



# 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)

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation after the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's Risen presence are his marks of suffering?

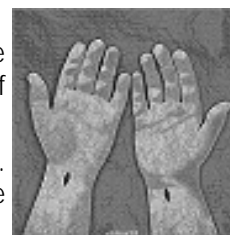
Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Over recent years films like *Stigmata*, *Dogma*, *Agnes of God* and even the appalling *Daredevil* give a hysterical and cynical prominence to the stigmata. There are regular 'believe it or not' documentaries that usually follow suit. Even some pilgrims flocked to Padre Pio's monastery in the south of Italy to see if his hands really bled, or if his wounds really wept. This desire to see outward signs of inner faith is a long way short of Jesus telling us today, 'Happy are those who believe without seeing.'

Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

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## - 2nd Sunday of Easter -

(Year B - April 19, 2009.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1Jn 2:1-5

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

### 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:** Peter Schoebel, Franjo Skrnjug, Pat Myles

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Angela Zulich, Marcello Conti & Aldo Scarpetti

**BAPTISMS:** Ava Alam, Harry Mitchell (HF), Jacob Sefek, Charlotte Baxter, Zoe Stosic, Lilliana Campbell (HS).

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons

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

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009.**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

#### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 5)

#### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

#### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

#### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

V O'Malley

N Juraga, M Spiranovic

#### 6.00PM

M Lacy

E Cotter

C McShanag

C Canny, M Brown, D McFarlane

T McShanag

#### 5.00PM

D O'Brien

G Tolan

M Ackland, M Gifford, S Beamond

R&K Maddalena

N Neeld

#### 9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Lukesic, J Gdak, M Baird

D Lunn, P McBride, R Zanardo, E Gdak, J McMahon

E Glynn, A Flomo

A Greco, Sr Nirmalie

#### 11.00AM

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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
- 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 12** - 11am, Guest Speaker Fiona McKinnon. **May 26** - 10.30am Bowling at Bowl-a-rama, Reynolds Rd Belmont. 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:**

**THANKYOU!!** There's a saying "it takes a village to raise a child". A similar saying could apply to the Easter Ceremonies. So many people shared their time and talents to make these Easter Ceremonies the success they were. To the co-ordinators, the musicians/singers, the lecturers, the commentators, the special ministers, the collectors, the sacristans, those involved in the working bees for the preparation of the Churches, the projectionists, etc - many thanks for a job well done! In particular I would like to offer special thanks to Frank Kearney, the Liturgical Co-ordinator, whose great energy and generosity enabled this year's Easter Ceremonies to be so well organised.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** The SVDP Society do great work in the local community. Over the coming weeks there will be a special promotion of their activities with the hope that more people would be interested in volunteering their time to work with SVDP. On the weekend of May 16/17 there will be a guest speaker at all our Masses.

**YOUNG VINNIES:** Young Vinnies is an enthusiastic group of youth and young adults from various backgrounds between the ages of 16 to 30s who are focused on making a difference in local community through offering friendship and hands-on assistance to people in need. It also offers participants a nurturing and caring experience in a fun and friendly social setting. If you are interested there is a planning meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm at St Vincent de Paul Centre, 162 Fyans St South Geelong. Or you can contact Jess Boccia/Jeff Butler on 0422 712 130 or email: youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com

**RAFFLE BOOKS:** A reminder to all parishioners who have taken a book of raffle tickets to sell, they must be returned to the Cluster Office, or the ticket distributors, NO LATER THAN APRIL 26.

# **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).
- ⇒ **LANDSCAPING:** We have commissioned an architect/landscaper to give a concept drawing to beautify the front area of Holy Family Church. In next week's bulletin there will be a photocopy of his idea. This will be for your information. I will call a meeting for anyone who would like to discuss this project in greater depth.

### Holy Spirit....

- ⇒ **THANKYOU:** To all for their prayers, support and attendance at our mother Joan's funeral. To the Special Ministers who visited Mum each week for Communion, the ladies of CWL for the catering after the celebration of Mass, we are very grateful. Thanks to Fr Gerard and special thanks to Fr Mick for his pastoral care of Mum at home and in the hospital and for celebrating Mum's funeral Mass. Thankyou - *Jeffrey Booth and family.*

## Community News:

- 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](http://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 Sunday April 19 at St Mary's Basilica. Confessions available at 9.30am on 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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Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'



## Thank you! 19 & 26 April

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have a box or set of envelopes, please return them as soon as possible. If you are wondering how you could make a difference in the struggle against poverty in your daily life then visit [www.bemore.org.au](http://www.bemore.org.au) and take up the challenge to BE More!

\*\*\* Already in.

God doesn't call the  
qualified,  
He qualifies the  
called.

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Read the Bible -  
It will scare the hell  
out of you!

Lectors	R Allum	C&J Taylor, T McMahon
Special Ministers	F Chrimes, J Bartolo	R&R Zanardo, D Farrar, G&P Carmody
Welcomers	U Guardiano, K McArthur	M&E Hoffman, L d'Aprile
Piety Stall	L Sells, K McArthur	Sr Nirmalie, A Gstalter
Flowers (Group)		
<b><u>HOLY SPIRIT:</u></b>	<b><u>6.00PM</u></b>	<b><u>11.00AM</u></b>
Commentators	Sr Scibberas	M Shilling
Lectors	J O'Neill	M Gurrie
Special Ministers	J Hudson & D Boyle	V Trinder
Welcomers	C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan	A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack
Projectionist	B Stocks	L Coles
<b><u>Ss PETER &amp; PAUL'S:</u></b>	<b><u>5.00PM</u></b>	<b><u>11.00AM</u></b>
Commentators	C O'Brien	
Readers	A Henderson	
Special Ministers	R Walker, N Neeld, Dean Dougherty	
Welcomers		
Sacristan	A Henderson	
Projectionist		

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

<b><u>HOLY FAMILY</u></b>	<b><u>8.00AM</u></b>	<b><u>9.30AM</u></b>
Commentators	A Vanjek	J Mann
Lectors	F O'Neill	D Lunn, A Negro
Special Ministers	E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum	H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, P Carmody, M Baird
Welcomers	C Marcantonio, P Walsh	V Resciniti, G Cracco
Piety Stall	H Thornton	J Markov
Flowers (Group)		
<b><u>HOLY SPIRIT:</u></b>	<b><u>6.00PM</u></b>	<b><u>11.00AM</u></b>
Commentators	M Lacy	
Lectors	M Willett	
Special Ministers	B Murphy	
Welcomers	M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan	
Projectionist	B Stocks	
<b><u>Ss PETER &amp; PAUL'S:</u></b>	<b><u>5.00PM</u></b>	<b><u>11.00AM</u></b>
Commentators	A Hubbard	E Strzelecki
Readers	P Power	M Martin
Special Ministers	P Hubbard, N Neeld, A Henderson	E Strzelecki, A&L Fossey, P Pollard/M Burn, J Gailius
Welcomers	R&K Maddalena	M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey
Sacristan	N Neeld	P Pollard
Projectionist		T Martin

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

<b><u>HOLY FAMILY</u></b>	<b><u>8.00AM</u></b>	<b><u>9.30AM</u></b>
Commentators	K Saunders	L Lehpamer
Lectors	B Rainbow	H Verdnik, T McMahon, L Lehpamer
Special Ministers	A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh	C&J Taylor, G de Palma, Sr Concepta, E Glynn
Welcomers	R&L Allum	E Dalton, G Carmody
Piety Stall	A&L Vanjek	E Hoffman
Flowers (Group)		
<b><u>HOLY SPIRIT:</u></b>	<b><u>6.00PM</u></b>	<b><u>11.00AM</u></b>
Commentators	Sr J McGonigal	
Lectors	M Ercoli	G Brown
Special Ministers	G Wright	P Murfitt
Welcomers	C Horan, C Canny, V Logan	B Gorman, I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder
Projectionist	T Dunlop	T Cleary, D Brown
<b><u>Ss PETER &amp; PAUL'S:</u></b>	<b><u>5.00PM</u></b>	<b><u>11.00AM</u></b>
Commentators	L Middleton	
Readers	M Gifford	
Special Ministers	K Maddalena, B Ditekun, M Sleeman	
Welcomers		
Sacristan	N Neeld	
Projectionist		

(4th Sunday of the Month)

<b><u>HOLY FAMILY</u></b>	<b><u>8.00AM</u></b>	<b><u>9.30AM</u></b>
Commentators	F O'Neill	M Lukesic
Lectors	L Kelly	M Lukesic, J Gdak, M Baird
Special Ministers	L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane	D Lunn, P McBride, R Zanardo, E Gdak, J McMahon
Welcomers	L&E Kelly	E Glynn, A Flomo
Piety Stall	V O'Malley	A Greco, Sr Nirmalie
Flowers (Group)		
<b><u>HOLY SPIRIT:</u></b>	<b><u>6.00PM</u></b>	<b><u>11.00AM</u></b>

## **GROUP NAME    PHONE NO. DATES**

1.

Hilary Thornton, Eggie Di Domenico, Pam Lee

16. 1.09

29. 8.08            20. 2.09

3.10.08            27. 3.09

7.11.08            1. 5.09

2.12.08            5. 6.09

2.

Maria Fatone, Giovanna Ricciardi, Maria Altieri

23. 1.09

5. 9.08            27. 2.09

10.10.08          3. 4.09

14.11.08          8. 5.09

19.12.08          12. 6.09

3.

Pat Walsh, Von Carmody

30. 1.09

6. 3.09

12. 9.08            10. 4.09

17.10.08          15. 5.09

21.11.08          19. 6.09

26.12.08

4.

Nelly Ingles, Maria Law, Veronica Seljak

2. 1.09

15. 8.08            6. 2.09

19. 9.08            13. 3.09

24.10.08          17. 4.09

28.11.08          22. 5.09

26. 6.09

5.

Nevenka Juraga, Marija Spiranovic

9. 1.09

22. 8.08            13. 2.09

26. 9.08            20. 3.09

31.10.08          24. 4.09

5.12.08            29. 5.09