



# 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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**HOMILY by Richard Leonard**

Hearing the story of Adam and Eve in today's first reading reminds me of the little boy who opened the large family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mummy, look what I found', the little boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

The Genesis story about the origins of sin in the world rewards very careful reading. The serpent promises Eve two things: that her eyes will be opened to know good from evil and that this will make her like God. Such a temptation was irresistible and nothing has changed.

Knowledge is a gift given us by God. I am always grateful for being a Catholic

because, along with other long-standing Christian denominations, we highly value scholarship, rational thought and inquiry. As anxious as the Church has sometimes been about scientific investigations, our best traditions are to see God revealed in human thoughts and scientific achievements that ennoble our human family. It is the application of knowledge, or the way it is abused, that can be harmful.

On the domestic front, many families have a 'know-it-all', the relative who has an extraordinary ability to retain facts and figures and who seems to gain a sense of self-worth by correcting us mid-sentence when we get a number, place or fact wrong. He or she can be very irritating. On the world stage we have seen how scientific knowledge can try and seduce us into believing that all scientific achievements are good no matter how unknown the consequences of these choices might be for future generations. Every new piece of knowledge brings with it wonderful potentialities and serious responsibilities.

As this story demonstrates, the temptation to know as much as God has never been more real than it is right now.

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. The scientists walk up to God and say, 'God we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost.'

God listened patiently and after the scientists were finished, said, 'Very well! How about this? Let's have a woman-and-man-making contest.' To which they agreed. However God added, 'How about we do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam?' The scientists said, 'Sure, no problem', and bent down and grabbed some dirt. God just looked at them and said, 'No, no, no. You go and get your own dirt!'

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## - First Sunday of Lent -

(Year A - March 1, 2020)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Be merciful, O Lord,  
for we have sinned.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

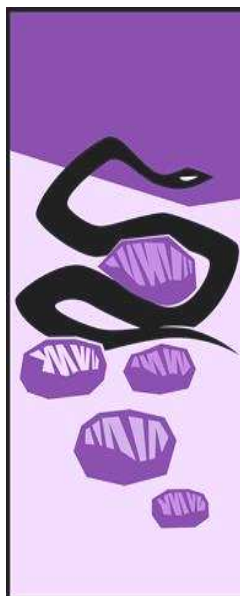
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gen 12:1-4  
2nd Reading: 2Tim 1:8-10  
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



**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:**

Romana Sinozic, Denis Sanders and Don Livio Bisinella

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Salvatore Rizzo, Danuta Augustyn, Ken Martin, Joan Booth, Antonio Bisinella and 1 year anniversary of Peter Brown and Maria Bisinella

### **BAPTISMS:**

Madison Clark, Reggie Buchanan, Wilkie Macleod, Caitlin & Jasmine James and Jett Rendell

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

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

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



## 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  
L. Fossey  
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 Morning Tea...	After the 9.30am Mass each Sunday
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 7.00pm 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](http://www.stmichaelsbellpark.org.au)**

## Liturgy at St Michael's:

- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S MINISTRY TRAINING DAY: Saturday March 14,** 1-4pm at the Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. An invitation to all current Readers, Commentators, Special Ministers and Projectionists to attend a refresher course in their ministry. Anyone who is not currently involved but would be interested in being part of these ministries is very welcome to attend.

## St Michael's News:

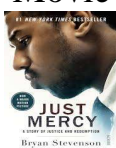
- ◆ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Tuesday March 10, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP:** We are very happy to report that over the past twelve months, St Michael's Parish Community, which includes our three Primary Schools, raised just over \$24,000. These funds will go to support Sr Kate at the Kuya Centre in Manila. Many thanks for your generosity and ongoing support.
- ◆ **SEEKING A KEYBOARD FOR Ss PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH:** If anyone in the parish community has a keyboard that they no longer use, and is suitable, we would love to take it off your hands. Please contact Bernadette at the parish office on 5278 1343.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: Monday March 2 at 6.30pm.** Come and enjoy a beautiful presentation of "Dragonfly Cards by Trina". Unique hand made cards for all occasions. See you all there!
- ◆ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold Branch of the CWL will be held on **Wednesday March 4,** 1.30pm in St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. All St Michael's parish ladies are most welcome. For transport please contact Tricia on 0431 512 354.
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** The Autumn edition of Australian Catholics is available for free today and includes articles on **Leading From the Heart - The Way of the Cross: Leading in Jesus' Footsteps.**
- ◆ **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.**

<b>For Bookings contact:</b>	<b>David Lunn... 0408 378 982</b>
	<b>Parish Office... 5278 1343</b>
	<b>Margaret Haines... 0413 690 625</b>



# Community News:

- 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](mailto:dbrclysterfield@gmail.com)
- Mar 19...** **CIRCLE OF MERCY 2020:** Mercy Story, Mercy Values - 8.30pm in the Celies Hospitality Centre (Aphrasia St entrance). Light refreshments provided afterwards. RSVP to Rita Chiavaroli by email [rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) or ph 5222 0467 by **Friday March 13.**
- 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](http://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.**
- April 5...** **THE GEELONG CHORALE - For the Joy of Singing the Classics 2020:** Sing with us! Dvorak Mass in D with Conductor Tom Healey, Accompanist Terry Norman. 2-5pm at St Luke's Uniting Church, cnr Barrabool & Scenic Rds Highton. \$20 - music and a'noon tea included. Bookings essential with Anne Pilgrim [pandapilgrim@gmail.com](mailto:pandapilgrim@gmail.com) or ph 0412 524 316.
- 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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

**GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, interesting guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends. We are open to members of all faiths. Appetisers begin 6.15pm on **Tuesday March 10**, followed by a delicious meal for only \$33/person. We meet at **Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St Geelong West**. Guest speaker this month - Bob Marmion, ex-policeman and with a major in history. For more information and reservations, please phone or text **Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584 by Friday March 6**, the deadline for catering purposes.

**GEELONG ST PATRICK'S RACING CLUB** began by providing funding to the Catholic schools prior to government funding becoming available. Now is the time to support your local race club - the smallest of the professional country racing clubs. The Cup will be held on **Saturday March 14**, entry \$15 Early Bird, Children U/17 free. Events include Kelly Sports, face painting, Fashions on the Field, bet365 Cup and the All Star Mile will feature on the big screen. If your community/parish group can bring min 50 people to the races, you will receive entry tickets and large furnished marquee for \$12pp - BYO food or buy from St Margaret's BBQ on course; drinks at bar prices. Dining packages available - ph Catherine Moon 0409 007 913 or email [geelongstpatraceclub@bigpond.com](mailto:geelongstpatraceclub@bigpond.com) or visit the website: <https://country.racing.com/geelong-stpats> for tickets - discounts for Pensioners.

## - PROJECT COMPASSION -

*"The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship"*

- Pope John Paul II

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage.



Manide woman, Shirley, faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school.

With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

## - 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](http://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.

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Today's Gospel is about knowledge too. Satan knows who Jesus is. His temptations are an attempt to get Jesus to betray his humanity and not endure the limitations of his daily life. Jesus knows that the only way to be true to his divinity is allow us to see it shine in and through

his human life. The rejection of the temptation to compromise his frail human frame gives us the hope that we, too, can glimpse the power of God's greatness in every moment we reject the desire to be directors of our own destiny and to see good triumph over evil in the choices we make.

It's a relief to know we don't have to be God!

May this Lent see us do what we are created for: to use all our knowledge to praise, reverence and serve the Loving One who willed us into being.