



# 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)

It's hard to see what the disciples don't get when Jesus tells them in fairly plain language that because of the way he lives and what he says he will be put to death by the power barons of his day. The disciples seem to think the Passion is going to be an event out of *Boy's Own Annual*, where the ensuing campaign will see greatness thrust upon them. In this context, Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least.



This is a powerful lesson. Greatness in the world – power, connections, wealth, influence, reputation and learning – only counts for something in the Kingdom of God when put at the service of the most vulnerable of our society. Greed, riches and pride are so alluring, so seductive for us in the Church, as much as for those outside it, that we need to regularly examine our consciences to assess the motivations and results of what we are doing, and why we are doing it. When I read today's Gospel, however, I also feel sad. I cannot help but reflect on how unintentionally prophetic Mark was being in linking the prediction of Jesus' passion with the status of a child.

The safeguards now needed in response to the criminal and scandalous behaviour of a very few leaders in the Church, means that many bishops, priests, religious and teachers can no longer follow Jesus' example and take children in our arms. I fully understand why this is the case, but the fact that we have to be so careful about the care of our children and have strict protocols and legislation that covers such behaviour toward children is a necessary and, nonetheless, tragic moment. It's also a moment for us to remember the passion of those who have had to endure the trauma of destructive behaviour. As the Jews say of the Holocaust, 'to forget is to commit the same mistake again'. At its most basic level the latter part of today's Gospel reveals what we would expect of Jesus – he likes children and they like him.

It's amazing how a couple of pieces of information can sometimes change the way a scriptural story is read, and its importance for our lives today. We know from other documents of the same period as the New Testament that children in first century Palestine had no rights. (Cont'd P4)

### 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.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:

Lord our God,  
You guide Your people by the ministry of Priests.

Keep them faithful in obedient service to you, that by their life and ministry, they may bring you glory in Christ.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - September 20, 2009.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Num 11:25-29

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48



## The Pastoral Cluster at Prayer

### WEEKEND MASSES:

#### Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am (Sunday)

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd 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

### 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:** **Sept 21** - Dyson family, Sydenham Ave. **Sept 28** - Stocks family, Orr 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:**

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

#### **BAPTISMS:**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Tom Cleary, Brian Shaw, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Ambrose, Alan Mee, John Kennedy, Rita McDonald, Felix Capicchiano, Toni Siketa

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

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009.**

(4th 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**

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

V O'Malley

M Fatone, G Ricciardi, M Altieri

#### **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

E Gdak, J McMahon, P McBride

E Glynn, A Flomo

A Greco, Sr Nirmalie

#### **11.00AM**

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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
- . **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.
- . **Catholic Diners' Club:** Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Patti on 5229 9963
- . **Pastoral Cluster Community Kitchen:** Each Monday at Ss Peter & Paul's small hall starting at 10am. Contact Cath O'Reilly 5243 3341

## Cluster News:



### STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM:

Our Stewardship Program is rapidly approaching and we do need your help and support during this important time for the parish. Your stewardship of the parish over the next few months will determine to a large degree the type of parish we will be over the next few years. Will we be strong and viable or living hand to mouth? Please pray for - and actively support - the program.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:

This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled: *And You Will be my Witnesses*. During World Youth Day 2008, Australia saw thousands of young Christians inspired by the Holy Spirit. Yet many young people are marginalised, excluded and deprived of dignity. The Bishops recall the challenge of Pope Benedict - *What will you leave to the next generation? What difference will you make?* - and present it again to all Australians, young and old. For further details about the Catholic Bishops' Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.acsjc.org.au](http://www.acsjc.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.

This weekend, students from St Joseph's College, will make a short presentation on how they, as young people, actively support Social Justice in Australia and beyond.

### RELAY FOR LIFE - "FR MICK'S MATES"

The meeting will be held **Wednesday Sept 16, 7.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office**. The purpose of this meeting will be assist with the preparation for the social events leading up to the Relay for Life in March 2010.

### Sausage Sizzle dates:

**Sunday Oct 4...** Holy Family  
**Sunday Oct 11...** Ss Peter & Paul's  
**Sunday Oct 18...** Holy Spirit



### BAPTISM OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN PROGRAM:

The Pastoral Cluster, together with the Corio parish, offer a Baptism Program for school age children in this region. Earlier in the year the program was offered at the Pastoral Cluster and will now be offered again in Corio. Details of time and place are outlined below:

**Enrolment Mass Sunday Oct 18...** Corio 10.30am Mass

**Blessing Mass - Sunday Nov 1...** Corio 10.30am Mass

**Evening Workshops:** **Wed Nov 4 - 7pm** - Ron Lowe Room Parish House, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd

**Thurs Nov 5 - 7pm** Ron Lowe Room Parish House, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd

**Presentation and Welcome Mass: Sunday Nov 8 - 10.30am** Mass Corio

Parents interested in baptism for their children who are at school should contact Anna at St Francis Xavier Corio on 5275 4120 on Wednesday or Thursday between 9am and 3pm. **Parents must contact Anna before the Enrolment Mass on Sunday Oct 18.**

### COLUMBAN CALENDAR:

The 2010 Columban Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall. Buy one of the best religious calendars in the world and you will be helping our missionaries at the same time. This calendar also makes an excellent gift for family or friends.

## Holy Spirit:

⇒ THE MANIFOLD CWL IN CONJUNCTION WITH GEELONG SENIORS FESTIVAL will be holding a light luncheon from 12noon-2pm at the Holy Family Parish Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park on **Thurs Oct 1**. Come along and enjoy lunch with an interesting guest speaker in a warm, friendly atmosphere. A small donation would be appreciated.

## Community News:

- Oct 2... **MESSAGES OF LOVE:** A unique floating lantern ceremony raising funds for Barwon Health's Andrew Love Cancer Centre and Cancer Services, Geelong Conference Centre, Eastern Park. Support, celebrate, reflect on or remember the lives of those touched by cancer by purchasing a lantern for \$10 and writing your message of love on it. *Lanterns can be purchased at the event or prior to the evening and floated on your behalf.* To enquire, purchase a lantern, or confirm your attendance, please call the Barwon Health Foundation on 5260 3355.
- Oct 4... **CENTACARE'S INAUGURAL CONCERT IN THE CATHEDRAL:** 2.30-4.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place Melbourne. Tickets phone 9287 555 or [www.centacaremelbourne.org](http://www.centacaremelbourne.org) ranging in price from \$25 to \$65.
- Oct 7... **SENIORS FESTIVAL:** As part of the City of Greater Geelong's Seniors Festival, Kings Australia and Louise King Funerals proudly present Rebecca Hay, Geelong's 'Voice of an Angel' with Melodies by Gershwin. To be held at Lyndon Grove, 131 Surfcoast Hwy Grovedale, 3pm. Bookings preferred - contact Tricia 5222 3688 or email [tricia@kingsaustralia.com.au](mailto:tricia@kingsaustralia.com.au)
- Oct 18... **SENIORS FESTIVAL:** As part of the City of Greater Geelong's Seniors Festival, Kings Australia and Louise King Funerals proudly present Geelong's Tim McCallum and Rebecca Hay in Harmony-Peace-Spirit-Grace at St Mary's Basilica, 3pm. Tickets \$10 from Kings Administrative Office, 25 Myers St and will be available at the door. A donation from the event will be made to Anam Cara House.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### - Thoughts on Giving

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."  
(Mark 9:35)*

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us through His words and through His life that we are called to serve one another. We can serve through our sacrifices of time, talent and treasure.

Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words 'sacer' = sacred and 'facere' = to make.

In other words, we make our lives holy by giving up some of our time, talent and treasure in the service of God and His Church.

## A MESSAGE OF HOPE - *Understanding the Acts of the Apostles in Today's Culture*

St Mary of the Angels Parish Geelong, is hosting a Regional Formation Program on behalf of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come along and be educated, entertained, encouraged and enlivened!

**Dates:** Tuesdays 29 September - 27 October 2009

**Time:** 7.30pm - 9.15pm

**Venue:** Parish Centre, St Mary of the Angels Parish - Cnr Lt Myer & Yarra Sts Geelong

**Telephone:** 5222 1977

**Presenter:** Fr Chris Monaghan CP

**Cost:** The parish will cover all costs for this program. The individual fee would be \$60 or \$40 Conc.

**I commend especially those who have a role in the liturgical ministry to attend this program as part of your ongoing formation. Clipboards are in the back of each Church for sign-up. (Fr Gerard)**

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They were possessions of their fathers, and they could be bought and sold, exploited and even killed without any recourse to the religious or civil law.

One way in which a child was publicly claimed in this society was that only their immediate family could touch them. The story, then, of Jesus embracing the child in public was in itself a social challenge to accepted customs. But it's much more than that. In taking the children in his arms, Jesus declares that they are possessions of no one, but they belong to us all as gifts. In the family of God, children are accorded the dignity and respect we would give to God.

Today's Gospel tells us that those who deserve our attention and esteem are the ones who are the least, the most at risk or those who put their talents and gifts at their service by making the world a better place for them. Just as he did in the market place of Galilee when he took the children in his arms, Jesus has a habit of turning our world's values upside down.