



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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There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn.

At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts"!'

Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best.

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

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- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

*(Year C - October 13, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ex 17:8-13

2nd Reading: 2Tim 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Lk 18:1-8

**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:

14-28 Oct: Wright family, 42 Logan St; **29 Oct - 10 Nov:** Stocks family, 22 Orr 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:

Giacinto Palmieri and Theresa Lee

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ann & Harry Wallace, Albert Piccirilli, Joseph Gillett Snr, Eugenio Bitano, Ron & Joan Southall, Michael Fox, Maree Haberman

BAPTISMS:

Flynn Retzki

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

(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
Holy Family Luncheon...	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO casserole & drink to share.
St Michael's Luncheon...	First Sunday of each month at Louisa Fossey's house
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...	St Michael's Community Centre, 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.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:** At all Masses this weekend there will be a special Third Collection taken up after Communion in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor.
- ◆ **PARISH LITURGY MEETING:** 7pm Tuesday October 15 in the Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS - Prayer Retreat:** All are invited to come and hear Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR speak on the theme *The Power of the Rosary* - Friday October 25, 9.30am to 3pm at Holy Family Church. BYO Lunch, coffee/tea provided.
- ◆ **Fr Gerard Keith is celebrating his 60th Birthday on October 25th. If you wish to send him a birthday card his address details are: Resurrection Parish, 51 Gum Road, Kings Park 3021.**
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING UPDATE: Envelope Number 2028** - Can you please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343. **All Givers - Please check your numbers.** In early November we will put envelope sets and receipts in the Church you usually attend. Number 1-999 - Holy Family; Number 1000-1999 - Holy Spirit; and Number 2000-2999 - Ss Peter & Paul's. **Please contact Bernadette if the Church you attend does not match the above numbers.**
- ◆ **MEDIUM CANE BASKETS REQUIRED** for the Christmas Hampers. If you have any to spare they would be greatly appreciated.
- ◆ **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 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 15 Nov, 29 Nov and 13 Dec. For more information contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** At the mini book stall held after Holy Family Masses last weekend, 140 books from Joe and Catherine Taylor's Collection were handed out. Many thanks for your wonderful generosity raising \$180 for 'Fr Mick's Mates', to assist cancer research in memory of Damian Taylor.

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

To assist with catering please book early.



SAFETY AND WELLBEING:

The safety and wellbeing of our parishioners, staff and the wider community is important to us all. Please report any accidents, incidents or near misses to the Parish Office on 5278 1343. Also, if you notice any potential hazards or risks, please bring these to our attention so that we can address them as soon as possible.



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.
- 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

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE:



Please contact: **David Lunn** 0408 378 982
Parish office 5278 1343
Desma Dougherty 5244 5459
Margaret Haines 0413 690 625

Cost: \$25 per ticket - *Chicken & Bubbly Lunch*
Venue: St Pat's Primary School, Petrel St Geelong West
Time: Arrive 11.30am for noon start
Parking: No school this day so parking is no issue!

CHRISTMAS MARKETS - Proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates:

- Sun Dec 8...** Holy Spirit - 11am Mass
Sat Dec 14... Ss Peter & Paul's - 5pm Mass
Sun Dec 22... Holy Family - 8am and 9.30am Masses

If you wish to buy "Christmas Hampers", please call Margaret Brown 5229 1280.



Community News:

- Oct 26...** **LIFE - LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY:** A Catholic seminar on how to live and grow in your Catholic faith in an ever increasing anti-Christian world. Presented by Flame Ministries International, 10am-5pm in the Hibernian Room, St Mary of the Angels. Cost - by love offering. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. For more information ph 0423 480 440, or email cheryldouglas@hotmail.com

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the

most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'.