meet at Holy Family Community Centre, Separation St, from 2-5pm on 26 April, 3 May, 31 May, 7 June, 14 June, 21 June. Further dates will be added later.

SLAVERY-FREE EASTER:

We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today as there was before, or perhaps more - said Pope Francis last month. Australians spent around \$210 million on Easter chocolate last year. This year it will be about the same, or more. Companies will produce what we ask for. Please use your buying power and purchase slavery-free chocolate. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of the enslaved children who are forced to pick the cocoa beans used in a lot of chocolate. Please buy and eat only slavery-free Easter eggs and chocolate this Easter. Look for one of these three symbols on the chocolate wrapper and make a difference! **Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance Certified, UTZ Certified.**

Project Compassion...



Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Yet, since featuring in Project Compassion 2017, Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.

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– He forgave those who condemned him;
– He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified.

And here's the rub: in facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise.

If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it – processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response

and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'.