



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)

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see. The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'



For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival. In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus. We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds. (Continued P4)



Wishing you a Happy, Blessed and Safe Easter!



- Easter Sunday -

(Year B - April 12, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen: I am with you once more;
you placed your hand on me to keep me safe.
How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35
2nd Reading: 1Jn 5:1-6
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

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

Holy Spirit Church

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: 13 April - Murfitt family, Volum 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: Cecilia Giuricin

ANNIVERSARIES: Giovanna De Angelis, Anthony Siketa, Boleslav & Vera Batna, Clinton Price, Lorenz & Katharina Hoffmann, Gennaro, Giovanni, Olimpia & Gianluca Bove, Desmond Canny, Raymond Lyons, Jack Gould, Patricia Arundel, Les Murphy, Bobbie Black.

BAPTISMS: Jordan Ackerly, Xavier Howard, Sienna Broughton (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Mary Flomo, Kathleen Lewis, Mary Larmah, Wendy Commons

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009.

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group)

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

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 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
- Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon second Sunday of each month 12noon in the Small Hall
- 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, 5221 1310 for details
- Manifold CWL - Holy Spirit Hall - First Tuesdays in the month
- Italian Mass at Holy Spirit Church (until further notice) - First Thursday of the month
- Geelong Stroke Support group for survivors, partners, carers & families meet in the Holy Spirit Hall - May 5 - 11am, Guest Speaker Fiona McKinnon. Ph John 5278 7048
- Catholic Deanery Solo Group: Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.

Cluster News:

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO Mass at Vincentian Village on Easter Monday. Also the Cluster Office will be closed during that week. Please leave a message on the answering machine.

Next week, there will be a note of thanks to all those involved in our Easter Ceremonies.



PASTORAL CLUSTER WEB PAGE:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

**The Pastoral Cluster has moved into the 21st Century with a new web page.
The web page extends a warm welcome as well as reflecting the various activities, Liturgies, Mass times, Sacraments, Communal prayer, etc within the Pastoral Cluster. Please visit!**

This web page is a work in progress and we look forward to your feedback, and hope this web page will be an opportunity to further outreach to the wider community.

Secondary Schools Enrolment Days

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Friday 24 April 9am - 12noon

Normal school program with the last tour leaving 11.30am

Sunday April 26 10am-1pm

Staff tours with the last tour leaving 12.30pm

Phone: 5226 8100

CLONARD COLLEGE

Sunday 26 April 10.30am-4pm

Information Sessions 10.30am-2pm

Other Information Sessions:

Monday 27 April 9am

Wednesday 6 May 5pm

Phone: 5278 2155

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE

Friday 1 May 9am-12noon

"See the College at Work" tours of the school

Phone: 5251 1136

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

Sunday 3 May 10am-1pm

Information Sessions in McAuley Hall

10am Tour followed by 11.30am

Information Session

10.30am Information Session followed by

11.30am Tour

Self-guided tours between 10am-12noon

Phone: 5221 4211

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **PARKING IN SEPARATION STREET:** Please observe on Sundays the recently erected **NO PARKING** signs. Some parishioners have been fined, even on a Sunday!
- ⇒ **INVITATION:** Annie and Ben are being married at Holy Family Church on Saturday May 2 at 2pm and would be happy if you could join them on this special occasion. Refreshments will follow in the Community Centre. (Please bring a plate to assist with catering).

Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **CWL:** Manifold Parish Branch of the CWL will hold their monthly meeting in the Parish Hall, 1.30pm on **Tues April 14**. Please note change of date. New members most welcome. For information or transport contact Mrs Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ⇒ **AD2000 A JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS OPINION:** April copies now for sale at the SVDP Stall, price \$4. Included in this issue - *A Catholic Convert's Story; The Challenge Facing US Catholics; Religious Women Vatican Scrutiny*; plus World News, Book Reviews, Letters.

Community News:

- Apr 14-19... **LIFE WALK 2009 - Hamilton to Melbourne:** Ph Veronica on 9387 7098 if you would like to participate in this event.
- Apr 24... **THE GEELONG CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT:** 7.30pm at McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College Newtown. Incl works by Bach, Mozart and Suk with Ian Munro, the featured piano soloist. Tickets \$45 adults, \$35 concession, \$10 students. For more details ph GPAC 5225 1200.
- Apr 24&26... **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ENROLMENT/OPEN DAY:** 9am to 12noon normal school program with the last tour leaving 11.30am. On Sunday Apr 26 from 10am-1pm staff tours with the last tour leaving 12.30pm. Ph 5226 8100 for details.
- Apr 26&27... **CLONARD COLLEGE ENROLMENT/OPEN DAY:** Information sessions Sunday 10.30am-2pm with other information sessions on the Monday 27 Apr 9am and Wed 6 May 6pm. Ph 5278 2155 for details.
- April 29... **SACRED HEART OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION:** A morning of entertainment incl instrumental and vocal ensembles from 10am at the Costa Centre for the Performing Arts in McAuley Hall - cost \$10. Tickets at the door. All welcome!
- May 3... **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ENROLMENT/OPEN DAY:** Information sessions in McAuley Hall, 10am Tour followed by 11.30am Information Session and 10.30am Information session followed by 11.30am tour. Self-guided tours between 10-12noon.
- May 14... **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH:** Chris Mackey is offering a further series of free public lectures on mental health and well being at the Geelong West Town Hall, Supper room. *Dealing with Addictions* - 7.30-8.45pm. For more details ph 5224 1222 or www.chrismackey.com.au



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

A most cordial invitation is extended to all to join in the 9th official worldwide celebration of the Divine Mercy Feast on Sunday April 19 at St Mary's Basilica. Confessions available at 9.30am on Sat Apr 18 and Sunday Apr 19 at 1.30 to 3pm. 2.30pm Rosary and Prayers to the Divine Mercy and 3pm Holy Mass. Please come if at all possible to celebrate God's unfathomable Mercy. *"My Heart rejoices in this Feast" - Our Lord's words to St Faustina*

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Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified. What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus. That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'



Easter Sunday, 12 April

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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