



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 Sunday morning during Mass, the congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying submachine guns. One of the men proclaimed, 'Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are!' Immediately, the choir fled, altar servers fled, and most of the congregation fled. Within a few minutes, out of the two hundred strong congregation only ten people remained where they were. The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the priest and said, 'OK Father, I got rid of all the fence sitters, how about we make a start'.



It's nice to see the priest in the story remained in the Church! I would like to think that faced with such an extreme moment like this I would have the courage of my convictions, but I must admit I have my doubts.

Each Sunday by coming and celebrating the Eucharist we implicitly, and explicitly, state that we want to become like Christ. As the Gospels repeatedly tell us if we follow him in his saving love for the world then, like him, we must confront injustice, defend the rights of the poor and the oppressed to dignity, give and forgive, heal and reconcile. By saying this, we are clearly not looking for a smooth ride through life.

In concert with the whole Church what most of us have done is domesticate the hard edges of Jesus' teachings to suit our comfortable existences. And then we get a Gospel like today's. The sons of Zebedee want the best seats in the house without knowing what the admission price is going to cost. They want the glory without the gore.

Jesus teaches them, and later all the other apostles, that for his Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, requires of us to drink a cup of suffering and be baptised in a river of sacrificial love. We can't dress this teaching up, or put a good spin on it. There is no resurrection without the cross. No gain without the pain.

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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.

- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - October 18, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9
2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 10:46-52



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
11.30am (2nd Sunday)

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

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 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:

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), Elena Cattanach

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009.

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Piety Stall
Flowers (Group 1)

8.00AM

F O'Neill
L Kelly
L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane
L&E Kelly
V O'Malley
H Thornton, E Di Domenico, P Lee

9.30AM

M Lukesic
M Lukesic, J Gdak, M Baird
E Gdak, J McMahon, D Lunn
E Glynn, A Flomo
A Greco, Sr Nirmalie

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy
E Cotter
C McShanag
C Canny, M Brown, D McFarlane
T McShanag

11.00AM

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Readers
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Sacristan
Projectionist

5.00PM

D O'Brien
G Tolan
M Ackland, M Gifford, S Beamond
R&K Maddalena
N Neeld

11.00AM

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: 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:



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 18... *Holy Spirit after the 11am Mass*
- 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: This weekend - 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 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.

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For most of us this challenge means doing whatever we can politically and socially to bring the values of the Gospel to bear on our different spheres of influence. But Jesus also links this challenge to the act of service. And in this regard some leaders in the Church give us mixed messages and let us off the hook.

Whatever of the patrimony of the past, today's Gospel reminds us that bishops, priests and deacons should be excellent models of the humility of service. The leadership Jesus advocates is not monarchical or tyrannical, it is being the least, and being a servant.

The Second Vatican Council taught that leaders in the Church should be outstanding in humility, charity and simplicity of lifestyle. Some leaders are just this. Others have domesticated the hard edge of the Gospel.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that we recover a love for the hard teachings of Jesus, even though they demand so much of us, and that we have the courage to call our leaders to do likewise. These teachings are, after all, what makes us different from the Gentiles, and sort out who is actually sitting on the fence.