



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 passages from the Gospels where Jesus likens us to being sheep leave me a bit cold. I think I must lose something in the translation from first century Palestine to today. Most of the sheep I have ever watched may well be cute, in a woolly sort of way, but they are anxious creatures often running in packs in every direction, are notoriously stupid and difficult to manage or direct. On second thoughts maybe the analogy is not so bad after all! We, the people of God, can certainly be an anxious lot, a bit slow on the uptake and difficult to lead. It also true, however, that sheep are incredibly



useful and adaptable animals. Think about all the places they have been taken throughout the world. They thrive. With all due respect to the vegans, vegetarians and animal liberationists here today, think about the multiple ways they have served humanity.

The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in those days is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose

one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock. /Cont'd P4...

Happy Mother's Day!

- 4th Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - May 12, 2019)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

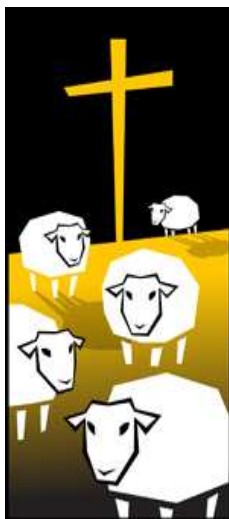
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****5th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

2nd Reading: Apoc 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

**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:

Paul Kennedy, Agripina Moreno and Dubravka Njokos

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Shelley, Mary O'Neill, Ken Gallagher, Victoria & Giovanni Bresciani, William & Gertrude Paul, Carmella Bisinella, Melina Uzzo

BAPTISMS:

Max Pabst, Quinn Davies, Audrey Healy and Francesca Peters

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Amalia Zaino, 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

(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

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. 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

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **CHAPLAINCY APPEAL SUNDAY MAY 19:** Next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday and the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund conducts a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. If you would like to donate to this appeal, envelopes will be available at all Masses over the next two weekends.
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** There is a set of envelopes for all **weekly and monthly** contributors in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. If you can't see your set of envelopes, please contact the office to see where they were sent and let us know which Church you prefer next time. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au. Thankyou for your continuing regular support.
- ◆ **FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:** The Legion of Mary invite all parishioners to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on **Friday May 24** at Holy Spirit Church. Rosary 10.40am, Mass at 11am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Divine Mercy prayers 3pm followed by the Rosary until 5pm.
- ◆ **WINNERS - COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2019:** 1st St Leonard's Glen Waverley, 2nd St Thomas More Belgrave, 3rd St Scholastica Bennettswood, 4th St Paul Apostle Endeavour Hills, 5th Good Shepherd Mulgrave and the \$500 gift cards all to various Melbourne parishes with one lucky Nazareth winner.
- ◆ **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.



Sacrament of First Eucharist



Over the coming weeks of May 20, May 27 and June 2, Grade 4 children from Holy Family, Holy Spirit and St Patrick's Schools will be making the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We wish them and the children from St Michael's Parish Sacramental Program all the best as they prepare for their special day.

Community News:

- 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
- 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. The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.
- May 18...** **PAMPER DAY:** Pastoral Healthcare Network Geelong invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare - range of treatments including hand, shoulder and foot massages, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and afternoon tea. 1pm-3.30pm with ten minute meditation at 2.30pm. St Bernard's Church Foyer, Fryers Rd Belmont. Cost - donation appreciated. Enquiries and bookings: **Gabrielle 0403 500 279**. Please RSVP by **Wed 15 May** for catering purposes.

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

Transport: Anyone who needs transport to go to Rowville for Fr Kevin Dillon's 50th Ordination celebrations please contact Sr Anne by **Tuesday May 28** on 5278 1343. 'Pick up spot' and cost closer to time.



A Prayer for Mother's Day...

*God our Creator, we come before you
and lift up in prayer all women:
mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers,
aunts, godmothers, nurses and all women
who have taken on a mothering role.*

*We give you thanks for their presence,
talents and gifts which they share with their family,
church, society and the world.*

*May they all know your loving and gentle presence
and may they always turn to you
in times of joy and in times of sorrow.*

We ask this in your name. Amen.



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The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which

is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a

few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.