



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)

Today's gospel makes me very pleased I'm a Catholic, and that we don't take the bible literally. Our Christian brothers and sisters who insist on the literal truth of the scriptures must have a tough time trying to avoid cutting off their hands and feet, plucking out their eyes and worrying about how hot hell is! I'm not sure about them, but I know my feet have taken me to places I wish I'd not gone, and when I got there my eyes saw things I wish I'd not seen. Still, in spite of the times I've let myself down, I am glad I'm still in one piece, and not all that worried about the worms and weather in hell!

As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and exaggeration to make his point. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes evil very seriously. He is always conscious of it around him and is aware that it comes from within us, and without us. Jesus teaches us today to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves.

Sinful behaviour often falls into two categories of human activity: habitual and compulsive. Habits are unusual things. There are good habits, like saying 'please' and 'thank you'. There are habits that can start out well-intentioned enough, but end up being obsessions, like caring for one's physical fitness. And there are habits that bring moments of relief or let us off the hook – like lying, dishonesty and stealing – but always end up being destructive. Compulsive behaviour, however, is of a very different order. Gambling, drinking, shopping, smoking, violence, work, sex, eating, drugs, pornography, money and the Internet are fairly common modern manifestations of compulsive behaviour. As heart-breaking as these addictions are, they are the presenting problems of deeper issues related to self-esteem, personal history and even genetic disposition.

One of the comments I've heard people make about their compulsive behaviour is, 'I found myself doing it again and I am not sure how or why'. No doubt there are some people who feel so lonely and get so depressed about their habitual or compulsive behaviour, they contemplate severing an arm, a leg or gouging an eye.

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- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - September 27, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did; because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth;
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Gen 2:18-24
2nd Reading: Heb 2:9-11
Gospel: Mk 10:2-16



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.

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 28** - Stocks family, Orr St; **Oct 5** - Baum family, Heytesbury 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, Jordan Willis, Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick (Fr Mick's brother)

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 3)

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F Chrimes, J Bartolo

U Guardiano, K McArthur

L Sells, K McArthur

P Walsh, V Carmody

6.00PM

Sr Scibberas

J O'Neill

J Hudson & D Boyle

C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

5.00PM

C O'Brien

A Henderson

R Walker, N Neeld, Dean Dougherty

A Henderson

9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor, T McMahon

G&P Carmody, M Baird

M&E Hoffman, L d'Aprile

Sr Nirmalie, A Gstalter

11.00AM

M Shilling

M Gurrie

V Trinder

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

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.
- . **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:

OFFICE CLOSURE DURING SCHOOL TERM HOLIDAYS:

During the school holidays the office will not be manned as normal. If no one is in the office, please leave a message on the answering machine. If you need a priest urgently please contact Fr Gerard on 0408 505 749.



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM:

Christian Stewardship is the realisation that everything that we have and everything that we are is a gift from God, held in trust by us, to be used to praise God and serve our neighbour and to be returned with increase to the Lord. We will examine our stewardship of time, talent and treasure and of the earth's resources - stewardship is a big call! Please get involved in the program and please pray for its success.

CALENDAR OF DATES AND EVENTS:

Oct 6...	Tuesday - Directions Meeting
Oct 17/18...	Saturday and Sunday - Stewardship Introduction Weekend ; <i>Parishioner Awareness</i>
Oct 22...	Thursday - Formation Meeting ; <i>Stewardship Program Organization and Structure</i>
Oct 24/25...	Saturday and Sunday - God's Call Weekend ; <i>(Parish Priest) Our Commissioning as Stewards</i>
Oct 29...	Thursday - Parish Stewardship Information Meeting ; <i>Parish Finances/Achievements/Plans/Call for Support</i>
Oct 31/Nov 1...	Saturday and Sunday - My Acceptance Weekend ; <i>Lay speaker on sharing time and talents</i>
Nov 5...	Thursday - Arrangements Meeting ; <i>Explaining home visiting/response weekend procedures</i>
Nov 7/8...	Saturday and Sunday - Our Response Weekend ; <i>(Visiting speaker) Our Practical Response</i>
Nov 10...	Tuesday - Distribution Meeting ; <i>Home visiting begins</i>
Nov 16...	Monday - First Card Report ; <i>Early report of Home Visits</i>
Nov 18...	Wednesday - Program Social Night ; <i>Final return of cards</i>
Nov 26...	Thursday - Wills Information
Nov 28/29...	Saturday and Sunday - New Commitment Begins



RELAY FOR LIFE - "FR MICK'S MATES" - Sausage Sizzle Dates:

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

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. For bookings or transport please contact Pat on 5278 2422, Jeanette 5278 2063 or Trish 5221 1986.

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 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

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

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

Our Lord's comment about the simple gesture of giving a drink of water is a reminder of how Jesus taught that we would all be judged at the end of time.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt 25:35)

Our service and sacrifice to our parish and the greater Church allows us to care for Jesus when He is hungry, thirsty, ill or in need.

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)*

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.**

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Jesus underlines that we have to stop our destructive behaviour and offers three pieces of practical advice so we can. Firstly, do whatever helps. For some people the most unusual solutions attend to the deeper issues and help us piece our lives back together. It doesn't matter whether others approve of it, or it's related to religious faith, for as long as it doesn't lead to other destructive behaviour then, 'whoever (or whatever) is not against us, is for us'.

Secondly, accept help. None of us can battle through life carrying all our burdens on our own. Steps four to six of Alcoholics Anonymous deal with sharing the exact nature of our burdens as a means to coming to terms with them. Our family and friends are not mind readers and we need to seek out wise counsel and follow it wisely. The help and support we receive could be like the cup of refreshing water Jesus tells us about today.

Finally, habitual and compulsive behaviour always has a pattern. St Ignatius Loyola taught in the sixteenth century that it was only when we regularly examined ourselves to see where, when, how and with whom we are most likely to walk away from God's love, that we can work out why we do it and change the pattern. And when we really know ourselves as we are, and not as we would like to be, we have the chance to choose life over death more often than not.