



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)

John Calvin, one of the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a means to salvation. 'If you keep the law, the law will keep you.' He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who. This was tough stuff!



Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behaviour was an indication of who belonged to those elected by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking, swearing or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the benchmarks of the elect. Within a few generations of Calvin's death, it is easy to see that the observance of the strict, Protestant, moral code had replaced the seven Sacraments as the way of being assured of heaven.

The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him. Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to live the best life we can, the fulfilment of any law, civil or moral, is a tyranny. We do not believe in a tyrannical God. We do believe, however, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle. He could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him. (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.

- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - October 11, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16
Gospel: Mk 10:35-45



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: Oct 12 - McMahon family, 24 Douglas St Manifold Hts. Oct 19 - Cleary family, Par 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: Luciano Krsul, Franc Pavlovic, Nada Benasic, Mary Lila Matheson, Dragica Werzak, Gregory Thompson, Gino Tedeschi

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincenza (Enza) Catone, Hal Hancock, Eugenio Bifano, Albert Piccirilli, Harry & Anne Wallace, Margaret & Bernard Murray, Monica Monaghan, Joseph Gillett Snr, Francis, Mary & Leo Glynn, Joseph & Marja Wasik, Stan, Stefan, Joe and their families who died in World War II, Jack Bohan, Josephine Tobolov, Len Callander

BAPTISMS: Eden Hobbs, Clare Hardy, Charli Pavlinek (P&P)

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), Elena Cattanaich

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009.

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Piety Stall
Flowers (Group 5)

8.00AM

K Saunders
B Rainbow
A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh
R&L Allum
A&LVanjek
N Juraga, M Spiranovic

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

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

Sr J McGonigal
M Ercoli
G Wright
C Horan, C Canny, V Logan
T Dunlop

11.00AM

G Brown
P Murfitt
B Gorman, I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder
T Cleary, D Brown

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Readers
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Sacristan
Projectionist

5.00PM

L Middleton
M Gifford
K Maddalena, B Ditekun, M Sleeman

N Neeld

11.00AM

Recurring Activities in the Cluster:

- . **Holy Family: BBQ 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:

FIRST EUCHARIST: We welcome and we congratulate the children from the non-Catholic schools who will make their First Eucharist today at 9.30am Holy Family Mass and the 11am Ss Peter & Paul's Mass.



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 17/18... Saturday and Sunday - **Stewardship Introduction Weekend**; *Parishioner Awareness*
Oct 22... Thursday - **Formation Meeting**; *Stewardship Program Organization and Structure*
Oct 24/25... Saturday and Sunday - **God's Call Weekend**; *(Parish Priest) Our Commissioning as Stewards*
Oct 29... Thursday - **Parish Stewardship Information Meeting**; *Parish Finances/Achievements/Plans/Call for Support*
Oct 31/Nov 1... Saturday and Sunday - **My Acceptance Weekend**; *Lay speaker on sharing time and talents*
Nov 5... Thursday - **Arrangements Meeting**; *Explaining home visiting/response weekend procedures*
Nov 7/8... Saturday and Sunday - **Our Response Weekend**; *(Visiting speaker) Our Practical Response*
Nov 10... Tuesday - **Distribution Meeting**; *Home visiting begins*
Nov 16... Monday - **First Card Report**; *Early report of Home Visits*
Nov 18... Wednesday - **Program Social Night**; *Final return of cards*
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 11... Ss Peter & Paul's after the 11am Mass
Sunday Oct 18... Holy Spirit after the 11am Mass
- Committee Meeting for Relay for Life:** This Monday 12th Oct 7.30pm at the Cluster Offices
- Melbourne Cup Luncheon Raffle:** Tickets on sale after all Masses leading up to Cup Day
- Melbourne Cup Luncheon:** 12noon Tuesday Nov 3 at Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery. Tickets will be available from next weekend.

WORLD MISSION DAY: October 17/18... The focus of this fundraising is 'Reach Out, Give Life'. There will be a leaving collection after each of the Masses this weekend.

CONFIRMATION DATES:

- Oct 17... Ss Peter & Paul's 5pm (Children from St Patrick's School)
" Holy Family 7pm (Children from Holy Family School)
Oct 18... Holy Family 9.30am (Children from non-Catholic schools)
" Holy Spirit 3pm (Children from Holy Spirit School)

FRIENDLY FRIDAY TO CELEBRATE FR GERARD'S BIRTHDAY:

Friday Oct 23 at Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery from 6-8pm. Light refreshments provided.

For catering purposes please sign clipboards at Church entrances by Oct 20.

Envelopes are available at Church entrances for those who would like to donate towards a present for Fr Gerard. Please place these envelopes on a collection plate at Mass.

Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **HOLY SPIRIT HALL:** The students and staff are settled at Holy Spirit Hall and now refer to it as the "3/4 Learning Centre". There have been a number of people in the parish who have asked about the move and how it is lovely to hear children playing. I would like to give parishioners the opportunity to see the hall and how it is being used. I will open the hall after Mass on **Saturday Oct 17 and Sunday Oct 18**. Please feel free to wander in after Mass and say hello. Thankyou again for your continued support while the work at Holy Spirit School is being undertaken. *(Mary Abbot, Principal)*
- ⇒ **BLUME'S FASHION SHOW** will be held at the Pastoral Cluster Rooms, 147 Separation St Bell Park, at 2pm on **Tues Oct 20**. Entry \$5 inc a/noon tea and ticket to win a voucher. Clothes available to purchase on the day by cash or cheque. Fitting room to try on garments. Cluster parishioners invited to attend, CWL members a plate please. For transport ph Tricia Joyce on 5221 1986 or Pat Bourke 5278 2422.

Community News:



- Oct 14...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 8pm in Clairveaux Meeting Rooms. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Oct 16-18...** **ST JOSEPH'S ART EXPO '09:** Gala Opening with wine and cheese from 7pm on Fri and open from 11am to 4pm both Sat and Sun. See it, buy it, and take it home! Meet the artists and take this rare opportunity to buy at studio prices.
- 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.
- " **SOCIAL LUNCHEON GATHERING:** Open invitation to attend, 12noon at Ashby Presbytery, Malone St Geelong West, cost \$10 incl drinks. Bring a casserole or a sweet. Phone Joe Lambert to confirm on 5229 8442. This is a KSC project to support local and overseas charity work.
- " **ENROLMENT MASS** for school-aged children in the Baptism Program, 10.30am at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. For further details about this program, please contact Anna on 5275 4120 on Wed or Thurs between 9am and 3pm.
- Oct 20...** **BLUME'S FASHION SHOW:** 2pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office. For information ph Pat Bourke, 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan, 5278 2063.
- Oct 24-25...** **YOGA AND THE JESUS PRAYER:** Weekend seminar led by Fr John Dupache and Swami Sannaysanand at the Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Rd Boronia. Enquiries ph 9762 6625 or enquiries@janssencentre.org
- Oct 25...** **ANNIVERSARY OF ABORTION LAW REFORM BILL:** Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral 11am followed by a Prayer Service in the Cathedral and guest speakers 2pm at the Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne.
- Nov 15...** **ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS & STAFF OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** 2pm in the College Chapel. All welcome!

CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB, GEELONG hold a 6.15pm dinner on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 'Dromoland House'. The cost for the 2-course meal, pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, after dinner tea/coffee and mints is \$30 per person inclusive. Extra drinks are at bar prices. The club promotes a guest speaker/entertainer and the evening is usually over by 9.30pm. You are welcome to **trial a relaxing night out with us**. Please contact Terry on 5221 7339 or Patti on 5229 9963.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Can you help? There is an urgent need for volunteer teachers to allow Christian Religious Education to take place in the Geelong region. A well set out teachers guide is available and children have a colourful book to work in. Volunteers would prepare and take a couple of 30min classes each week, or two friends might like to share a class. There will be two information/ accreditation sessions held at St Matthew's East Geelong on Monday Oct 26. For further information ph Angela Grinter on 5241 8199 or Nola Stacey 0438 398 540.

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For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel. We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then its moral authority over us is questionable.

In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus.

The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality Jesus taught and lived. Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people.