



# 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)

If ever we needed convincing just how fickle a home town crowd can be, all we have to do is recall what happened around the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Only two weeks before she died, London papers sold out with headlines which read, 'Diana, say No to Dodi', or 'Soap-opera queen flees England to be with Muslim lover', and 'Diana: a national disgrace'. We were told that Diana was mentally ill, spoilt and a scheming temptress. The death of a 36-year-old mother of two is always an immense tragedy. But who could have predicted that we could change our minds, literally over one Paris night, and come to see that Diana was in fact the 'queen of hearts' and a modern icon. How could we have missed that two weeks earlier?

What happened to the memory of Diana is not far from what happened to the memory of Jesus in the earliest Church. In today's wonderful reading from Mark's Gospel we would expect to find Jesus' home town accepting and welcoming him with open arms. Jesus' ability to teach so well, his wisdom, and deeds of power, however, cause so much offence that the hometown crowd turn on him because he claims too much for himself. Jesus, literally, gets the hell out of there.

The Gospel of Mark, written at the beginning of the persecution of the Christians, finds great consolation in these stories of Jesus' suffering and rejection. And is it any wonder? The first generation of Christians were being expelled from the synagogue and, no doubt, many of them were experiencing similar rejection from their families and friends. Maybe some of them had to leave town as well. In this context their fate was an identification with that of Jesus. It gave meaning and direction to their plight. It gave them hope. The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having Christian faith these days can see us derided as fools or pushed out of certain circles. In this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that has always sustained the Christian community.

On a more worrying level, however, as a community we can run the risk of acting like the residents of Nazareth. No matter how much wisdom, authority or goodness some people demonstrate in our Christian community, it seems some people are told they are not acceptable, we take offence at them and drive them away. Some Catholics have simply walked away from us because our community disbelieves that Christ's gifts can be manifest through them as well. Nazareth did not value what was in its midst because it thought it knew better. This Sunday Jesus reminds us that it's never too late to stop our disbelieving. (Cont'd P4)



## - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - July 5, 2009.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your temple we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-14

Gospel: Mk 6:7-13



### 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:

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:** Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Tom Cleary, Julie Wilby, Brian Shaw, Ted Glab, Leonie Critchley, Jim Travis, Patricia McGuinness

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

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009.**

(2nd 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

A Vanjek

F O'Neill

E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

H Thornton

H Thornton, E Di Domenico, P Lee

### 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

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E Strzelecki

M Martin

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

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

P Pollard

T Martin

## **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:**

We are in urgent need of warm clothing, good clean mattresses, blankets, doonas, bedding and pillows during these cold winter months. Our welfare calls in Geelong have doubled. Please leave at 162 Fyans St South Geelong or phone 5229 0911 for furniture pick-up. We are always looking for volunteers, both men and women, for our five shops and in particular to work in our sorting room at 162 Fyans St South Geelong. Please phone Simon on 5229 0911 if you can help.

***The three SVDP Conferences of the Pastoral Cluster would like to thank you kindly for your generous support of their Winter Appeal - Holy Family \$719.70, Ss Peter & Paul's \$536.50 and Holy Spirit \$1,833.65***

**OUR SALVATION IS BOUND  
TOGETHER...**

***It's our mission, play your part.***

**Join with Catholic Mission this week to reach out around the world to those most in need, and give life. Today we remember missionaries working in communities in 160 countries who are bringing liberation from oppression. Partner with us and give monthly, for the sake of missionaries serving humanity. With your generous donation today, you can play your part in salvation. Thankyou!**

## 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.
- ⇒ **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:

- ⇒ **HOLY FAMILY FLOWER ROSTERS:** Ladies, please pick up your current roster in the foyer of the Church today.

## Community News:



- 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.
- Aug 14-16...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** We all do things to enhance our lives. Fitness programs and diets to improve our health, inservice programs to improve our job skills. An opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enriching your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. Anglesea 14-16 Aug and Lysterfield 18-20 Sept. Website [www.wmme.org.au](http://www.wmme.org.au) Bookings to Erika & Peter Smith 9899 0824 or email [vicbookings@wmme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wmme.org.au)
- Aug 16...** **ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 70th Anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage and Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. To register ph 9287 5579 or [cmf@melbourne.catholic.org.au](mailto:cmf@melbourne.catholic.org.au) Registrations close on **Friday August 7**. Group photo after Mass with commemorative certificates if registered.

### PREGNANCY HELP GEELONG 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](mailto:phgee@bigpond.net.au) [www.phg.org.au](http://www.phg.org.au)

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### - Thoughts on Giving

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...' (Ezekiel 2:2-3)*

God sends each of us to do some special work for Him. And he gives us all the talents that we need to do that work. However, do we listen to God when he calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our time to do the work God asks of us? This is the

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Today's Gospel also has a practical impact in our homes, where we don't get away with very much, and affirmation can be sparingly given. This can be taken to unhealthy extremes when parents and siblings speak highly of their spouse, children, brothers or sisters to everyone except to the person being praised. We are often so worried about a family member 'getting a big head' that they never hear from us the encouragement they deserve. As Christians we should look for opportunities to build up and praise those we know and love.

When Diana died it was a bit late for the world to decide she did worthwhile things. It was too late for Nazareth after it rejected Jesus as well. In Mark's Gospel he never returns there. But it's not too late for us. May it never be said that we despised wise people who have something to teach us, and that we dragged down those whose gifts and talents reflected the power of God.