



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 Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius Loyola says that pride, riches and power are the three most seductive and destructive temptations in the world. So many conflicts, and their continuance, can be traced to the interplay of this unholy trinity. The so-called reality TV show, Big Brother and its many imitators demonstrate just how far some of our compatriots will go to be famous, to be wealthy or to have a certain clout in the popular imagination.

We should never be surprised when our media culture reflects this back to us, because by watching the programmes, reading the papers and the magazines, listening to the shock-jocks and buying the merchandise, we are part of the problem, not the solution.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us just how deadly riches and greed can be. Our own experience tells how right He is: think of how many children fight in the playground because everything they see is 'mine'; the families who have fought over an estate; the number of friends who have fallen out over even small amounts of money; colleagues who no longer speak to each other because of a failed investment; and nations who have gone to war to get what their neighbours have.

The issue with money is not having it, because money, and the health, education and welfare that flow from it are good things, whereas poverty is an evil that God wants wiped off the face of the earth. The problem is what we do with money and what it does to us. Some Christians think that just because they are financially comfortable from legitimate

earnings, they do not have to take any responsibility for the world's poor who are often stereotyped as being lazy, war-mongering and irreligious. These images may justify not sharing more of the excess we have, but it does not remove the moral obligation Jesus demands of us today. Of the world's 6 billion people, 1.2 billion of them live on US\$1, or less, a day. On average 26,000 children will die today of starvation. We should try telling them they're lazy, war-mongering and irreligious! In an attempt to get rich quickly or to stay rich, most western countries gamble away 10 to 15 times more money than they give to third world development – money that might see markets and wages that are just, and so provide an incentive for work, curtail or prevent some wars and help develop democracy.

*/Cont'd P4...***- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time -***(Year C - August 4, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 18:6-9

2nd Reading: Heb 11:1-2,8-19

Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

**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:

July 29 - August 12: Tissera family, 164 Separation St; **Aug 13-26:** Cudmore family, 128 Elizabeth 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:

Harry Seales and Moya McVeigh (Ireland)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Javni Jr, Anka Javni, Isabel Ramirez, Felix Gravador, Anna Rezelj, Rosalyn Connolly, Diane & James Horoba, Pat Doyle, Joe Lichtenfeld, Kevin O'Brien, Joan Gazenbeek, Ercole Iezzi, Emily & Harry Callander, Eileen Rowe, and one year anniversary of Vin Spina



BAPTISMS:

Joshua & Evie Camorra, Jude & Will Taylor, Max Delahant and Lewis Portella

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

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, E Di Domenico, 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. 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**

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

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- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday August 14**, 7pm at St Michael's Community Centre.
 - ◆ **FR MICK'S MATES - Melbourne Cup Day Planning Meeting:** 2.00pm Tuesday August 6th at St Michael's Community Centre - all welcome!
 - ◆ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on **Wednesday August 7**, 1.30pm in St Michael's Community Centre. All St Michael's Parish ladies are most welcome. Raffle tickets to help support the National Conference will be available to purchase at the meeting. For transport please ph Bernadette 0417 514 598 or Tricia 0431 512 354.
 - ◆ **THANKYOU** to everyone who contributed to the naming of the Bi-Annual Bulletin. The title **St Michael's Messenger** embodies the spirit and image of the parish. The Bulletin will highlight the diversity, inclusiveness, fun and community engagement of the Parish. Phase 2 now commences - obtaining articles, interviews, photos, etc for publication. The Parish has approximately 15+ different groups so your help and assistance in obtaining articles is appreciated. I will be making contact with group leaders in the coming weeks. Further information please contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.
 - ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S CRAFT, CUPPA & CHAT:** Are you looking for something to do every second Friday? Come along for a cuppa, chat, bring your craft project and make new friends. We meet at St Michael's Community Centre, Separation St from 2-4.30pm on 9 Aug, 23 Aug, 6 Sept, 4 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 15 Nov, 29Nov and 13 Dec. More information contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.
 - ◆ **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!



Liturgy at St Michael's:

Feast of the Assumption, Aug 15...	9.15am Holy Family Church	- Whole School Mass, Holy Family School
	9.30am Holy Spirit Church	- Whole School Mass, Holy Spirit School
	12noon St Patrick's School	- Whole School Mass, St Patrick's School
	5.30pm Ss Peter & Paul's Church	- Evening Mass

Confirmation Masses -	Aug 25...	3pm - Holy Family Church for Holy Spirit School Confirmation\
	Sept 5...	9.15am - Class Mass for Gr 5/6, Holy Family Church

Community News:

- 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
- Aug 25...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Social Luncheon for members and ladies, 1pm White Eagle House, Breakwater. Bookings to Frank Khan 5243 4926. **Note - there will be no normal meeting at St Bernard's in August.**
- Aug 25...** **FEAST DAY OF ST BARTHOLOMEW:** Mass will be celebrated 2.30pm at St Mary's Basilica by Fr James Clarke. After there will be a procession around the Church and at 5pm refreshments in the Pioneer Room.
- 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 www.trybooking.com/BABDA
- Sept 20...** **CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Features Fr Leo Patalinhug who has a high profile as a chef, TV host and martial arts exponent which are tools in his real trade of 'evangelizing'. His talk will be "***Be a Man and Feed your Family.***" Cost \$50 with group discounts available. 7-9pm at the Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins St Melbourne. Enquiries michael.bohan@menalive.org.au. The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

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 6.15pm **Tuesday Aug 13**, followed by a delicious meal for only \$33/person. We meet at Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St Geelong West. Guest speaker this month is **Terry O'Brien** who will be speaking about the history of Geelong in the 1820s, and in particular a man and wife who were very important to Geelong's development. For more information and reservations please phone or text **Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584** by **Friday August 9**.

WESTFIELD LOCAL HEROES FINALISTS ANNOUNCED: Michael Nolan (a former priest) from the Lazarus Community Centre Geelong, has made the short list of six nominated. If Michael is one of the successful recipients of a Westfield Local Heroes Grant, the Lazarus Community Centre will benefit greatly with a \$10,000 grant. To vote for him please log on to westfield.com.au/local-heroes. **Voting closes August 12.**

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which he answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

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When faced with the enormity of the world's poverty, the bad spirit can convince us that it is so large there is nothing that we can do about it. Not true. Every moment of consciousness and each act of goodness toward anyone anywhere is a victory for God's kingdom and will be done 'here on earth as it is in heaven'.

No one can pretend, however, that sharing is always easy or that throwing money around will solve the world's

problems. Everyone who works in the front-line says that the biggest obstacle in the war on poverty is dignity. And dignity, as Jesus reminds us today, has very little to do with money or possessions. Each time we make a claim for our own dignity and we give dignity to people who do not even claim it for themselves, we contribute to the generous and just world Jesus wants. And sometimes that can be as easy as turning the channel on the radio or the TV.

Fr Pedro Arrupe inherited the office of leading the Jesuits four centuries after its founder St Ignatius Loyola died. He once said that, 'the celebration of the Eucharist is always incomplete while there is hunger in the world.' Let's pray at this Eucharist that we do not blunt the hard edge of the Gospel. Rather let us accept its power to convert our hearts and minds that we might meet its challenges in regard to bestowing dignity and sharing our possessions with those who have a just claim on them.