



# 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**

**T**he *Shawshank Redemption* was the hit film of 1994. In it we follow the incarceration and escape plans of Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Robbins is condemned to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover. Freeman says he is the 'only guilty man in Shawshank Prison'. Based on Stephen King's novella, this uplifting film is a surprise package from a writer whose fame comes from the horror genre.

The longer we watch the film, the more we realise that Stephen King has modelled his story on the Gospel of John. It is, in many respects a more modern parable about John's portrait of Jesus. Tim Robbins' character, Andy, like Jesus, is an innocent man, treated harshly by the authorities of his day.

He has to endure the condemnation and cruelty of the leading religious zealots who are keepers of law and order, while he inspires others to think of a world free of subjection and oppression where they can be free to live the life of which they dream. Like John's Jesus, Andy has big dreams and often talks in riddles, but he leaves clues for others to follow him in their quest for freedom.

In the last part of the film, after Andy has successfully escaped and the governor of the prison has been exposed for the hypocrite he is, Freeman is paroled after serving 35 years hard labour. He decides to go where Andy has gone and, just as Andy promised when they were together in prison, he finds that Andy has prepared the way for him to follow. The moving climax of the

film comes as Robbins and Freeman meet on a beach, embrace each other and share food and drink to celebrate the new life both of them have discovered.

Stephen King understands John's portrait of Jesus very well. For all of Jesus' assuredness and composure throughout the Gospel, the sense of care and intimacy in the encounters with his friends is deeply moving.

In the Easter Gospel to which we have just listened, Jesus returns to where his friends have fled from Jerusalem. In a parable about the growing numbers of the early Church, the Eucharist and the suffering they are enduring, John reaffirms that Jesus is intimately present in their following of him and their suffering for the Kingdom. /Cont'd P4...

## - 3rd Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - May 5, 2019)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name,  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

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

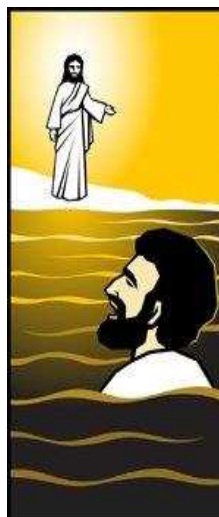
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people.

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

1st Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52

2nd Reading: Apoc 7:9,14-17

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

**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:

**May 6-20:** Hennessy family

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:

Daniella Gorup

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert Cummins, Angelina DePalma, Anne McGlinchey, Kitty Milns, Teresa Hogan and one month since death of Peter Iskra and Henry Cieciora

### BAPTISMS:

Sharee Webb and Sophie, Maggie and Poppy Hargreaves

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Amalia Zaino, Paul Kennedy, Cheryl Lambert, Erin Kinch, Veronica Werzak, John McDonald, Andrew Kelly



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

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators M Carson  
Lectors P Power  
Special Ministers P McGlinchey  
Welcomers D Dougherty  
Projectionist B Middleton  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

E Strzelecki  
M Martin  
V Trinder  
  
R Martin

### HOLY FAMILY

**8.00AM**  
Commentators K Saunders  
Lectors F O'Neill  
Special Ministers R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio  
Welcomers C Marcantonio, L Allum  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

### **9.30AM**

C Simpson  
D Lunn, A Negro  
H Verdrik, M Baird, E Glynn  
V Resciniti, E Glynn  
C Resciniti  
J Mann, 0488 784 802

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S:

Rosary...	The Rosary is recited at 8.45am Tues and Thurs in Holy Family Church prior to the 9.15am Masses
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. 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:

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\* ECUMENICAL SRI LANKAN PRAYER SERVICE \*  
\* This Sunday, May 6, at 6pm Holy Family Church, \*  
\* there will be a Prayer Service in support of all those affected \*  
\* by the recent tragedy in Sri Lanka. \*  
\* All most welcome! \*  
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- ◆ **MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL FLOWERS:** Special flowers will be available to purchase on **Sunday May 12** at the 8am and 9.30am Masses at Holy Family Church. Money raised will go to help the victims of the bomb attack in Sri Lanka.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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, or email to [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto: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 31 May, 7 June, 14 June, 21 June.

# Community News:

- May 5...** **ST BERNARD'S ANNUAL BOOK FAIR:** 8am-2pm at Clairvaux School Hall, Reynolds Rd Belmont. Over 10,000 books - fiction and non-fiction - huge range. Plus games and puzzles, DVDs and CDs. Home-made Cake Stall.
- May 10-26...** **11TH ANNUAL WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Featuring the Geelong Chorale, Wendy Grose, Vicki Hallet, Jacqui Dreessens, Maximillian Rudd, Asha Henfry, Exaudi Choir, Mary Doumany, Mark Kruger, Chris Skepper Jazz Quintet, Wendy Rechenberg, Sally Wilson, Tom Healey, Massed Choirs of Geelong, Orchestra Geelong, Sonus Wind Quintet, Frank DeRosso and many more. Mother's Day High Tea with Anna-Lee Robertson and John Shawcross, Vocal Workshop with Geelong Harmony Chorus and free lunchtime Organ Recitals. More information on venues and times visit [musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://musicatthebasilica.org.au) or phone 0447 238 432. Tickets from [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) or at the door.
- May 16...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE - CIRCLE OF MERCY: *The Space where Faith and Science Reside*** (Shelley Waldon, CEM) 7pm at Celies at Sacred Heart College. RSVP to Rita at [rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)
- May 16...** **ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Featuring Union Leader Mr Joe de Bruyn - come along and hear the former National Secretary of the SDA talk on the application of Catholic Social Teaching in the Labour Movement. CQ Club, 113-123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45, 7-9am sharp. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465, Bernie Docherty 0428 890 185. Bookings: [trybooking.com/484991](http://trybooking.com/484991). The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MacKILLOP - 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575-\$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call St Therese Leydon RSJ on 0417 683 123.



## GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:

Come and be part of a lovely night of friendship and food at Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St Geelong West. On **Tuesday May 14** we start with pre-dinner drinks at 6.15pm, a 2-course dinner from 6.45pm with this month's Guest Speaker, Graham Robin, speaking on ***The Bigger Things in Life***. Cost \$33. If you wish to come to the dinner please ph Michael Belleville on 0431 959 584 by **Friday May 10**.

## INVITATION:

On the weekend of **June 1/2**, Fr Kevin Dillon will have been ordained a Priest for 50 years. The Parish of St Simon's Rowville will warmly welcome any parishioners of parishes in the Geelong region who might wish to attend any of the four Masses at St Simon's Church (2 Taylors Lane, Rowville) on that weekend - Sat June 1 at 6pm and Sun June 2 at 9am, 11am and a chance to have a cuppa after each of these Masses. Special Mass is at 2.30pm and thereafter light refreshments provided in the Parish Hall from 3.30pm to 6.30pm at which time a presentation will be made to Fr Kevin. Because of the difficulty of sending invitations to individual parishioners from the Geelong region parishes, it is hoped that this notice can serve as a personal welcome to any in the Geelong region who might like to attend. While there is no need to respond, a brief email from those anticipating attending would assist in planning: [office@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:office@stsimonsparish.com.au)

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The only sense John can make of Jesus' death, the martyrdom of the apostles or the persecution of the early church is to see them all as acts of love. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

Those of us who have been caught up in the net of God's love are heirs to the same promises of

Jesus' fidelity. Christ is intimately present to us in every act of loving sacrifice we undertake for him. He continues to send us out to tell people of the place that has been prepared for them at the banquet of life and he gives us strength to gird our loins for the times when life takes us to places we would rather not go.

In this Eucharist let's be grateful for

this Easter season when we celebrate again that we have been set free from the prison of our fears and shown the way to live a life of sacrificial love and undeserved redemption.