



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... (by Richard Leonard SJ)

Many centuries ago the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was an uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews had to leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. Problem was that no one wanted to debate the Pope. The only volunteer was a poor, simple, old man named Moishe who opened the door to the synagogue each Friday night. Not being used to words Moishe asked for only one addition to the debate – that neither side be allowed to talk. The Pope agreed.



The day of the great debate came. Moishe and the Pope sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moishe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his hand in a circle around his head. Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moishe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.' Later, the Pope explained what happened: 'I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that we believe in the same one God. Then I waved my hand around my head to show that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was present right here. I pulled out the bread and wine to show that God has given us the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything. What could I do?'

Meanwhile, Moishe explained to the Jewish scholars how he won the unwinnable debate. 'Well', said Moishe, 'First he said that the Jews had three days to get out of Rome. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' 'And then what clinched the debate?' asked the Rabbi. 'I don't know', said Moishe. 'It was strange. He took out his lunch, and I took out mine!' Life always depends on how we read the signs!

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality. These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders. For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which reveals whether our wealth possesses us or not. (Cont'd P4)

- 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - July 12, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord;
when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the
hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 23:1-6
2nd Reading: Eph 2:13-18
Gospel: Mk 6:30-34



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: Pauline Higgins, Greg Van Slageran, Jean Allison

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Lusetic, Angelo Milocani, Martin Kenny, Mario Ruscito, Matteo Verderame, Dorothy Cushen, Leo O'Dwyer, Cosimo Nadile

BAPTISMS: Mia Zebic, Willow Gallagher (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Tom Cleary, Julie Wilby, Brian Shaw, Ted Glab, Leonie Critchley, Jim Travis, Patricia McGuinness, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Ambrose

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009.

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 2)

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh

R&L Allum

A&LVanjek

M Fatone, G Ricciardi, M Altieri

6.00PM

Sr J McGonigal

M Ercoli

G Wright

C Horan, C Canny, V Logan

T Dunlop

5.00PM

L Middleton

M Gifford

K Maddalena, B Ditkun, M Sleeman

N Neeld

9.30AM

L Lehpamer

H Verdnik, T McMahon, L Lehpamer

C&J Taylor, G de Palma, Sr Concepta, E Glynn

E Dalton, G Carmody

E Hoffman

11.00AM

G Brown

P Murfitt

B Gorman, I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

T Cleary, D Brown

11.00AM

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
- .. **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:

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Several people have indicated interest in enquiring about becoming Catholics. Each enquirer should have someone (a sponsor) to walk with them on this journey to help them fit into the faith community. This is an ideal opportunity for Catholics to reflect on their own faith and deepen it. **Weekly instruction will start in August.** Would anyone interested in being a sponsor for an enquirer please contact Fr Mick.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:

Envelopes are ready to collect. If you use envelopes to contribute weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually - there is a batch of envelopes to collect today. Envelopes are in street order. Please take any you can deliver to people close to you. Thankyou.

MASS OF ANOINTING AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEK:

This week at all our Masses there will be the opportunity for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. This Sacrament is an important part of the Church's ministry to those who are sick. This ministry is outlined in "The Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship", in the Pastoral Care of the Sick...

"When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body. When it follows the example of the Lord Jesus, who 'went about doing good and healing all' (Acts 10:38), the Church obeys his command to care for the sick (see Mark 16:18).

The Church shows this solicitude not only by visiting those who are in poor health but also by raising them up through the sacrament of anointing and by nourishing them with the Eucharist during their illness and when they are in danger of death. Finally, the Church offers prayers for the sick to commend them to God, especially in the last crisis of life."

RELAY FOR LIFE:

A note from the Deb Stringer, Director Community Relations and Fundraising...

*"I would like to formally recognise the outstanding fundraising efforts in Relay for Life during 2009 of **Fr Mick's Mates**. Thankyou for your very generous donation of \$10,050.65 and continuing support of the Cancer Council Victoria. As per your request, your donations have been credited to the **Fr Mick's Mates Research Award** for 2009. This will continue to help fund the work of Dr Richard Pearson towards research into the causes and treatment of ovarian and other cancers in adults. Your award will be acknowledged in the 2009 Annual Review to be published in 2010."*

In the coming weeks, Fr Mick and I will be inviting you to be part of the Relay for Life Team to organise our fund- and friend-raising events for 2009/10.

Catholic Diners Club

This Club has been operating in Geelong for over 50 years, meeting on the second Tuesday of each month 6pm at Dromoland House. Usually 60-80 people, mostly retired, enjoy a night out together with 3-course meals and interesting guest speakers for under \$30. You might be interested in this Catholic activity, if so phone either President Terry on 5221 7339 or Secretary Patti on

OUR SALVATION IS BOUND TOGETHER...

It's our mission, play your part.

Your generous donation has helped ease the burden of missionaries and brought life to faith communities around the world.

Thankyou for joining with Catholic Mission and playing your part in the mission of salvation for all.

Please consider partnering with us as a regular monthly donor for the sake of those most in need.

Call 1800 257 296 for more information.

Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **MANIFOLD CWL: Communion Mass and Luncheon**, Pumphouse Hotel Melbourne, Tuesday July 28 at 11.30am. Cost \$25, booking and payment required now. **General Conference** at the Commercial Club, Albury, on August 19/20. Payment to be made by July 31. For information ph Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **AD2000 A JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS OPINION**: July copies now for sale at the SVDP Stall, price \$4. Included in this issue - *Catholic Come Home; Galileo: Hero or Heretic; Sydney Ordinations - wider significance*; plus World News, Book Reviews, Letters.
- ⇒ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS**: Luncheon Wed July 15, 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave - cost \$7.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **HOLY FAMILY FLOWER ROSTERS**: Ladies, please pick up your current roster in the foyer of the Church today.
- ⇒ **LANDSCAPING**: You will notice that the grassed area in front of the Church has been removed and replaced with tarmac. In deciding what was best, a couple of objectives had to be "married". One was to provide more parking and the other to enhance the beauty in front of the Church. The new tarmac area will provide more parking and the remaining garden bed will be designed to mirror the box hedge and roses that border the Church. Many thanks to the people who have offered ideas and suggestions.



Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ⇒ **LUNCHEON AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S**: 12noon this Sunday. All welcome!
- ⇒ **SENIORS 'COOK & CHAT' COMMUNITY KITCHEN**: There is an opportunity for a couple of people to join the 'Cook and Chat' Community Kitchen running from the Church Hall on **Monday 13th July**. Please phone 5278 8122 if interested.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

- Thoughts on Giving

"Hew instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6-8)

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

Community News:

- July 16...** **PUBLIC LECTURE - WHERE TO NOW?** *Ways Forward for Interreligious Dialogue* with speaker Prof Thomas Michel SJ, 6.30pm at the Australian Catholic University, Central Hall, 20 Brunswick St Fitzroy. Fr Michel was appointed to the Asia Desk of the Vatican Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and in 1988 became Head of the Office for Islam in the same Vatican department.
- 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.wwme.org.au Bookings to Erika & Peter Smith 9899 0824 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

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.

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For Jesus, being 'a rock and an island' was not a sign of strength but one of fear and despair. A strong Christian is the one who rejoices in our dependence on each other, and is always grateful for the interconnectedness of life. For Jesus, making room for others, especially toward those in legitimate need and even when it makes a large claim on us, is a pre-eminent sign of his Kingdom.

The Christian life is about reading the signs of the times. May our Eucharistic signs of his presence amongst us, the bread and wine, change us today, to match it with the best in being simple in lifestyle, happily dependent and extravagantly hospitable with our time, talent and energy for the sake of the Kingdom of God.