



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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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Dianne Bergant CSA

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive.

Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not

advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need.

But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us

that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs.

We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm.

This is indeed a radical teaching.

- 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - February 23, 2020)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love;
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 2:7-9,3:1-7

2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11



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:

10.00am Communion Service every 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday

Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Friday;

Elstoft House (formerly Vincentian Village): 3.00pm 3rd Tuesday, (1st, 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 Sunday 12.30pm at Ss P&P,
5th Sunday 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:

Feb 24-Mar 9... Trinder family, 20 Downie Cres.

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:

Gertrude Grasmanis, Ken Fusea and Anton Uljar

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ted Arnold, Bill Jess, Domenico Mileto, Heather Osborne, Robert Neeld, Ivan Vanjek and 1 year anniversary of Antoine Alam

BAPTISMS:

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PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Veronica Werzek, Angela Reed, Narciso Baldasso, Josica Markov, Giuseppa Forestieri, Maria Failla, Brett Edwick, Denis Sanders



*After aprox 5 weeks, names will be taken off sick list.
If you wish names to be reinserted, please contact the office.*

Roster for Next Sunday

(1st Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators C O'Brien
Lectors Sr J McGonigal
Special Ministers N Neeld, P McGlinchey
Welcomers
Projectionist D Whelan
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

C Nielson
M Kroger
G Wright,
L Fossey
L Coles

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators R Allum
Lectors V Pavlovic
Special Ministers J Bartolo, I Baulch, Peter McBride
Welcomers K McArthur, L. Allum
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

J Siketa
M Bird, M Scaddan
P Carmody, B Kline, Horoba
M&E Hoffman
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 Morning Tea...	After the 9.30am Mass each Sunday
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 7.00pm 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

Liturgy at St Michael's:


- ◆ **PARISH LITURGY MEETING:** Tuesday February 25, 7pm at the Parish Community centre.

Lent at St Michael's:

- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - February 26**
 - 9.15am... Holy Family Church (all school children in attendance)
 - 9.30am... Holy Spirit Church (all school children in attendance)
 - 12noon... St Patrick's School
 - 7.00pm... Ss Peter & Paul's Church
- ◆ **GRACE LENTEN PROGRAM 2020:**

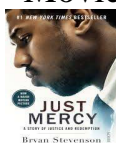
An invitation goes out to those who would like to be involved in small group conversations on the Readings for Lent. A Clipboard will be available at the back of each Church. **The meetings will be held each Wednesday evening during Lent, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre, beginning on Wednesday March 4.**

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Tuesday March 10, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP:** We are very happy to report that over the past twelve months, St Michael's Parish Community, which includes our three Primary Schools, raised just over \$24,000. These funds will go to support Sr Kate at the Kuya Centre in Manila. Many thanks for your generosity and ongoing support.
- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:** Sunday March 15 - come join us for children's entertainment, rides, food stalls, prizes, etc. At St Patrick's School, Britannia St Geelong West from 11am until 4pm. Everyone welcome! 
- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S CRAFT & CONVERSATION GROUP 2020:** Come along and make new friends, bring along your current craft project, and spend an hour or two enjoying pleasant conversation over a cuppa while your project grows. **The day of the week has changed** - we will now meet on the first and third Thursday afternoons of most months at 2pm-4.30pm. Any questions ph Debbie on 0409 416 945. **Dates:** Mar 5/19, Apr 2/16, May 7/21, June 4/18, July 2. After a small gap we will again meet on Aug 20, Sept 3/17, Oct 1/15, Nov 5/19 and Dec 3.

- FR MICK'S MATES -

Movie Night at **Life Style Village, Barton St Bell Park**
Wednesday March 25.



"JUST MERCY"
(Our final Fundraiser for Cancer Vic)



Two sessions - 3.45pm and 7pm, with finger food between sessions at 6pm.
Our price: \$20 per ticket with all proceeds going to Relay for Life.

For Bookings contact:

Margaret Haines... 0413 690 625

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.



Community News:

- Feb 24...** **BELMONT SENIORS CONCERT HALL** proudly presents, direct from Melbourne, **Margaret Dennis**, 1.30pm. Talented and versatile performer will deliver music and song to brighten your day. Entry \$10, aged care residents \$5. Afternoon tea provided.
- Mar 6...** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St at 11am. Theme: **Rise! Take your mat and walk!** prepared by the people of Zimbabwe. All welcome with light refreshments after the service. Further information ph Sue O'Donoghue 0429 784 331.
- Mar 16-19...** **THE GOSPELS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER RETREAT:** Fr Frank Moloney will lead this Retreat at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre. Cost \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation, etc.) Further information and registration phone Candy on 9752 2432, or email dbrclysterfield@gmail.com
- Mar 19...** **CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Featuring Dr Eamonn Mathieson, an Anaesthetist who will talk on "Medicine and the Culture of Life and Death". 7-9am, cost \$50 with group discounts available. Enquiries: michael.bohan@menalive.org.au
- Mar 21...** **YOUTH FESTIVAL:** Emmaus College, 503 Springvale Rd Vermont South, 10am-6pm. Cost \$20 (early bird) and featuring Fr Rob Galea, Justine Cumbo and J Sano. Register now at www.trybooking.com/BHLGB
- Mar 28...** **PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK GEELONG** invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare, including hand, shoulder and foot massage, Bowen and Myotherapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and a'noon tea. St Bernard's Church Foyer, Fryers Rd Belmont, 1-3.30pm. Free but donations welcome. Enquiries/bookings ph Rod 0410 471 005. **Please RSVP by Wed March 25 for catering purposes.**
- Apr 17-19...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (Melbourne):** Invest in your most precious asset, your marriage. Based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 7pm Fri - 5pm Sun with accommodation and all meals provided. Ph 0409 183 676, vicbookings@wwme.org.au

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: A client of "Lifeboat Geelong", which provides practical and pastoral support for victims of church-related sexual abuse, is seeking affordable accommodation in the Geelong region, eg a 'Granny flat', self contained bungalow or small one-bedroom unit. He is tidy, has a good rental payment record and good references. Further information ph Fr Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au

GEELONG ST PAT'S CUP (Saturday March 14) is still going 111 years since the first Cup was held in Geelong. The Club was created to support local Catholic schools prior to the schools' receiving government funding. This is your chance now to support the Club and watch the horses in the Cup at the track and in the All Star Mile via the Big Screen. Early Bird entry \$15, U/17 free. Kids entertainment with Kelly Sports and jumping castle, Fashions on the Field and 3-course meal from \$80. Includes race book and table for the day in air conditioned comfort. All welcome - Mystery Bet on each table. For special pricing offers ph Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913 or email geelongstpatraceclub@bigpond.com

PROJECT COMPASSION BEGINS 26 FEBRUARY 2020 - ASH WEDNESDAY:

Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways Caritas Australia works around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

- CATHOLIC COLLEGES OPEN DAYS -

Sacred Heart College Discovery Day 2020:

Discover life at Sacred Heart College. Tuesday March 17 explore the College from 4-7pm. Enrolment applications for Year 7 will close on Friday May 8.

Clonard College Open Day:

Friday March 13 with information sessions and tours 1pm-4.30pm. Enrolments for Year 7 close on Friday May 8. Pre-register online at www.clonard.catholic.edu.au

St Ignatius College Open Day:

Sunday March 22 from 11am to 2pm with information sessions 11am and 12.15pm. Tours of facilities, course information, presentations and exhibitions, plus meet our staff and students. Enrolments for Year 7 will close on Friday May 8.