



# 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**

Today's Gospel focuses on those nagging questions that plague us all from time to time. What will heaven be like? What will happen to me in the resurrection of the body? While these are interesting enough questions on which to speculate and pray, this story from Dan McAuley reminds us that resurrection and a taste of heaven are often closer than we think.

'One day when I was in my early years of High School I noticed this boy from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends the next afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They knocked all

his books out of his arms and tripped him up so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses, and I saw a tear in his eye.

'As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and just said, "Thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to another school before now. We talked all the way home, and I helped him carry his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool guy. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same

'Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are going to really build some serious muscles with this pile of books every day!" He just laughed and handed me half the books. Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were in our last year of school we began to think about university. Kyle wanted to study overseas, I was going to stay at home. I knew wherever we were that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem.

'Kyle topped our class at school. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. But when he took the microphone he looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses.

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Let my prayer come into your presence,  
incline your ear to my cry for help,  
O Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.

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

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his forever and  
ever.

**Alleluia!****NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Mal 3:19-20

2nd Reading: 2Thess 3:7-12

Gospel: Lk 21:5-19

**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:

Jakov Juraga, Teresa Ciola, Antonia Carpenetti, Antonio Tartaglia, and Anica Tadic

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Anna Menchise, Klara Van Slooten, Dorotea Ljubicic, Domenic Fazio, Gina DiDomenico, Rodolfo Accheni

### BAPTISMS:

Inez Alonso and Maks Sobczynski

### 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 12...** Groner & Hajer family members

**Wed Nov 13...** Zangari family

**Thurs Nov 14...** Lukesic, Tuc

**Fri Nov 15...** Wolfe family members

## 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 SPIRIT - 11AM

M Kroger

J McKenzie

L Stalio,

L Fossey

F Kearney

### HOLY FAMILY

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### 8.00AM

M Howard

P. Carvalho

Sr Concepta, P Ruggeri, R Culo

P Ruggeri, R Culo

R Allum

L. Kelly, 0409 291 138

### 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. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
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](http://www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au)**

## St Michael's News:

- ♦ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 or you can email [bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au). Thankyou for all your continuing regular support.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.

### **A NOTE FROM FR GERARD SPILLANE:**

*In January of this year I retired as Parish Priest and moved to the beautiful surrounds of Torquay. Celebrating Mass recently in the Parish I mentioned that I would be available for Spiritual Direction and Counselling, disciplines in which I am qualified (Loyola University, Chicago and ACU, Melbourne), and would do so on a voluntary basis. If people are interested in pursuing such support I can be contact on 0417 369 375.*

### **Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

#### **Billy Elliott and the Resurrection**

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*'I've got fire in my body.' And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became 'fully alive': bodymindspirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.*

*That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our bodymindspirit. The Sadducees' small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.*

*We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.*

### 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:

**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.

## Community News:

**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.

### PALMS AUSTRALIA - REACH BEYOND:

#### *A Profoundly Rewarding Mission*

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th - 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning anytime in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). [palms/org.au](http://palms/org.au)

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Sometimes I was jealous.

"Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said. As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduating from school is a time when you can thank

those who helped you make it through the tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach, but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to another person can save someone from hell. Let me tell you a story."

"I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mother wouldn't have to do it later and

was carrying all his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, my friend saved me from doing the unspeakable. I looked at hell, but the kindness of a friend showed me heaven. And he didn't even know it and I haven't looked back since."

If we want to know what heaven or the resurrection is like, then Jesus says, go and do likewise.