



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)

Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard.

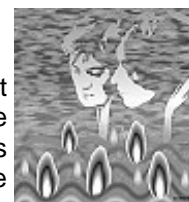
In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

When it comes to listening in the Church today, some people mistake mono for stereo, uniformity for unity. At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians had no such difficulty; they knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another.

The early Church was a very complex and diverse community. Like today they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world was nigh. Through it all, however, the bass notes played: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the Gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it compliments the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture which oppress, demean and diminish the women and men within it.

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- Pentecost Sunday -

(Year B - May 31, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Trinity Sunday

1st Reading: Deut 4:32-34, 39-49

2nd Reading: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20



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

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: May 25 - Cawthray family, Drysdale Ave. June 1 - Dunlop family, May St.

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: Carmel Finnigan, Steve Tabac, Fr Desmond Jenkins (former asst priest at Holy Family)

ANNIVERSARIES: William & Gertrude Paul, Leo Doof, Elisabetta Pitro, Keith French, Stan Sherwell, Francesco Bascetta

BAPTISMS: Audrey Finch, Marcus Bei, Jorja Mahoney (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Tom Cleary, Pat McMahon, Julie Wilby

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009.

(5th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 5)

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

8.00AM

A Vanjek

F O'Neill

E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

H Thornton

N Juraga, M Spiranovic

6.00PM

M Lacy

M Willett

B Murphy

M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan

B Stocks

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power

P Hubbard, N Neeld, A Henderson

R&K Maddalena

N Neeld

9.30AM

J Mann

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, P Carmody, M Baird

V Resciniti, G Cracco

J Markov

11.00AM

R O'Neill

G Brown

P Murfitt

B Gorman, I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

T Cleary, D Brown

Recurring Activities in the Cluster:

- Holy Family Casserole 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. 0-5 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5278 3558 or mob 0400 722 726
- Manifold CWL - Holy Spirit Hall - First Tuesdays in the month
- Italian Mass at St Patrick's Chapel - First Thursday of the month
- Geelong Stroke Support group for survivors, partners, carers & families meet in the Holy Spirit Hall - **May 12** - 11am, Guest Speaker Fiona McKinnon. **May 26** - 10.30am Bowling at Bowl-a-rama, Reynolds Rd Belmont. Ph John 5278 7048.
- Catholic Deanery Solo Group: Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.

Cluster News:

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS:

The three Catholic primary schools in the Cluster are now taking Prep enrolments for 2010. If you intend your child attending one of these schools, please contact the school in your parish for an appointment:

Holy Spirit 5229 8298, Holy Family 5278 4634, St Patrick's 5229 4412.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Pastoral Cluster congratulates Mons Les Tomlinson, the Vicar General, who has been appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. The Episcopal Ordination will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 17th June 2009 at 7.30pm. The Archbishop sends a warm invitation to all parishioners to this important occasion.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE:

Could the person with Envelope No 2033 please leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office? Thankyou - *Helen*.

FAITH FORMATION IN OUR SCHOOLS:

Next week at the following Masses - 5pm Saturday evening Ss Peter & Paul's, 6pm Saturday evening Holy Spirit, 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit - the children from the Parish Schools will be involved in these Masses as part of their Confirmation commitment. The focus of each of the Masses will be the Philippines Partnership. Each of the three parishes and three Parish Schools give \$3,000 per annum to assist Filipino families break out of the poverty cycle through the Cazama Grameen Bank project with the Columbans.

To further engage the school community in the Philippines Partnership, I have spoken to the Education Boards of Holy Family and Holy Spirit in recent times, and will do so at St Patrick's this Tuesday, about the Project. The parents have an interest and a desire to support the project and we are looking at concrete ways of better engaging the parents.

At the recent Parish Leadership Team meeting, one of the issues we are also looking to address is better Parish/School links. At the heart of that is to reaffirm that the Catholic School shares in the mission of the Catholic Church. Again, we are looking at different strategies on how to best achieve that mandate.

There will be a Unit Mass for Grade 5/6 children at Holy Family on Thursday May 28.

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In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early Church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's pre-eminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it, and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the market places of our own day and age.

Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **PLAYGROUP:** For 0-5yrs, Monday mornings 9.30-11.30am at Hol Spirit Church Hall, cnr Narmbool St and Bostock Ave. We involve creative play, craft activities, morning tea and outside play. Come and join us for a fun morning. Please call Rita 5278 3558, mob 0400 722 726.



Holy Family:

- ⇒ **FESTA DI SANT'ANTONIO:** You are invited to celebrate the Feast of St Anthony at St Patrick's Church, Britannia St, on **Sunday June 14**. Mass 11am followed by a procession in the school grounds. Refreshments, music and children's activities will be available all afternoon.



Community News:

- May 24...** **GEELONG COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA:** Anniversaries of Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn - 3pm at McAuley Hall, Costa Centre for the Performing Arts, Sacred Heart College, Aphrasia St. *Featuring Lisa Breen, Soprano, and Michael Byrne, Piano.* Admission \$15 Adult, \$10 Conc, \$5 Student u/12. Enquiries/tickets ph 5277 9062 or 0409 339 062.
- May 27...** **AN AUSTRALIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS?** or **'Do too many rights make a wrong?'** - An information session for leaders of Churches and all Christian organisations. Key speakers Fr Frank Brennan, Chair of the Human Rights Consultation, Prof Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor Aust Catholic University, and Bob Carr, former Premier of NSW. 2-4.30pm at The Chapel, Crossway Baptist Church, Vision Dve, Burwood East. Enquiries ph 9018 1782.
- May 29...** **CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY EXHIBITION OF PRISONERS' ART** - at Mary of the Cross Centre, 7 Brunswick St Fitzroy, 3-7pm. Entrance by gold coin donation, all welcome!
- May 31...** **FELLOWSHIP MEAL OF JEWS AND CATHOLICS:** Guest speakers Archbishop Denis Hart and Rabbi Yaakov Glasman. 7pm at Beth Weizmann Community Centre, 306 Hawthorn Rd Caulfield South. Tickets \$50 - all members of the Jewish and Catholic communities welcome. For bookings and more details please contact Stella Maris Parish, 49 Cloris Ave Beaumaris on 9589 2886, fax 9589 2871 or email jrdupuche@pacific.net.au
- " **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: A Breath of Life; a Celebration for Pentecost** - Miranda Brockman, Cello; Kenji Fujimurs - Piano; Rochelle Bryson - Violin. Works by Messiaen, Bridge, Beethoven - 4pm at St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St. Tickets at the door - \$18 full and \$15 Seniors, Concession and Full-time students.
- June 1...** **THEOLOGY @ THE PUB IS ON AGAIN IN JUNE!** Bishop Peter Elliott will be speaking on the topic *The New Age and the Occult*. Come along to meet other young Catholics, enjoy a drink and hear an interesting talk. Venue - Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St Fitzroy. 6.30 for a 7.30pm start. Age 18-35. Contact Penny on 0423 267 276 or email Penny on penny@theologyatthepub.com.au. Visit www.theologyatthepub.com.au for details of future events, etc.
- June 11...** **GEELONG CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:** Warmly invites you to a public forum 7.30pm at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St. Speaker - **Br Peter Bray**, Vice Chancellor Bethlehem University, Palestine. *"Education Under Occupation"* - Coping with the restrictions and oppression while living under occupation. All welcome!
- " **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH:** Chris Mackey will give a public lecture on *How to Sleep Better*, 7.30-8.45pm at the Geelong West Town Hall (Supper Room). All welcome!
- Sept 1-15...** **JOURNEY TO LOURDES:** Pilgrimage hosted in Paris (4 nights), Lourdes (7 nights) and Nevers by Geraldine Dillon, fully escorted by John Smyth of Belmore Travel, with a one night stopover at Singapore. \$7,695 share twin per person, inc fares, accommodation, breakfasts and transfers. Enquiries to John Smyth 9857 4555 or john@belmoretravel.com.au

CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (CLSS):

A renewal program which presents the central truths of the Gospel: God's love for man; the salvation he offers in Jesus Christ and his invitation to receive a full experience of the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Families for Christ (FFC) invites you all to attend a FREE seminar on May 23,24,30&31 from 1.30-5pm at St Francis Xavier Centre in 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio. Ph Roger and Adela 5275 0039 for more details.

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- INVITATION -

The parishioners of St Mary's invite you to join them in celebrating **Fr Kevin Dillon's 40th Anniversary of Ordination** with Mass in the Basilica on **Sunday May 31 at 2pm or Monday June 1 at 7.30pm.**

Both Masses will be followed by light refreshments in the upstairs room above the Parish Offices.

Everyone welcome!

An indication of numbers attending would be appreciated for the convenience of the Catering Committee.