



# 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**

As offensive as the Monty Python film, *The Life of Brian* was to some Christians, the scene in which several competing messiahs try to convince the market-place crowd that they are the real thing, brilliantly and humorously captures Jewish expectations in 1st century Palestine. Not unlike the fervour at the end of the last millennium, some religious people believed the end of time was close at hand. Far from selling his messianic wares at the market, however, Jesus crept in beside us and lived, suffered, died and was raised from the tomb in a way no one anticipated. Even after his resurrection the earliest Christians believed Jesus would return very soon, so they could afford to live as if they were, literally, in the last days. When this didn't happen there was crisis in the community. The earliest disciples, to whom much had been entrusted, had to

hand on a faith in a more unpredictable God who does not fulfil all our expectations or run to our timetable.

Luke points out that the greatest gift we Christians have received is knowing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. What a relief to know we do not have to shop around any more. From everyone to whom much has been given, however, much will be required and so knowing who Jesus is only goes halfway. Living out the reality of the Christian life is the other half. Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials.

Two thousand years later we are still waiting for Jesus' return and many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this sombre reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation:

'The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

'We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health. /Cont'd P4...

**- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -***(Year C - August 11, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

**Alleluia!****NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 38:4-6,8-10

2nd Reading: Heb 12:1-4

Gospel: Lk 12:49-53

**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,  
2nd & 4th Sundays 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:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Giuseppina Mazza, Eugene Guardiano, Miroslav Macarol, Kevin & Beverley McFarlane, Bruno Nesci, Joseph Gillett Jnr, Gordon Brown, Rocco Resciniti, Bruno DiCristoforo, Julie DaCosta, Darmel Fernandes, 10 year anniversary of Zvonko Jovic, 20 Year anniversary of Luigi Fatone and 50 year anniversary of Bridget McKeegan



### BAPTISMS:

Malaya Kennion, James Lodge, Hayden McPherson, Max Yates, Chloe Smith and Anna Gutierrez Navarro

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

## 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:

<b>Rosary...</b>	The Rosary is recited at 8.45am Tues and Thurs in Holy Family Church prior to the 9.15am Masses
<b>St Michael's Luncheon...</b>	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
<b>Holy Family Luncheon...</b>	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
<b>Holy Family Women's Group...</b>	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 6.30pm
<b>St Vincent de Paul...</b>	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
<b>Legion of Mary...</b>	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Baptism Preps</b>	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
<b>Holy Family Choir Practice...</b>	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
<b>Manifold CWL...</b>	St Michael's Community Centre, 1st Wednesdays in the month
<b>Italian Mass...</b>	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
<b>Catholic Diners' Club...</b>	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.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au](http://www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au)

## 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.*

- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday August 14**, 7pm at St Michael's Community Centre.
- ◆ **MINISTRY OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:** Brochures available in the foyer in each Church - there will be an enquiry meeting for any interested men held on August 31 from 10-11am at the Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. Further details visit [www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate](http://www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate).
- ◆ **NOTE OF THANKS - Propagation of the Faith Appeal:** Thankyou for supporting the recent Catholic Mission Appeal. \$2,274.75 was raised, which is a tremendous effort!
- ◆ **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 23 Aug, 6 Sept, 4 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 15 Nov, 29 Nov 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:

<b>Feast of the Assumption, Aug 15...</b>	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

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

## St Michael's Parish Social Events:

- Oct 19...** **HARMONICA FILIPINO with the Quinal's Youth Band:** 2pm at Holy Family Church, followed by Afternoon Tea. All proceeds go to Kuya Centre for Street Children.
- Nov 5...** **MELBOURNE CUP DAY Chicken and Bubbly Luncheon:** 1pm at St Patrick's School, Petrel St Geelong West with all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates, Cancer Council Victoria.
- Dec ???...** **CHRISTMAS PRODUCE MARKETS:** Dates to be advised, with all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates, Cancer Council Victoria
- Early 2020...** **FILM NIGHT AND SUPPER:** Date to be advised, at Lifestyle Village Bell Park with all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates, Cancer Council Victoria

## Community News:

- Aug 23...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE CIRCLE OF MERCY: 2109 Challenges to the Church Today (Richard Leonard)** - Going out to the world is not for the faint-hearted. How do we hold a sensible and joyous religious faith, and confidently impart it to our friends and neighbours in the face of serious, secular opposition? *Fr Richard Leonard is a Jesuit Priest. He directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University, has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film and Television at UCLA and a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.* 7pm to 8.30pm with light refreshments afterwards at Celies Hospitality Centre, Aphrasia St entrance. RSVP [rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) or ph 5222 0467 by **Monday 19 August**.
- 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.
- Aug 26...** **BELMONT SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE - The Belmont Rhythmic Singers:** Together with Geelong Football Club History presented by Col Hutchinson and Eric Nicholls. 1.30-3pm, entry \$5 with tea/coffee after. This group will sing a mix of songs and old time favourites that will want you to sing along with them. Venue - Belmont Seniors Concert Hall, 52 Thomson St Belmont. More info 5241 1776 or Ross 0431 478 474.
- 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](http://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](mailto: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.

**LIFEBOAT GEELONG** has been established for six years and provides practical and pastoral support for victims of church-related sexual abuse. We are now in a position to employ a part-time "Client Support Officer" (between 12 and 24 hours/week) to provide personal support to individual clients through both personal contact and by phone. You will need to have an appreciation of the plight of those who have suffered sexual abuse from church personnel and its many harmful, lifelong negative effects such as PTSD, compromised education and employment potential, self-esteem issues. etc. Applicants should indicate any professional or experience-based qualifications, availability and motivation for this particular work. Hourly-based remuneration by agreement in accord with Human Resources practice. Applications by email, with supporting information and referees to: [admin@lifeboatgeelong.com.au](mailto:admin@lifeboatgeelong.com.au) by **August 22**. Enquiries ph 0439 199 400.

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We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

'We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but

polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

'These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.'

We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?