



# 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**

For some weeks now Luke has been telling us about the cost of discipleship. As a commentary on what was happening in his community and a preparation for what was to come, today's gospel used the hyperbole of hatred to drive home the point. For the earliest Christians a choice for faith in Jesus could be this stark and dramatic: families split up and sometimes people who had loved each other turned their brother or sister, mother or father over to martyrdom. This is the context in which Luke's community produced this Gospel.

It is always good for us to recall that for some of our brothers and sisters beyond these shores the perils of public belief are still like those of Luke's community. Luckily for us the

threat of death for our faith is only a very remote possibility. The power of this Gospel is that even if we are not faced with physical death, there are many other dyings that see us share in the cross of Jesus and follow in his way.

The verbs in this passage tell an interesting story: 'carry', 'follow', 'estimate', 'lay foundations', 'plan' and 'give up possessions'. It is a very tough list of things to do. Whatever our situation in life, this Gospel advocates that we figure out our priorities and live them out. In other words, we 'say what we mean and live what we say'.

We often think we could never live without most of the things to which we have become accustomed or attached. But we can. We know from people who have lived through some of the worst events of last century that there are very few

things that are essential to a happy life: human dignity; meaning and purpose; love of others; a sense of security. These are the essentials. Each person has a right to them and we have obligations to do our bit to see that they enjoy them. Everything else, as good as it might be, is icing on the cake. The problem is that we 'want our cake and eat it too!'

As Christians we cannot have it both ways. We cannot say we are baptised into the life and death of Christ and not be prepared to sacrifice anything. If material riches come our way, with them come an even greater obligation to share with the poor. If we have talents and energy we are called to put them at the service of improving the world in any way we can. If we want the hope of the resurrection, we have to first carry the cross. /  
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**- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time -***(Year C - September 15, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I will rise and go to my father.

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

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!****NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

2nd Reading: 1Tim 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

**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:

**Sept 16-30:** Johnson family, 63 Ruhamah Ave Bell Post Hill

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:**

Sr Geraldine Stapleton CSB, Marija Damjanovic,  
Garry Giles and Fr Burns Huggan

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Maurice Glynn, Margaret Carmody and one month  
since death of Rosaria LaSpada

### **BAPTISMS:**

Aaliyah Dosen, Ophelia Mamone, Connor Pitman  
and Savanna Rush

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

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



*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**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

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

Commentators A Henderson  
Lectors G Tolan  
Special Ministers A Henderson, G Tolan  
Welcomers J Cowell  
Projectionist B Middleton  
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

### **HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM**

M Burn  
J Fraatz  
L Fossey, L Vannata  
D Dougherty  
A Zarb

### **HOLY FAMILY**

**8.00AM**  
Commentators F O'Neill  
Lectors L Kelly  
Special Ministers L Sells, E Kelly  
Welcomers E Kelly, L. Allum  
Projectionist R Allum  
Co-Ordinator L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

### **9.30AM**

M Lukesic  
M Baird, P Gizycki  
D Lunn, C Simpson, V Resciniti  
A Sare, A/I Dugandzic  
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:

- ◆ **LITURGY AT ST MICHAEL'S:** Sept 19 - 9.15am Holy Family Church - Whole School Mass for Holy Family School.
- ◆ **CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL:** At all Masses next weekend (Sept 21/22), there will be a special third collection taken up after Communion. Your support of this appeal will ensure that those in need in our community will continue to have access to vital counselling services, emergency relief, transitional housing and education support. Donation envelopes are available at all Churches.
- ◆ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** 7pm Wednesday September 18 in the Parish Community Centre
- ◆ **PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISING MEETING:** 7pm Tuesday September 24 in the Parish Community Centre
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** Wednesday October 9, 12noon in St Michael's Parish Community Centre. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- ◆ **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 2pm - 4.30pm on 20 Sept, 4 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 15 Nov, 29 Nov and 13 Dec. For more information contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.
- ◆ **OPPORTUNITY FOR CRICKETERS:** Within the Northern Suburbs there are opportunities for ALL AGES to join Community Cricket Clubs. The Parish welcomes all men, women, boys and girls to attend a meeting at **7.30pm on September 19 at the Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park.** *"Now is cricket time. Now is the time to consider joining a club close to your home and now is the opportunity."* Geelong cricket people will be present to talk about these opportunities.



## **HARMONICO FILIPINO**

Holy Family Church, 143-147 Separation St Bell Park

Saturday October 19 - 2pm to 3.30pm with Afternoon Tea to follow

Join us for an afternoon of entertainment with "The Quinal Youth Band" and the Filipino Choir

Tickets: Adults \$20, Students \$10, Children u/16 Free when accompanied by an adult



### FOR TICKETS

St Michael's Parish Office	Bernadette	5278 1343
Holy Family 8am Mass	Alex Risk	5221 7302
Holy Family 9.30am Mass	David Lunn	0408 378 982
Holy Spirit 11am Mass	Sr Anne	0452 161 937
Ss Peter & Paul's 5pm Mass	Noreen Neeld	0447 656 968



**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP  
WHICH SUPPORTS THE KUYA CENTRE FOR STREET CHILDREN IN MANILA**

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*To assist with catering please book early.*

## St Michael's Parish Social Events:

- Oct 19...** **HARMONICO FILIPINO with the Quinal 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:** Midday 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:

- Sept 17...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm St Bernard's Church foyer area. Please endeavour to attend and bring a plate of supper.
- Sept 18...** **ST JOHN OF GOD GEELONG HOSPITAL AUXILIARY - 2019 Spring Luncheon:** 12.30pm at Eastern Hub, 285A McKillop St East Geelong. Cost \$55/person (2 course meal and welcome drink). Guest speaker: Dr Karen White, Medical Oncologist. Tickets available at Gift Shop in Hospital - all welcome!
- 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.
- Sept 21...** **PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK GEELONG** invite you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare. Treatments include hand, shoulder and foot massage, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and a'noon tea. **Please note change of date.** 1pm until 3.30pm at St Bernard's Church foyer, Fryers Rd Belmont. Donation appreciated - enquiries and bookings ph Gabrielle 0403 500 279. **Please RSVP by Wed Sept 18 for catering purposes.**
- Sept 21...** **ONE DAY RETREAT: Meditation on Jesus for Healing and Wellbeing of Body and Soul** - through gentle postures and breathing exercises. 9.30am-4pm with 3 hours meditation 10am-1pm on Saturday Oct 12 to follow. At: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Rd Boronia. Ph 9762 6625 or email: [enquiries@janssencentre.org](mailto:enquiries@janssencentre.org)
- Oct 6...** **THE GEELONG CHORALE:** *For the joy of singing the Classics 2019* - Mass of the Children with Conductor Stephen Brockman and accompanist Alan Grinton 2-5pm St Luke's Uniting Church, cnr Barrabool & Scenic Rds Highton. \$15 - music and a'noon tea included, \$5 for a listener. Bookings essential with Anne Pilgrim: [pandapilgrim@gmail.com](mailto:pandapilgrim@gmail.com) (0412 524 316)

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH CATHOLICCARE AND NORTHERN BAY COLLEGE, CORIO:**

#### **Homework Tutoring Group ongoing for Terms 3 and 4, 2019.**

Volunteer Tutors are needed to assist newly arrived refugee students (Year 9-10) at Northern Bay College in North Geelong, on Mondays 3.15-4.30pm during 2nd Semester in 2019. Students are from Refugee Non English speaking backgrounds. Tutors will assist students to engage in group games, language learning and homework activities which provides a rewarding volunteer experience within the Refugee settlement and Education environments. If you can help contact [Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au](mailto:Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au) or ph 9926 5699.

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So riches, a better world and hope come with a price.

Many of us, however, do not need to be reminded about all this because we carry crosses every day. For some it comes through mental, physical or spiritual ill health. For others it can be in our homes where we have to deal with illness, dysfunction or

violence. It can be in our places of employment where we are overworked, undervalued or bullied. Whatever our particular crosses may be we are one with all those who have 'gone before us marked with the sign of faith' and who found Christ in the midst of their suffering. This Gospel promises us that Christ walks beside us bearing the burden of the struggle.

May this Eucharist give us eyes to see Christ present in our most difficult moments and make us more compassionate so we never add to the weight of another person's burden, but help carry it as best we can.