



# Pastoral Cluster

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## Reflection... (by Richard Leonard SJ)

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.



Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting. This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. (Cont'd PA)

**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.

## - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - November 15, 2009.)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord says: My plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****Christ the King**

1st Reading: Dan 7:13-14

2nd Reading: Apoc 1:5-8

Gospel: Jn 18:33-37



## The Pastoral Cluster at Prayer

### WEEKEND MASSES:

#### Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am (Sunday)

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

### 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: Nov 16** - Gazenbeek faily, Derby Rd.

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:** John Kennedy, Jack O'Malley, Joe Mina

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ivka Mrkogaca, Mina Pogacic, Silvana Rondi, Mate, Mara, Jozo Dzida, Teresa DeLuca, Francesco, Antonio Citta, Vincent Atkinson, Domenic Fazio

**BAPTISMS:** Walsh Leiper, Elle Kemerer, Levi & Ryder Gaskin (HF), Kiara Palmieri, Sophia Carroll, Tully & Leo Newby (HS)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Tom Cleary, Brian Shaw, Rita Ambrose, Alan Mee, Rita McDonald, Felix Capicchiano, Toni Siketa, Jordan Willis, Elena Cattanach, Margaret Mayne, Verlie Molloy, Kylie Behr

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009.**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 5)

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

V O'Malley

N Juraga, M Spiranovic

### 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 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 - First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- . 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:

**A BIG THANKYOU** for all the comfort you have given me and my family through all your expressions of sympathy and prayer, either in person, through cards or attendance at the Memorial Mass for Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick. Your kindness is very much appreciated. *(Fr Mick)*



**BEREAVEMENT MASS:** At all the Masses this weekend there will be a special remembrance for those involved with our parish who have died this year. Also there will be an opportunity to pray for other deceased family and friends. The liturgy will be similar to previous years.

### ANOINTING MASSES:

- Tues Nov 24 11.30am Ss Peter & Paul's Church with Luncheon to follow in the Small Hall. Manifold CWL will host the Luncheon and CWL members are asked to bring a plate for lunch and a small wrapped gift. For information or transport ph Pat Bourke 5278 2422, Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Patricia Joyce 5221 1986.
- Sat Nov 28 10.30am Holy Family Church with Luncheon to follow in the Pastoral Cluster Centre. 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.

**ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FROM END OF JANUARY 2010:** For 5 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.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** This week the Australian Catholics periodical will be available for free at the back of the Church. You are commended to take this well presented and accessible journal. Included in this issue is *Celebrating the Saints - Christmas with the Saints*.

**LITURGY MEETING:** A Liturgy Meeting will be held on **Tuesday Nov 24 at 7.30pm** in the Pastoral Cluster Office. The purpose of this meeting will be primarily to organise Advent and Christmas liturgies.



## PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COLUMBANS IN THE PHILIPPINES

### MUSTER WITH THE CLUSTER:

As part of our Partnership with the Columbans, we will again be having our Movie Night this year. The movie is:

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We will be premiering this movie in Geelong, in fact one week prior to its release to the wider community. I understand it will be a very good animated movie with an equally good message. For every ticket sold \$1 will go to the Partnership project. I would envisage tickets will move very quickly, so please get in early to avoid disappointment!

Also on that day, the three schools will be coming together with special activities which will focus on our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines.

## Holy Spirit:

⇒ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** On the weekend of Dec 5/6 the Holy Spirit SVDP Conference will be holding their Annual Christmas Appeal. Funds raised will go to assist those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. There will be a second collection at the Saturday 6pm Mass and the Sunday 11am Mass. Please give generously.



## Stewardship Program:

Many thanks to all parishioners who supported the Stewardship Program last weekend. Our special thanks to **Fr Brian Collins** who celebrated our Masses. Our hard working team of home visitors are currently out and about completing their home visits and we will be able to announce the final result next weekend. Please keep these parishioners in your prayers over the coming week and welcome them if they visit you!

Pledge cards are available at the Church entrance for those who would like to pledge and have not yet done so. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the collection plate, left at the Parish Office or handed in after Mass. "Time & Talent" sheets are also available for those who would like to join a group or ministry. Your new series of Stewardship Envelopes will be available for you to collect next weekend. Thankyou for your generous response.

### PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT:

All parishioners who have been involved in the Stewardship Program over the past few weeks (including contributors!) are invited to our **Final Social Night at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 November at the Presbytery**. Come along to hear the results of the Program and to have a cuppa.

### FREE WILLS AND BEQUESTS ADVICE:

There will be a free information session on Wills given by Solicitor **Shane Balkin** on **Thursday 26 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**. Learn about the need to make a Will and what can happen if we don't. Also Power of Attorney, Executors, change of legislation etc. Be informed and ask questions.

*Please confirm your attendance by filling in the clipboard at the Church entrance.*

### CALENDAR OF DATES AND EVENTS:

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**



## Community Dates:

- Nov 15... **ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS & STAFF OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** 2pm in the College Chapel. All welcome!
- Nov 19... **MARY GLOWREY PUBLIC LECTURE:** 6.30pm in the Christ Lecture Theatre at the ACU, 115 Victoria Pde Fitzroy. Robyn Fahy, researcher into the life of Dr Mary Glowrey, is the featured speaker. Light refreshments at 6pm and warm finger food after. Ph Wyn McLean on 9953 3306 or [wyn.mclean@acu.edu.au](mailto:wyn.mclean@acu.edu.au) to reserve a place for this free lecture.
- Nov 27... **DINNER AT DESMA'S SOLO GROUP - 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY:** 7.30pm in the Hibernian Hall, St Mary's, 150 Yarra St Geelong. **RSVP 20 Nov to Desma on 5278 2712**. All past and present members welcome - food and drink provided.
- Dec 5... **LOURDES MASS:** 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral. A special day of healing and hope for sick and inform people, their carers and all parishioners. To be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart, the intention is to support those disadvantaged by illness or poor social circumstances. Celebration will be followed by a blessing of the sick with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Wheelchair access is by the side door, off Albert St.



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The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way. John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world. And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.