



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

Philip was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him he wanted this car as a graduation gift from the family. His father did nothing. As his graduation day approached, Philip awaited signs that his father had purchased the car.

Finally, the day after his graduation, his father called him into his study and told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and that he loved him. He handed Philip a beautifully wrapped box. Philip opened the box and found a beautiful, leather-bound Bible, with Philip's name embossed in gold. He did not even take the Bible out of the box.

Angrily, he yelled at his father and said, 'Is this it? With all your money you give me a Bible?' and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Philip's family ran

after him, but he jumped in his car and sped away. He refused to answer his mobile phone, even when his family kept ringing it for hours and hours.

Very late that night, when he had cooled down somewhat, he drove home to discover that his father had suffered a massive heart attack and died two hours before. His father had a history of heart disease. His furious and heart-broken mother told him to go and find the Bible which was the cause of the scene that morning.

He found the Bible right where he had thrown it down on his father's desk. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. He came to a bookmark where his father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, 'And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?'

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with

the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. Philip broke down and sobbed.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

The Gospel we have just heard is often called, 'the little man's revenge'. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well. All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a 'walkabout' in the village.

Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho's chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God's Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages. /Cont'd P4...

- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time -*(Year C - November 3, 2019)***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name forever, my King
and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God loved the world so much he gave us
his only Son, that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.

Alleluia!**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 2Macc 7:1-2,9-14

2nd Reading: 2Thess 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

**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:

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:

Georgie McKinnis, Franca Perin (Italy), Kata Erceg, Margaret Gorniakowski, Kerry Dowling and Noel Moody

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marie Gallagher, Giuseppe Natale, Giovanna Ricciardi, Haberman family members, Antonio, Maria, Antonetta & Rosa DeAngelis, Concetta Leone, John T Bohan, Ernest & Michael Henderson, Hermon Hagebols, Damian Dougherty, Rocco, Francesca & Salvatori Daniele and one month since death of Giacinto Palmieri

BAPTISMS:

Leo Denkha, Myles McElligott and Mackenzie Rowarth

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Barry, Angelita Obaldo, Josica Markov, Joe Vanjek, Angelina Bove, Lucy Burville



PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Tues Nov 5... Jackie Cengija & family

Wed Nov 6... Tabak & Velcek family members

Thurs Nov 7... Cucinotta & Lo Presti family members

Fri Nov 8... Henriques & Ferreira family

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, L Vannata

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
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:



This weekend at all Masses the focus of our Mass will be *Remembering and Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones*. As part of the Bereavement Mass there are notelets entitled "In Loving Memory Of", which will be placed at the foot of the Cross. At the Remembrance Masses please do not put the notelets at the foot of the Cross until directed by the Priest.

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday November 5** -
- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **NOTE OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE:** Fr Gerard thanks the many parishioners who sent their best wishes for his 60th Birthday. Your cards were very much appreciated.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: Christmas Cup Eve Dinner** for all members on **Monday November 4 at 6.30pm.** BYO drinks. See you all there!
- ◆ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on **Wednesday Nov 6, 1.30pm** at St Michael's Parish Centre. For transport please phone Bernadette 0417 514 598 or Tricia 0431 512 354.
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON: Wednesday November 20, 12 noon** in St Michael's Parish Community Centre. Cost \$10 - all welcome! There will be lots of Christmas ideas and goodies at the Stall.
- ◆ **PROJECTIONISTS REQUIRED:** Ss Peter & Paul's Church requires a couple of volunteers to help with the power point at the 5pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you are able to assist.
- ◆ **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 15 Nov, 29 Nov and 13 Dec. For more information contact Debbie on 0409 416 945.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE:

URGENT! Please contact the following people if you are coming to the Melbourne Cup Luncheon. Catering critical!



Please contact:

David Lunn	0408 378 982
Parish office	5278 1343
Amie O'Brien	0427 866 891
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!

St Michael's Parish Social Events:

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



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.

PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISING 2019:

Raffle Results - 1st Prize... J Resciniti; **2nd Prize...** A Bereza; **3rd Prize...** J O'Neill; **4th Prize...** N Simpson

Thankyou to all at St Michael's Parish Community who supported our Philippines Fundraising for the Kuya Centre in Manila. Your generosity and support of the raffle, attendance at the Concert performance, donating of prizes or assistance with the catering, was very much appreciated. A great day was enjoyed by all and \$7,763 has been raised. Donations to the Philippines Partnership will continue to be accepted and can be made at the Parish Office.

Community News:



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

A meeting will be held on **Friday 8th November** at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St Geelong at 10am, to prepare for WDP Service on Friday March 6, 2020. As this is a world-wide Ecumenical Service, it would be greatly appreciated that a representative from each Church in Geelong attend this meeting. Please phone Sue O'Donoghue on 0429 784 331 for further information.



Nov 9... **ST JOSEPH'S OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION: Remembrance Mass in Memory of Deceased Students, Staff and Benefactors of St Joseph's College Geelong.** All past students, past staff, friends and family of the College are welcome to join us. We will gather for a cuppa and light refreshments following Mass. 10am in St Joseph's College Chapel.

Nov 12... **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Appetisers begin at 6.15pm followed by delicious meal for only \$33/person at **Capri Receptions**, 258 Pakington St Geelong West. This month we will be having our Club AGM and in lieu of a guest speaker the St Joseph's Celtic Ensemble will entertain us. More information phone or text **Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584** by **Friday November 8**, the deadline for catering purposes.

Nov 25... **BELMONT SENIORS CONCERT HALL:** Proudly presents, direct from Melbourne, "Fabulous Phil Golotta", ex Blue Echoes cabaret performer/songwriter. He will sing all your favourite hits, 1.30pm. Entry \$10, aged care residents \$5, afternoon tea included.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA - November and December

Nov 3... **Australian Chamber Choir - Keys to Heaven**, music from the composers of the Sistine Chapel. 3pm at St Mary's Basilica, tickets \$50/45/40 at the door or www.auschoir.org

Nov 9... **A Country Ramble** - Luxury coach departs 9am, returns 4pm. 3 Concerts, morning tea, lunch, charming country churches and excellent artists. More details ph Jeannette 0408 305 868 or email music.basilica@bigpond.com All inclusive ticket \$95/85 from Jeanette 0408 305 868.

Nov 22... **Windfire Chamber Choir** - 8pm at St Paul's Church, Latrobe Tce. **Cesar Franck and his students** - choir, soloists, organ, harp and cello. Tickets \$50/45/40 at the door or trybooking.com/BABDC



FREE LUNCHTIME ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS: All recitals at St Mary's Basilica at 12.30-1.15pm Mondays 2,9,16 and 23 December.

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Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of Zacchaeus' home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God's door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation.

It's the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships.

No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand.