



# 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 of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it. We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation.

We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity. Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they the preach.' (Cont'd p3)



## - Trinity Sunday -

(Year B - June 7, 2009.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blessed be God the Father and his only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit: for he has shown that he loves us.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### Corpus Christi

1st Reading: Ex 24:3-8

2nd Reading: Heb 9:11-15

Gospel: Mt 14:12-16,22-26



### 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: 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:**

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#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Eileen Doherty, Robert Salt, John Kennedy, Monique Kelly, Eileen Clarke, Richard McNair, Patricia Kerrin, Michelle Byrnes, Maria Mileto, Catherine Jones, Nikola Jovic, Fr Hugh McDonald RAN

#### **BAPTISMS:**

Amelia Hamilton, Benjamin Smith, Oakley Farrar, Sophia Pirrottina (HS)

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

Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Tom Cleary, Julie Wilby, Maria Posadowski

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

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009.**

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

#### **HOLY FAMILY**

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 2)

#### **8.00AM**

A Vanjek

F O'Neill

E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

H Thornton

M Fatone, G Ricciardi, M Altieri

#### **9.30AM**

J Mann

D Lunn, A Negro

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

V Resciniti, G Cracco

J Markov

#### **HOLY SPIRIT:**

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

#### **6.00PM**

M Lacy

M Willett

B Murphy

M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan

B Stocks

#### **11.00AM**

#### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S:**

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

#### **5.00PM**

A Hubbard

P Power

P Hubbard, N Neeld, A Henderson

R&K Maddalena

N Neeld

#### **11.00AM**

E Strzelecki

M Martin

E Strzelecki, A&L Fossey, P Pollard/M Burn, J Gailius

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

P Pollard

## **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.
- Catholic Deanery Solo Group: Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon: Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.

## **Cluster News:**

### **KEYS:**

In the last month we have upgraded the key and lock systems at Holy Family and Holy Spirit Churches. The purpose was to provide greater safety and better security. This action has prompted a realisation that to better comply with insurance requirements we need to have an updated key register. If you have key(s) to one of the Churches, could you please put your name and indicate which key(s) you hold on the clipboard at the back of the Church.

### **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.**

### **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE:**

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

### **COMBINED RAFFLE RESULTS:**

The net profit from our Raffle this year was \$2,460 for the Cluster parishes and \$1,000 for Holy Family Primary School. This profit will go towards our commitment towards the Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines. Special thanks to David Lunn, Louise Fossey and Stuart Robley, who were co-ordinators for their respective parishes. Well done! Your efforts are much appreciated. Thankyou.

### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:**

As this Monday is a Public Holiday, the Office will be closed. Please note also that there will be **NO Mass at Vincentian Village**.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The parishioners of the Pastoral Cluster congratulate Fr Kevin Dillon on his 40th Anniversary of Ordination. The celebrations last Sunday afternoon and Monday night were a real testimony to Fr Kevin's great contribution as a priest and as a man to so many people. We thank Fr Kevin for all that he has done in the past and we wish him every blessing for the future.

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Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

## Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **ST ANTHONY'S:** In the coming weeks you will see a sign "**Expressions of Interest Sought**" in front of St Anthony's School/Church. Over the last couple of years a variety of avenues for the use of the property have been sought. The most recent was a lease arrangement with Clonard College which is no longer operational. The only real option available to us is to put the property on the open market. There is a sadness in having to take this action, because St Anthony's School/Mass Centre has made a valuable contribution to the education of so many, as well as being a significant and vibrant faith community. The generosity of effort of the St Anthony's community is to be applauded and the legacy has been quite extraordinary. In that same spirit of generosity, the decision about the property will be to optimise its legacy for the parish of Holy Spirit and the local community.
- ⇒ **PLAYGROUP:** For 0-5yrs, Monday mornings 9.30-11.30am at Holy 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.
- ⇒ **MANIFOLD PARISH CWL:** **Blume's Fashion Show** will be held in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Bostock Ave on **Tues June 16** commencing at 2pm. \$5 entry includes a'noon tea. CWL members a plate please. Winter collection available to purchase on the day, cash or cheque. Fitting room available, all parishioners welcome to attend. For transport ph Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ⇒ **AD2000 A JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS OPINION:** June 09 copies now for sale at the SVDP Stall, price \$4. Included in this issue - *Promising Growth at Brisbane's Seminary; Cardinal Pell's Oxford University Interview; Foundation of Faith Series;* plus World News, Book Reviews, Letters.

## Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ⇒ **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. *La Confraternita' di Sant'Antonio Geelong vi invita alla Festa di Sant'Antonio: Domenica il 14 Giugno. Luogo: La Chiesa di Saint Patrick; Britannia St, alle ore 11am. Celebranti: Padre Massimo Vodola e Monsignor James Murray. Dopo la Santa Messa: Ci sara una Processione nel cortile della scuola. Ci sara servito un rinfresco, con bevande, panini e spuntini. Ci sara musica e divertimenti per bambini nel pomeriggio.*



**Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon:**  
Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.

## Community News:

- June 10... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 8pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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!
- June 13... **A TREAT FOR MUSIC LOVERS:** The next Concert in the Geelong Chamber Music Society's Subscription Series will feature the Freshwater Piano Trio performing trios by Haydn, Schubert and Ravel at McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College Newtown, at 7.30pm. Tickets \$35 Adults, \$30 Conc, \$10 Students from Helen Jordan 5243 6931 or GPAC 5225 1200. More information [www.gcms.org.au](http://www.gcms.org.au)

### FORMATION OF A CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP:

The Corio-Lara Parish is seeking to set up a Men's Group, which may be of a social, hobby or educational nature. At this stage, views and suggestions are invited on the best way to proceed. Any interested men in the Cluster Parishes are invited to contact Guy Limsowin 5282 1710, 0418 554 305 or Bill Geerts 5275 6082.

### IS THE CHURCH THERE TO SUPPORT THOSE WHOSE RELATIONSHIP HAS ENDED?

Of course. Just one means of support is Centacare Catholic Family Services **Tabor Journey Program**. This is a live-in weekend plus 3 more sessions. This program aims to help the separated, widowed or divorced with the recovery process - to heal the pain, to find peace and to move on to the future with hope. For information or an application form, phone 5221 7055 or click on [www.centacaremelbourne.org](http://www.centacaremelbourne.org)

