



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

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables ...I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never

lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished... "When you think what?" I asked... "I don't know. When you think." "What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important. "When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a

monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.'

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth.

In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities – farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom. /Cont'd P4...

- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time -*(Year C - June 30, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

All people, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You are my inheritance,
O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 66:10-14

2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Gospel: Lk 10:1-2,17-20

**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:

June 17 - July 1: Mileto family, 82 Sladen 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:

Anne Moore, Stjepan Majstorovic, Mary Bell, Mate Dugandzic, Cesare Ciufetelli and Vincenza Colace

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Mick Fitzpatrick, Stanislaw Gwizdek, Concetta Uljar, Vincenzo Pitaro, Ivan Cengija, John Dempsey, Ernesto, Assunta, Frank & Helen DeLorenzo, Antonio Zaino, Joseph Radojevic and 20 year anniversary of Antonio Fiorillo

BAPTISMS:

Laila McCarthy, Avery Noonan and Carys Uyttenhove

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Colleen Laffy, Allan Ansell, Alexander, Sandra Klinge, Cheryl Lambert, Erin Kinch, Veronica Werzak, Cassie McColl, Margaret Barry

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

(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

8.00AM
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, M Scaddan
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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| 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:

"COME AND LISTEN TO THE GOOD NEWS"

Christ is calling for you to Listen!

A series of Catechesis will be given at St Michael's Community Centre,
147 Separation St Bell Park **Monday and Thursday evenings from 7-8pm**
commencing **Monday July 1.**

*Each evening gives an opportunity to pray, to encounter and experience the Church
in a deep and enriching way.*

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- ♦ **ATTENTION LECTORS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS:** There are currently a few vacancies to fill at our weekend Masses for Lectors and Special Ministers. If you are interested, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343.
 - ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: Mid Year Dinner** at Cucina, 1 High St Belmont, **Monday July 1st 6.30pm.** See you all there!
 - ♦ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON: Wednesday July 3rd,** 12noon in **St Michael's Parish Community Centre,** 147 Separation St Bell Park. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
 - ♦ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be on **Wednesday July 3rd,** 1.30pm at Lifestyle Village, 26-36 Barton St Bell Park. The meeting will be followed by a **Dutch Auction.** Members are asked to bring a wrapped item for the auction and a small plate for afternoon tea. All St Michael's ladies are most welcome to attend. Please phone Tricia 0431 512 354 or Bernadette 0417 514 598 for transport.
 - ♦ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Thankyou to parishioners from Holy Spirit who donated \$445 to St Vincent de Paul. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
 - ♦ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION/CRAFT GROUP:** We meet at St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 2-4pm on the following afternoons - 12 July, 26 July. Extra dates will be added in a few weeks. Bring along your craft project, sit, chat and make new friends. Contact Debbie 0409 416 946
 - ♦ **CUP OF TEA AND COFFEE AFTER THE 9.30AM HOLY FAMILY MASS:** An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us after the 9.30am Mass each Sunday at Holy Family Church for a Cuppa. All are most welcome! 
 - ♦ **HELP!** Two overseas university students looking for accommodation. Anyone know of any rental accommodation? References provided. Contact Fr Prakash or the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you can help.
 - ♦ **PART TIME EMPLOYMENT REQUIRED** for three overseas university students. If anyone in the parish community can assist or may have contacts, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

Community News:

- July 28...** **ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60-70th Wedding Anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, 11am. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates - to register: cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact 9287 5587. **Registrations close Friday 12 July.**
- July 28...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA 'SEASONS' SERIES: *Brazilian Adventures*** - Windfire Chamber Choir with rarely performed choral gems, music of Villa Lobos. 3pm St Mary's Basilica, tickets \$50/45/40 at the door or trybooking.com/BABCY
- Aug 11...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA 'SEASONS' SERIES: *Terra Australis*** - Australian Chamber Choir links great choral works with voyages in search of Terra Australis, the fabled Great Southern Land. 3pm St Mary's Basilica, tickets \$50/45/40 at the door or www.auschoir.org
- Sept 15...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA 'SEASONS' SERIES: *Lauridsen the Mystic*** - Turod Choristers present contemporary settings of breath-taking music imbued with Greek modes and Gregorian plainchant. Tickets \$35/30 at the door or ww.trybooking.com/BABDA

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA - A COUNTRY RAMBLE: Saturday 9 November - Leave from outside the Basilica at 9am, return 4.30pm. Only \$50 tickets available so early bookings essential. Travel by luxury coach through lovely country to three charming country and coastal churches in Torquay, Inverleigh and Winchelsea for three varied and beautiful concerts. Morning tea at Bellbrae Chocolaterie and lunch at Winchelsea Tavern included in the ticket price of \$95 full, \$85 concession with \$20 refundable deposit on booking. Balance by October 25. More details on www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Are looking for active, mature Catholic men to become part of our organisation. Enquiries to Ray Henry 0418 350 679.

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, interesting guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends - open to members of all faiths. Appetisers begin at 6.15pm **Tuesday July 9** followed by delicious meal for only \$33/person at **Capri Receptions**, 258 Pakington St Geelong West. Guest speaker this month is Marita Fitzpatrick who will be speaking about her mother Jessie's work at the Carte du Ciel (Map of the Sky) Observatory in Melbourne during the 1920's. For more information/reservations please phone or text **Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584** by **Friday July 5**, the deadline for catering purposes.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jews and Samaritans were of a different ethnic mix and were religious adversaries – a volatile mix. It was not surprising that Samaritans refused Jesus entry to their villages 'because he was making for Jerusalem', the Jewish centre of worship.

What is surprising is that after several years with Jesus, James and John had not absorbed his teaching and practice of non-violence in dealing with enemies. They wanted to annihilate those they considered to be heretics. We are told that Jesus immediately 'turned and rebuked them'.

How many times must the Risen Lord have 'turned and rebuked' Christians for their murderous dealing with religious adversaries over the centuries? How often, in our own time, is He rebuking those seeking to wipe out those of 'heretical' views, either outside or within their own religious tradition? How must He be weeping at the genocidal carnage being wreaked on his own disciples, and those of other faiths, in the religious terror of the Middle East?

We might pause for a moment to seek forgiveness for the times we have wished a personal or larger-scale enemy to be done away with – lest the rebuke of the Prince of Peace ring in our self-righteous ears.

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Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the

rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.