



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)

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind. The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why they don't play at night!'



To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin.

Bartimeaus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeaus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimeaus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question. (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.

- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - October 25, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength,
seek always the face of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

All Saints

1st Reading: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14
2nd Reading: 1Jn 3:1-3
Gospel: Mt 5:1-12



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...	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Tues...	<i>Meditation Group</i>	5.30pm	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Wed...	<i>Prayer of the Church</i>	<i>Before 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Wed...	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Thurs...	<i>Italian Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>St Patrick's Chapel</i>
Fri...	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<i>After 11am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Fri...	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	3.00pm	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Sat...	<i>Rosary</i>	<i>After 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>

OUR LADY'S STATUE: **Oct 26:** Malony family, Gwynne St; **Nov 2:** Cotter family, Buxton 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: Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick, Ewelina Gizycki, Charlie Utting, Lidia Coraco, Hilda Holloway

ANNIVERSARIES: Francesco & Sarina Battaglia, Antonio Battaglia, Francesca & Rocca Daniele, Angela Zulich, Christina & Oscar Mauri, Jose Mederos, Reg Doherty, Ellen & Ernest Thompson, Joe Conway, Ercole Iezzi, Aldo Filippi, Ivetac Family, Cuitan Family, Fabiano Pietro, Jozef Kot, Kevin & Mary Chandley, Andrew & Katherine Sheahan

BAPTISMS: Chloe Kearney, Marcus Madjeric (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, Elena Cattanach, Margaret Mayne

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Piety Stall
Flowers (Group 2)

8.00AM

R Allum
F Chrimes, J Bartolo
U Guardiano, K McArthur
L Sells, K McArthur
M Fatone, G Ricciardi, M Altieri

9.30AM

T McMahon
C&J Taylor, T McMahon
G&P Carmody, M Baird
M&E Hoffman, L d'Aprile
Sr Nirmalie, A Gstalter

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

Sr Scibberas
J O'Neill
J Hudson & D Boyle
C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan
B Stocks

11.00AM

M Shilling
M Gurrie
V Trinder
A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack
L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Readers
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Sacristan
Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien
A Henderson
R Walker, N Neeld, Dean Dougherty

A Henderson

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 School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-5 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5278 3558 or mob 0400 722 726
- . **Manifold CWL** - Pastoral Cluster Centre, 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 Ss Peter & Paul's 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:

MEMORIAL MASS TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF FR GAVAN FITZPATRICK:

There will be a Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick.

Date... Tuesday October 27

Time... 5.30pm

Place... St Mary's Basilica, Geelong

I'm sure Fr Mick would be delighted if you could be there with him at this time to remember and give thanks for the life of his brother, who made an extraordinary contribution to the lives of many people, including the people of Geelong when he was an assistant priest at St Mary's from 1968 to 1970.



RELAY FOR LIFE - "FR MICK'S MATES"

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.*

CHICKEN & CHAMPAGNE LUNCHEON



12noon at Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery, Malone St

\$20 includes lunch with two glasses of champagne and BYO.

Light refreshments, tea and coffee will be served to the designated drivers and non-champagne drinkers.

Lunch: Hot Savouries, chicken platters, sweets and two glasses of champagne

The Cup will be televised in the EIG screen and perhaps a small sweep to stimulate our interest in the big race. A great day is assured!!

Luncheon tickets on sale after all Cluster Masses and/or by contacting the ticket secretaries listed below or the Cluster Office. For catering purposes all tickets to be purchased prior to the event.

Raffle tickets for a variety of prizes are on sale after all Masses at \$1 each.

Vicki Desciniti 5278 1363
David Lunn 0408 378 982

Amy O'Brien 5229 9911
Noreen Haberman 5229 9352
Desma Dougherty 5278 2712

SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

Our thanks to the following for their kind donations towards our Sausage Sizzles - *Goodalls, G Smith, GSM Meats, Coles Belmont, Siketa, Baker's Delight.*

Congratulations to our winners - *Holy Family: B Nolen, Ss Peter & Paul's: Betty McGlinchey, Holy Spirit: Trish Stickland.*

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS:

Over the last couple of weeks the parish has celebrated the First Eucharist and Confirmation of many of our young parishioners from the parish schools and from other local schools. Congratulations to the young people themselves who have taken this next step in their initiation into Church life and to the parents who have supported them in this step. We pray that together they will find the life of the Church both personally and enriching and they, in turn, will enrich the life of the Church through their participation.

Thanks to the teachers of our three Parish Schools who prepared the children for the sacraments - a great job done as usual. A special thankyou to Brian Everett, Jan Fagan, Rita Tripodi, Vera Mills, Avan Zarb, Lucy D'Aprile, Mary Wescott and Steph Berginc, who stepped in to assist with the preparation of the children in the parish programs for the children attending non-Catholic schools. Your giving of your time, energy and expertise were much appreciated by all involved, especially by myself and Fr Gerard.

- *Frank Kearney (Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator)*

ANOINTING MASSES:

Tuesday Nov 24... 11am - Ss Peter & Paul's with a luncheon to follow in the Hall.

Saturday Nov 28... 10.30am - Holy Family with a luncheon to follow in the Pastoral Cluster office.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ Congratulations to **EMMA 7 GUIDO GASPARINI** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 24. They were married at Santa Anna, Trieste Italy.
- ⇒ **LUNCHEON FOR ELDERLY CITIZENS:** Will be held at the Pastoral Cluster Centre Nov 28.

Stewardship Program:

As part of this Program all parishioners including school parents are invited to attend our **Parish Stewardship Information Meeting on Thursday 29 October at 7.30pm at the Mercy Centre at Holy Family School.** At this meeting we will discuss our recent achievements and what we have planned for the future. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and to have a cuppa with fellow parishioners. Please confirm your attendance by completing the clipboards at Mass today. All welcome.

WORKING BEE – CAN YOU HELP?

There will be a working bee on **Wednesday 28 October at 10.00am** in the Parish Cluster Centre. If you are able to help please come along to fold and prepare letters for our Parish and School families, have some fun and a cuppa. The more, the merrier and the quicker!

CALENDAR OF DATES AND EVENTS:

Oct 24/25...	Saturday and Sunday - God's Call Weekend; (Parish Priest) <i>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; (Visiting speaker) <i>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

Please Note that this year's Thanksgiving Campaign has meant that our Bereavement Masses have moved from the first weekend in November to the weekend of Nov 14/15. At these Masses those deceased people from the parish will be remembered specifically and there will be an opportunity to pray for others who have died, similar to previous years.



Community Dates:

- Oct 31... **ST MARY'S DERBY DAY FETE:** 9am to 4pm at St Mary's Hall and School, cnr Bellarine & Myers Sts. Great family day full of entertainment, bargains of all kinds, a fantastic auction at 12.30pm and 2.30pm and wonderful array of food. Come for an hour or the whole day, free parking at the Haymarket Car Park in Myers St.
- " **2pm AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL** the Little Sisters of the Poor of St Joseph's Home, Northcote, celebrate 125 years of welcome and care of the aged in Melbourne and the Canonisation of their Foundress, Jeanne Jugan. All welcome!
- Nov 15... **ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS & STAFF OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** 2pm in the College Chapel. All welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: We are desperately in need of good clean beds, mattresses and other furniture to resettle homeless people and to sell in our store. Please phone for pick up Monday to Friday or Saturday morning, or drop off at our Store, 162 Fyans St South Geelong, during these times. Thankyou for your past support.

CENTACARE FAMILY SERVICES would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,252.70 to our recent Church Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of Centacare. We work on behalf of the Archdiocese in Melbourne and Geelong to fulfill the Church's mission of service to the community. Centacare provides programs and services that help families and individuals in the development of strong and healthy relationships, and encourage a sense of connectedness within their communities.

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As Bartimaeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the Gospel story, with Bartimaeus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path. In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME PRAYER

Lord, take and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will – all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me.

To you Lord I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace.

That is enough for me. AMEN
(St Ignatius of Loyola)

