



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)

Do you remember the old hymn, *Faith of our Fathers*? These days we would, of course, want to explicitly name the extraordinary faith of 'our mothers' as well. But do you recall how we once used to stand and sing,

'Faith of our fathers living still In spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
Oh how our hearts beat high with joy... If we like them could die for thee.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to Thee 'till death. We will be true to Thee 'till death.'



In one of his letters St Ignatius Loyola tells us we should never pray for something we don't want, because we might just get it. Let's think about what we ask for in this hymn: that if needs be we will die for our Christian faith.

For the first 400 years of the Church's history, Christian women and men were dead at lunch for taking the waters of baptism at dawn. It is on the basis of their fidelity and sacrifice that we gather here in freedom and peace.

Many of us are wimps when it comes to pain, so all we can hope and pray for is that, given a similar context, we may have the grace to witness to our faith in whatever way is demanded of us. It remains true that when most of us hear about the faith of modern-day martyrs we are still deeply affected, our own faith is challenged and our values are shaken up. Mothers and fathers are still dying for the faith which we so often take for granted.

All Saints Day has its roots in the early Church's 'Martyrs Day', attested to by a hymn written in 359 by St Ephraim. It was called All Saints Day in the seventh century.

A Saint is someone who the Church believes is in heaven with God. Wrongly, we often think Saints are perfect, but in fact their greatest witness is how they coped with the ordinary difficulties of life and how they reflected in a variety of ways the love of God.

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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.

- Feast of All Saints -

(Year B - November 1, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord and keep a festival in honour of all the saints. Let us join with the angels in joyful praise to the Son of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mk 12:38-44



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...	<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: 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: Sr Agnesia Perera (a Holy Angel from Sri Lanka), Lidia Bartolich, Shirley Foott, Mary Stewart, Antonio Celi, Patrick Holschier

ANNIVERSARIES: Jozef Kot, Gennaro & Gianluca Bove, Salvatore & Antoinetta Valentino, Brian Bellinger, Michael, Eileen, Basil & Bernie Haberman, Raffaele & Giovan Battista Gulli, Bob Johnson

BAPTISMS: Aidyn Matczak, Jake & Harrison Tournier, Piper Smith (HS)

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, Verlie Molloy

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009.

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Piety Stall
Flowers (Group 3)

8.00AM

A Vanjek
F O'Neill
E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum
C Marcantonio, P Walsh
H Thornton
P Walsh, V Carmody

9.30AM

J Mann
D Lunn, A Negro
R&R Zanardo, H Verdnik
V Resciniti, G Cracco
J Markov

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy
M Willett
B Murphy
M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan
B Stocks

11.00AM

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Readers
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Sacristan
Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard
P Power
P Hubbard, N Neeld, A Henderson
R&K Maddalena
N Neeld

11.00AM

E Strzelecki
M Martin
E Strzelecki, A&L Fossey, P Pollard/M Burn, J Gailius
M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey
P Pollard
T Martin

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:

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

November 3, 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 BIG 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 Faberman 5229 9352
Desma Dougherty 5278 2712

ANOINTING MASSES:

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

THANKYOU: One of my sisters gave me a birthday card which said: "Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional". I thank everyone who helped celebrate me growing old through preparing Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery, catering, cards, best wishes and presents. All of this was very much appreciated. Through your generosity I received a membership to Geelong Football Club (I'm in the process of conversion), an I-pod, a couple of days of accommodation at the Mantra Hotel in Lorne, as well as a GPS to make sure I could find my way home.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Office will be closed on **Tuesday Nov 3** for the Melbourne Cup, as well as on **Tuesday Nov 10** for the Pastoral Cluster Planning Day.

Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ⇒ As part of our celebration for the **Year of the Priest**, Fr Mick and Fr Gerard are hoping to visit families for dinner across the three parishes. November is the month for Ss Peter & Paul's. Fr Gerard is available for four dinners on Wed Nov 11, Tues Nov 17, Wed Nov 25 and Mon Nov 30. Fr Mick is available on November 12, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27. Please phone Fr Gerard and Fr Mick if you would like to invite them to one of the dinners on these days.
- ⇒ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Ted and Muriel Conole who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 3. They were married in Ss Peter & Paul's by Fr Perkins.

Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **AD2000:** November edition on sale at the SVDP Stall, price \$4. Topics include: Climate Change - a Religious Issue; Same Sex Attraction; Original Sin; Reflection on All Souls Day and Communion of Saints, plus Book Reviews, Letters.

Holy Family:

⇒ **ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:** A warm invitation is extended to all Senior Parishioners to attend the Mass and Luncheon on **Saturday Nov 28** commencing with Mass at 10.30am and Luncheon at 12noon. If you wish to attend please place your name on the sign-up board (white form) in the Narthex and indicate if you require transport on the day. To assist with catering please place your name on the sign-up board (pink form) in the Narthex. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.



Stewardship Program:

Thankyou to all the parishioners who attended our Information Meeting last Thursday night and who have volunteered to help with the Program. Thankyou also to all those who helped out at the Working Bee last Wednesday. All parishioners are reminded to **collect their Brochure Letter** today after Mass. All letters are in **STREET ORDER**.

All school families will have received their letter through the school. Please help us to keep our postal costs to a minimum by dropping any letters off to parishioners that live in your street.

Please complete the Time and Talent sheet and the Pledge slip, and return to the Parish Office during the coming week. There will also be an opportunity to pledge at all Masses next weekend.

If there is no letter with your name, please write your details on the clipboard provided and take a 'spare' letter.

WORKING BEE: On **Monday Nov 2 at 10am in the Parish Centre** there will be a working bee to deliver left over letters to the parishioners in your area. Help us to keep our costs down for the parish by coming along and delivering letters while at the same time getting some exercise!

ARRANGEMENTS MEETING: Just a reminder for all those parishioners who have put their name down to help out at Masses next weekend and those who will be home visiting, to come to the **Arrangements Meeting on Thursday Nov 5 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**. Any parishioners who have not put their name down and would like to join us, we welcome you as well. The more the merrier!

CALENDAR OF DATES AND EVENTS:

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

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:

Nov 15... **ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS & STAFF OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** 2pm in the College Chapel. All welcome!

"PEOPLE OF LIFE AND PEOPLE FOR LIFE" - Statement of the Catholic Bishops of Victoria on the first Anniversary of the decriminalisation of abortion. Available at the entrance of each of the Churches.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FROM END OF JANUARY 2010: Accommodation is required for five days a week for 40 year-old Down's Syndrome female from the country who is employed in Geelong. Excellent communication, copes with public transport, very neat and tidy in home, kind and thoughtful. Also volunteers one day a week at Kardinia House. If you or someone you know can help it would be very much appreciated. Phone 5562 6048, 0407 052 728 or 0407 878 274.

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For most of us sanctity and martyrdom will not come in dramatic ways. The daily routine of looking after a sick child, spouse or parent, of living with a mental, physical, emotional or spiritual illness, the scourge of being unemployed, homeless or addicted and the feeling that we are unlovable brings with it the reality of sharing in the lot of the martyrs and saints.

All Saints Day is the feast which commemorates all those we know who may never be publicly proclaimed in the canon or list of saints, but who nonetheless are in heaven. Some of them may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us. Sometimes they can be our own mothers and fathers.

These, too, we believe belong to the great multitude of witnesses who went through their own persecutions and found the blessings within their daily lives. They saw God in this world and are now fully alive to him in the next.

In this Mass may we have the grace to live a holy life that, in ordinary ways, demonstrates the extraordinary power of God working in us. In doing so, in our sacrifices, forgiveness and love may we remain faithful to the women and men who are our saintly heroes and pray that we remain faithful to the Gospel of Christ as they did.

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