



Pastoral Cluster

Incorporating the Parishes of Holy Family Bell Park, Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West & Holy Spirit Manifold Hts.

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Reflection... (by Richard Leonard SJ)



One recent and alarming development is the false thinking that we cannot judge other people, or that we should not be judged. The wider community regularly maintains that no one is in a position to judge another's behaviour or statements. This approach holds that everyone's words and actions are of equal value. This position is many things, but it's certainly not Christian, but this hasn't stopped it from finding a home amongst us. We regularly hear statements from Christian men and women like, 'We're not in a position to judge' or 'You can't judge them' and 'If it's fine for them, then it's fine'. This thinking has a name. It's called moral relativism and it tries to claim that the morality of behaviour is only determined by the person who does the act, or the context within which the action is taken.

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that a context is very important in trying to work out if someone is to blame for what they say and do, but that a person's particular circumstances never change the fact that the words or actions are in themselves wrong. We hold that while all human beings have equal value and dignity, we do not believe that everyone's opinion and actions are of equal worth. We believe that 'right judgment' is a gift of the Holy Spirit and that it's best exercised with humility and compassion.

When I hear people say I should not judge others, I assume they are telling me that I should not condemn other people. There is a world of difference between judging and condemning. To judge is to make an assessment. To condemn is to damn. As Christians we judge because we have to keep discerning how the things of the world can be reconciled with the things we hold to be true. Condemnation is the prerogative of God alone, who sees all, knows all and loves all. In today's Gospel, however, John tells us that even God has forfeited the right to condemn the world, but has sent Jesus to be the world's light, life, truth and saviour.

The Gospel reminds us that if we feel condemned for what we have done and said, then it's because we have condemned ourselves, not because God condemns us. John tells us that even when we find ourselves lost in the darkness of our most destructive behaviour, the saving love of Christ is always available to us, inviting us to come out of the darkness into his light.

What a great metaphor the light and dark is for making the best judgments in our own lives. Alarm bells should always ring when we find ourselves not wanting anyone else to know what we have said or done. Secrecy is often the ally of sin and the more open and transparent we are, the more confident we can be that we are walking as children of the light.

May this Lenten Eucharist enable us to let go of the desire to condemn others and ourselves, and to receive again the compassionate, just and humble gift of right judgment that helps us to see the darkness for what it is, and keeps us walking in the light of Christ.

- Fourth Sunday in Lent -

(Year B - March 22, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jer 31:31-34
2nd Reading: Heb 5:7-9
Gospel: Jn 12:20-33



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.

The Pastoral Cluster at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am (Sunday)

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

6.00pm Sat

11am - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Sat

11am - 2nd and 4th Sundays

9.30am - Italian Mass at St Patrick's

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd Sunday)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family: 9.15am Tues, 9.15am Thurs

Holy Spirit: 9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

Grace McKellar Centre: 10.15am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Tues;

Maryville Nursing Home: 11.15am Wed;

Multicultural Centre: 1.30pm - 1st Fri

Vincentian Village: 3.00pm - Mon

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

Holy Spirit Church

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:

If anyone would like to have our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help Tina Montalto, ph 5278 9314.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

BAPTISMS:

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bernie Dalton, Mary Flomo, Keith Pollard, Kathleen Lewis, Mary Larmah, Wendy Commons

When you have recovered from illness, please phone the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009.

(5th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 1)

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F Chrimes, J Bartolo

U Guardiano, K McArthur

L Sells, K McArthur

H Thornton, E Di Domenico, P Lee

6.00PM

Sr Scibberas

J O'Neill

J Hudson & D Boyle

C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

5.00PM

C O'Brien

A Henderson

R Walker, N Neeld, Dean Dougherty

A Henderson

9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor, T McMahon

R&R Zanardo, D Farrar, G&P Carmody

M&E Hoffman, L d'Aprile

Sr Nirmalie, A Gstalter

11.00AM

M Shilling

M Gurrie

V Trinder

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

11.00AM

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- Holy Family BBQ lunch - third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon
- Holy Family Women's Group first Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.30pm
- Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon second Sunday of each month 12noon in the Small Hall
- St Vincent de Paul - Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre, 7.30pm
Ss Peter & Paul's meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays 2pm in the Small Hall
Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
- Baptism Preps - 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
- Children's Liturgy - Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)
Holy Spirit - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am Mass (during school term)
Ss Peter & Paul's - 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11.00am Mass (during school term)
- Playgroup - Holy Spirit Hall - Monday 9.30am - 11.30am
- Manifold CWL - Holy Spirit Hall - First Tuesdays in the month
- Italian Mass at Holy Spirit Church (until further notice) - First Thursday of the month
- Geelong Stroke Support group for survivors, partners, carers & families meet in the Parish Hall - April 7 - 11am, Hot Cross Bun Day.
May 5 - 11am, Guest Speaker Fiona McKinnon. Ph John 5278 7048

Cluster News:

AN INVITATION TO ALL KNOWN CATHOLICS TO OUR EASTER CELEBRATIONS:

As part of our outreach to all known Catholics, Fr Mick and I are inviting them to attend our Easter Ceremonies. To ensure this is an effective outreach, ***we would like you to distribute the envelopes in your own street and surrounds.*** The letters are at the back of the Church today and are bundled according to streets.

Many thanks to Katharine Shelley who has done a great job in making the invitations look very professional and welcoming. Also thanks to Helen Brislane who has overseen the organisation for distribution and the many kind hearted helpers who attended last Thursday night to assist. A big task was completed in just on one and half hours.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Last Sunday, March 1, the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Presentation of Baptised Candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church was celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Archbishop Hart presided and it was great to see so many present at the Cathedral. The next step for our candidates, **Brent Forrest** and **Jessica Giampaolo** in their journey to join the Catholic Church at Easter are the **SCRUTINIES** to be celebrated at 9.30am Mass on Sundays March 15, 22 and 29.

The **SCRUTINIES** are rites for self-searching and repentance. The Scrutinies are meant to -

1. Uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of our candidates;
2. To bring out then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the candidates from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation and to give them power in Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. As the Christian life is always one of ongoing conversion, the Scrutinies also apply to all of us. Hence the Intercessions of the Prayer of the Faithful used for the Scrutinies will be prayed at all the Sunday Masses in the Cluster.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: April-July envelopes are now in the Church. Please note: They are **ALPHABETICAL BY STREET**, regardless of suburbs (used to be alphabetical by surname). It would be very helpful if you can deliver to others who live near you. If you would like to start contributing regularly through the Thanksgiving Program, please take a pink sheet from beside the envelopes. If you are 'catching up' for a few weeks, please put all money in ONE envelope. Thankyou.

CAR RAFFLE TICKETS: From the weekend of 7/8 March, tickets will be available for distribution of books of 10 tickets which you are requested to sell. *Please note that all proceeds from the sale of this raffle will go to support the Pastoral Cluster's \$9,000 commitment to the Philippines Partnership Project.*

BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN: The Pastoral Cluster is offering a Baptism Program for children who are already attending school. This is the first of the sacraments of initiation into the Church. If you would like your child to be baptised and are committed to helping them live out the Catholic faith, please contact Frank Kearney at the Pastoral Cluster Centre located at 147 Separation St Bell Park, or phone him on 5278 1343 on any Mon, Tues or Wed between 8.30am and 5.00pm. The program will begin in the first week of Term 2 (**Tues Apr 21**) and you need to be enrolled by Wed April 1.

PLEASE NOTE: On every Tuesday the office will be closed from 12noon till 1pm for a staff meeting.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **PARKING IN SEPARATION STREET:** Please observe on Sundays the recently erected **NO PARKING** signs. Some parishioners have been fined, even on a Sunday!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."
(John 3:16)*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we make some sacrifices for Him.

Ss Peter & Paul's:



ANNUAL IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL: Today, Sunday March 22 delivers St Patrick's Day entertainment for the whole family. From midday until 4pm, sample the rousing Irish music of **Donegal Express**, a pint or two, and our favourite Irish fare. Attractions include a variety of hot and cold treats including Paella, Desserts, Jams and Craft Stalls, Designer/Recycle clothes, Books, Toys, and our huge Silent Auction. Plenty of kids' entertainment! Admission is free, so join us at **St Patrick's Primary School, Britannia St Geelong West**, for another year's good 'craic'.



Community News:

Mar 28-Apr2... **PARISH MISSION AT ST BERNARD'S:** Theme - *All Are Welcome*. The mission is an invitation to all people to explore the life and words of Jesus of Nazareth and what this means for us to live as his followers. Facilitator - Fr Ray Sanchez CP, Director of the Passionist Family Groups. For details contact St Bernard's Office, 5243 2739.

April 2... **CHARITY GOLF DAY** run by the Southern Cross Golf Club with all proceeds to **St Vincent de Paul Society**. Shotgun start 12noon at RACV Torquay Golf Club. Contact Ray Chapman 5243 3305.

Mar 12/19/26/Apr2... **AMAZING GRACE:** Unshakable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances - Wesley Life Centre, 100 Yarra St Geelong, 7.30-9.00pm. Cost is \$45 or \$40 Concession, phone 5247 0128 for essential bookings.

SACRED ENCOUNTERS - A Festival of Music Traditions presented by **Music at the Basilica - 27,28,29 March** in four of Geelong's inner-city churches. A vibrant and new experience of Sacred Music from many expressions of Christianity - Welsh, Croatian, Anglican, Irish, Ukrainian, Lutheran, Australian, Catholic, African, Uniting Church and much more. Pick up a leaflet or call 5223 3554 for more details.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, 22 March



Care for God's creation has always been an important part of Christian tradition.

In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Ipau from South Kalimantan, Indonesia. Her Indigenous Meratus Dayak community has long struggled against the impacts of large scale forestry which causes damaging landslides and flooding. She is participating in a Caritas Australia supported advocacy program that supports vulnerable Indigenous communities to secure a just and sustainable future. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps Indigenous Indonesian communities protect their rights and forests for the benefit of us all.

Please collect your boxes from all Churches today.

*** Already in.

God doesn't call the
qualified,
He qualifies the
called.

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Read the Bible -
It will scare the hell
out of you!

Lectors	R Allum	C&J Taylor, T McMahon
Special Ministers	F Chrimes, J Bartolo	R&R Zanardo, D Farrar, G&P Carmody
Welcomers	U Guardiano, K McArthur	M&E Hoffman, L d'Aprile
Piety Stall	L Sells, K McArthur	Sr Nirmalie, A Gstalter
Flowers (Group)		
<u>HOLY SPIRIT:</u>	<u>6.00PM</u>	<u>11.00AM</u>
Commentators	Sr Scibberas	M Shilling
Lectors	J O'Neill	M Gurrie
Special Ministers	J Hudson & D Boyle	V Trinder
Welcomers	C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan	A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack
Projectionist	B Stocks	L Coles
<u>Ss PETER & PAUL'S:</u>	<u>5.00PM</u>	<u>11.00AM</u>
Commentators	C O'Brien	
Readers	A Henderson	
Special Ministers	R Walker, N Neeld, Dean Dougherty	
Welcomers		
Sacristan	A Henderson	
Projectionist		

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

<u>HOLY FAMILY</u>	<u>8.00AM</u>	<u>9.30AM</u>
Commentators	A Vanjek	J Mann
Lectors	F O'Neill	D Lunn, A Negro
Special Ministers	E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum	H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, P Carmody, M Baird
Welcomers	C Marcantonio, P Walsh	V Resciniti, G Cracco
Piety Stall	H Thornton	J Markov
Flowers (Group)		
<u>HOLY SPIRIT:</u>	<u>6.00PM</u>	<u>11.00AM</u>
Commentators	M Lacy	
Lectors	M Willett	
Special Ministers	B Murphy	
Welcomers	M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan	
Projectionist	B Stocks	
<u>Ss PETER & PAUL'S:</u>	<u>5.00PM</u>	<u>11.00AM</u>
Commentators	A Hubbard	M Foley
Readers	P Power	M Martin
Special Ministers	P Hubbard, N Neeld, A Henderson	E Strzelecki, A&L Fossey, P Pollard/M Burn, J Gailius
Welcomers	R&K Maddalena	M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey
Sacristan	N Neeld	P Pollard
Projectionist		T Martin

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

<u>HOLY FAMILY</u>	<u>8.00AM</u>	<u>9.30AM</u>
Commentators	K Saunders	L Lehpamer
Lectors	B Rainbow	H Verdnik, T McMahon, L Lehpamer
Special Ministers	A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh	C&J Taylor, G de Palma, Sr Concepta, E Glynn
Welcomers	R&L Allum	E Dalton, G Carmody
Piety Stall	A&L Vanjek	E Hoffman
Flowers (Group)		
<u>HOLY SPIRIT:</u>	<u>6.00PM</u>	<u>11.00AM</u>
Commentators	Sr J McGonigal	
Lectors	M Ercoli	G Brown
Special Ministers	G Wright	P Murfitt
Welcomers	C Horan, C Canny, V Logan	B Gorman, I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder
Projectionist	T Dunlop	T Cleary, D Brown
<u>Ss PETER & PAUL'S:</u>	<u>5.00PM</u>	<u>11.00AM</u>
Commentators	L Middleton	
Readers	M Gifford	
Special Ministers	K Maddalena, B Ditekun, M Sleeman	
Welcomers		
Sacristan	N Neeld	
Projectionist		

(4th Sunday of the Month)

<u>HOLY FAMILY</u>	<u>8.00AM</u>	<u>9.30AM</u>
Commentators	F O'Neill	M Lukesic
Lectors	L Kelly	M Lukesic, J Gdak, M Baird
Special Ministers	L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane	D Lunn, P McBride, R Zanardo, E Gdak, J McMahon
Welcomers	L&E Kelly	E Glynn, A Flomo
Piety Stall	V O'Malley	A Greco, Sr Nirmalie
Flowers (Group)		
<u>HOLY SPIRIT:</u>	<u>6.00PM</u>	<u>11.00AM</u>

GROUP NAME PHONE NO. DATES

1.

Hilary Thornton, Eggie Di Domenico, Pam Lee

16. 1.09

29. 8.08 20. 2.09

3.10.08 27. 3.09

7.11.08 1. 5.09

2.12.08 5. 6.09

2.

Maria Fatone, Giovanna Ricciardi, Maria Altieri

23. 1.09

5. 9.08 27. 2.09

10.10.08 3. 4.09

14.11.08 8. 5.09

19.12.08 12. 6.09

3.

Pat Walsh, Von Carmody

30. 1.09

6. 3.09

12. 9.08 10. 4.09

17.10.08 15. 5.09

21.11.08 19. 6.09

26.12.08

4.

Nelly Ingles, Maria Law, Veronica Seljak

2. 1.09

15. 8.08 6. 2.09

19. 9.08 13. 3.09

24.10.08 17. 4.09

28.11.08 22. 5.09

26. 6.09

5.

Nevenka Juraga, Marija Spiranovic

9. 1.09

22. 8.08 13. 2.09

26. 9.08 20. 3.09

31.10.08 24. 4.09

5.12.08 29. 5.09