



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 Dianne Bergant CSA)

Paul insists that the love of Christ completely transforms us, mind and heart. No longer do we judge according to human standards. No longer do we meet injury with assault. No longer do we relegate people to the margins of society, or hoard the goods that others need to survive. Everything is changed in this new worldview. We understand ourselves and our world differently. Most importantly, we perceive God differently.

Job's new insights enlightened his understanding of creation, of the Creator, and of himself, a finite creature. Several of the disciples were seasoned fishermen. They knew that sea quite well. Living close to Jesus, they knew him too. Now they saw him in a different light. In both cases, faith opened their eyes. Like the disciples, we begin to realise that this man who shares in all of our human vulnerability is able to direct the power of the Creator.

We need eyes of faith to recognise the power of God at work in the events of our lives. Like Job, faith moves us from viewing God as a deity who is so distant from us that the circumstances of our lives appear to be irrelevant, to realising that everything is ultimately in God's hands and everything follows the course on which God has set it.

For our part, all we can or need do is entrust ourselves to this loving God who cares if even a sparrow falls to the ground.



- 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - June 21, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is the strength of his people. In him we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24

2nd Reading: 2Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mk 5:21-43

**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: Maria Wdowin, Maria Posadowski, Brian Logan

ANNIVERSARIES: Zlatko Lehpamer, Vjekoslav (Stan) Pogacic, Zjoko Miocic, Carmello Coppolino, Casiano Mangas, Rex Robinson Wiles, Fr Kevin Garry, Cornelia Blonk, Daniel Brady, John Cody, Daniel Brady, Jan Zygmunt.

BAPTISMS: Isabella Keay, Lachlan Sobiech, Ryan Lusetic (HF), Colby Young (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Tom Cleary, Julie Wilby, Brian Shaw, Lindsay Wood.

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009.

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 4)

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

V O'Malley

N Ingles, M Law, V Seljak

6.00PM

M Lacy

E Cotter

C McShanag

C Canny, M Brown, D McFarlane

T McShanag

5.00PM

D O'Brien

G Tolan

M Ackland, M Gifford, S Beamond

R&K Maddalena

N Neeld

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Lukesic, J Gdak, M Baird

D Lunn, P McBride, R Zanardo, E Gdak, J McMahon

E Glynn, A Flomo

A Greco, Sr Nirmalie

11.00AM

11.00AM

M Foley

M McGeady

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

P Pollard

R Zarb

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:

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.

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YOUR TAXES AT WORK:

In recent times we have been undertaking a number of construction works to improve the facilities of our three parishes. Work has been completed at Ss Peter & Paul's Hall for the restoration of the parapets, the roof and the painting of the exterior of the Hall; at Holy Family there has been the re-surfacing of the drive in front of the Church - some more work needs to be done there; at Holy Spirit we are beginning the process of clearing the tennis courts and replacing it with a grassed area. Also there has been an upgrade of the locks at the various Churches to improve security and safety for you.

Your generosity over the last couple of years has enabled these building projects to be undertaken. The hope is this will ensure that our parish facilities are well maintained into the future. Further works include some much needed restoration work at Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery and exterior works around the Pastoral Cluster Office.

- Fr Gerard

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:

This Sunday at all the Masses there will be a special collection (the second collection) to support the good work of the St Vincent de Paul in our community. We can only imagine on these cold winter nights, what it must be like to be homeless and hungry. But there are many people in our own area who are experiencing such deprivations at this time, especially in light of the economic downturn. St Vincent de Paul, through its various programs and visitations, are making a valuable contribution to address these problems. The philosophy of the St Vincent de Paul is a "Hand-up, not a hand-out". Your generous support for St Vincent de Paul would be much appreciated. I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the members of our St Vincent de Paul Conference and the Young Vinnies in Geelong for the great work they do. -Fr Gerard

CONGRATULATIONS:

On behalf of the Pastoral Cluster, I extend congratulations to Bishop Christopher Prowse, our Regional Bishop, who has been appointed the Bishop of Sale.

On Friday July 10 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, there will be a Mass to give thanks for Bishop Prowse's contribution to the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

GRANDPARENTS MASS:

At 11am Mass at Holy Spirit, the Grade 1/2 children will be in attendance with the focus of the Mass to honour Grandparents.

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.
- ⇒ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** A collection for the annual Winter Appeal for the Society's help to the needy and underprivileged will be taken up at all Masses on June 20/21. Your support is gratefully appreciated.
- ⇒ **HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL MAJOR RAFFLE:** Tickets will be available after the 11am Mass with six fabulous prizes to be won. The major prize is a flat screen 106cm television. Tickets \$1 each, thank you for your support.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **FAREWELL AND THANKYOU:** Annie Flomo (who recently married Ben Clay at Holy Family Parish) is leaving on June 30 to live in Adelaide with Ben and her family. She would like to sincerely thank Fr Gerard, Fr Mick, the Holy Family Women's Group and all her friends in the community, for their love and support during her time in Bell Park.



Community News:

- June 20... **MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP FEAST:** You are all welcome and invited to join us to celebrate our first annual feast of our patron saint, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio, from 4.30pm with Rosary, procession, Novena followed by 5pm Mass. Please bring a plate to share afterwards. Come along and bring your family and friends.
- June 21... **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** At 3pm Jennifer Chou, organ and Joseph Yu, trombone, will perform Wagenseil, Bach, Liszt, Ampt, Guilman, Mendelssohn, Boely, Sixten, Arban and Boden. Tickets at the door - \$18 full/seniors, \$15 concession/student. Warm delights for a'noon tea. Information ph 5223 3554, email music.basilica@bigpond.com or www.musicatthebasilica.org.au
- July 6... **THEOLOGY AT THE PUB:** Steve Lawrence will speak on *World Youth Day: One Year On*. Steve is a former AFL footballer and was the Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis at World Youth Day in Sydney. Venue - Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St Fitzroy, 7.30pm. Age 18-35. Ph Penny on 0423 267 276 or penny@theologyatthepub.com.au
- July 18... **'GOOD MORNING GOOD PEOPLE':** A unique concert which weaves song, music and narration to tell the life of St Francis of Assisi. Presented by Peter Kearney and hosted by the Grovedale Catholic Parish, 7pm at the Nazareth Parish Centre, Griffith St Grovedale. Donations welcome after concert. Tea/coffee at interval with Peter's CDs and music available. For more information google 'Peter Kearney Songwriter'.
- July 26... **'SOUL FRIENDS 2' BENEFIT CONCERT** for Anam Cara House, 3pm at St Mary's Basilica. Featuring choirs from Geelong Youth Choir, Christian College, Geelong College, St Mary's Junior and St Joseph's College Vocal Ensemble. Peter Roberts harp, Tim McCallum vocal and John Stubbings MC. Tickets at the door - \$20/\$15 Concession.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 ANNIVERSARY MONTH:

Join other young people around the Archdiocese and celebrate the one-year anniversary of World Youth Day 2008. Catch up with fellow pilgrims and enjoy a special performance by international musician Matt Maher on July 5, Catechesis in the Cathedral with Fr Chris Ryan MGL on July 19 and an Evening of Prayer at St Francis with Bishop Prowse on 22 July. For more information contact the Archdiocesan Office for Youth on 9412 8408 or visit www.aoy.org.au

PREGNANCY HELP GEELING INC:

Free pregnancy testing; caring, confidential counselling; post abortion support; sexual health and relationship education programs. All donations are tax deductible.

We provide hope and support through our crisis pregnancy counselling and challenge adolescents to make healthy lifestyle choices through our value based school programs: *Choices Decisions Outcomes*, *Flirting with Danger* and *T.O.P. Decision?* We are looking for people who have a heart to reach out and make a difference. Are you compassionate, understanding, reliable and willing to learn and grow? Become a part of the dynamic friendly team at Pregnancy Help Geelong Inc. You will find this work rewarding, fulfilling and fun. Excellent training provided with remuneration for your time. For further information please contact 5223 2425 freecall 1800 440 540, PO Box 66, 17 Adams Place, Geelong 3220. phgee@bigpond.net.au www.phg.org.au

WHAT'S NEW AT 'WING AND A PRAYER':

Look no further, we stock a comprehensive range of great ideas for Communion and Confirmation - call in, your one stop shop - cards, pens, handmade Crosses from El Salvador, books, laser cubes, necklaces, medals, just to name a few. Reconciliation cards also available. **Book of the Week:** *'Seeking Life: The Baptismal Invitation of the Rule of St Benedict'* by Esther de Wall, price \$27.95. *Through St Benedict, Esther shows us the clues we need to both understand and live by the vows made at our Baptism, and how to live when reborn of 'water and the spirit and choosing the road that leads to life'.*