



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

Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy. Who can blame the young children, then, who wrote down the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament?

'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first

hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us on our Lenten journey.

Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the

world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

Just when some of us think Lent is a grim season of self-denial, the Church gives us the story of Jesus' Transfiguration to put our sacrifices in context. The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and purpose for this world and the next. /Cont'd P4...

- Second Sunday of Lent -

(Year A - March 8, 2020)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ex 17:3-7
2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel: Jn 4:5-42



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. **Reconciliation after Friday Mass each week.**

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:

Mar 16-30: Hoare family, 22 Sycamore St; **April 1-13:** Hennessy family, 4 Hennessy Ave

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:

Don Livio Bisinella (Italy), Livio Fantini and Brett Edwick

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe Trinder, Des Beach, Vjekoslav Iskra, Giuseppe & Nella Bellofiore, William Dempsey, Bessie & Jack Keppel, Margaret Bourke, Tom Lancaster and 1 year anniversary of Maria Gulli

BAPTISMS:

Olivia Aitken, Gabriel Davis, Teddy Hintum, Georgie Muscat, Denver O'Toole and Alice Pigott

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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



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

(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 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:

- ◆ **CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE AT ST MICHAEL'S PARISH:** *Please note, there will no longer be a Saturday morning Mass at 9am on the first Saturday of the month at Holy Spirit Church. Confession will be available after the 11am Mass and Adoration every Friday.*
- ◆ **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. Please RSVP the Parish Office by **March 11** on 5278 1343 .
- ◆ **HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Washing of the Feet:** *An invitation goes out to all St Michael's parishioners who would like to have their feet washed at the 7.30pm Mass at Holy Spirit Church on April 9. Please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you are interested.*

St Michael's News:

- ◆ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Tuesday March 10, 7pm at the Parish Community Centre.
- ◆ **CHANGES AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH:** You may have noticed the security fence around Holy Spirit hall. At last it means that progress is being made on the proposed Childcare Centre and new Hall on the site. Temporary toilets are behind the Church, accessed through the gate on the Narmbool St side. We will keep everyone up to date on developments.
- ◆ **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 VINCENT DE PAUL BELL PARK** is in urgent need of a Treasurer. If you have bookkeeping experience, and can spare an hour or so each week - we need your assistance. No visits required and work can be done from home. Please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you are interested.
- ◆ **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! 
- ◆ **FR MICK'S MATES MOVIE NIGHT:** Wednesday March 25 at Lifestyle Village, Barton St Bell Park. "Just Mercy" (our final fundraiser for Cancer Vic). Two sessions - 3.45 and 7pm with finger food between sessions at 6pm. \$20/ticket with all proceeds going to Relay for Life. For bookings contact: David Lunn 0408 378 982, Margaret Haines 0413 690 625 or Parish Office 5278 1343.
- ◆ **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.

Community News:

- Mar 14...** **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG:** Prayer and Sharing for people with disability and families and carers. All invited to the next gathering 1.30-4pm, incl a'noon tea at St Mary's Hall, upstairs, 150 Yarra St. RSVP queries ph Tricia O'Keefe on 0414 672 267.
- Mar 14...** **TRASH AND TREASURE BONANZA:** Rice Village from 9am to 2pm. All are welcome to enjoy lots of fun, delicious food, search goodies for yourself or for gifts, and try your luck. Funds will go towards the purchase of a Wheel Chair Accessible Bus for residents to enjoy outings. Mercy Place Rice Village - Marshalltown Rd Marshall.
- 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 Chiavarioli by email 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
- Mar 28...** **ASHES TO EASTER:** Concert-Reflection with Peter Kearney and Anna Demetriou - a prayerful sequence of songs and stories on Lenten and Easter themes at 11am St Thomas Church, 27 Peninsula Dve Drysdale. Gold coin donation. The concert program is mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy it.
- 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.**

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 geelongstpatsraceclub@bigpond.com or visit the website: <https://country.racing.com/geelong-stpats> for tickets - discounts for Pensioners.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE HERITAGE FESTIVAL: All are warmly invited to attend SHC's inaugural Heritage Festival, featuring an Antiques Sideshow, on **Sunday 5 April from 10am - 4pm**. There will be many exciting attractions on the day, including antique valuations by Leonard Joel experts, family tree workshops, an antiques and vintage wares market, heritage talks and expert presentations, recitals and expert talks in our Chapel; a vintage car display and a Village Green with live musical entertainment, and an array of food vans. Entry is free and object valuations are \$5 per item. Please RSVP via www.trybooking.com/BIOJV. You can also use this link to register your object/s for valuation.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY: You are invited to join us in a 24 week study of the Bible - all you need is a Bible (Catholic edition), the Study workbook (\$60) and 1.3/4 hours. St Francis Xavier Corio on Wednesdays 7.15pm-9pm commencing 25 March to 2nd September. To register and purchase the study book or more information, ph 5275 4120 9am-2pm by **16 March**. Limited places available.

- PROJECT COMPASSION -

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

- Pope John Paul II

27 year-old Phany lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a rice farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city.

Then in 2016 Phany joined a Caritas supported program, learning more productive farming and irrigation techniques. Her community learned to work together for better water management, to combat drought.



With your help, mothers like Phany can continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. A brighter future for women, men and their families can start today. Let's go further, Together.

- 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.

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The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world. In this context anything we can do this Lent that

helps remove the blocks in our full response to his love, must be worth effort.

