



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)

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.



It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms.

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- Christ the King -

(Year B - November 22, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16
 2nd Reading: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2
 Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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.

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:

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, Rita Ambrose, Alan Mee, Rita McDonald, Felix Capicchiano, Toni Siketa, Jordan Willis, Elena Cattnach, Margaret Mayne, Verlie Molloy, Kylie Behr

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009.

(5th 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

MShilling

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

D O'Brien

G Tolan

M Ackland, M Gifford, S Beamond

R&K Maddalena

N Neeld

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** - 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:

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.

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.

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 26... Thursday - Wills Information

Nov 28/29... Saturday and Sunday - New Commitment Begins

Community Dates:

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 infirm 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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Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land. The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.