



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)

Sometimes the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace. But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action. (Continued P4)



- 3rd Sunday of Easter -

(Year B - April 26, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

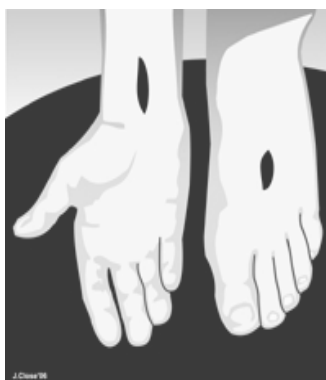
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12
2nd Reading: 1Jn 3:1-2
Gospel: Jn 10:11-18



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:

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

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 1)

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F Chrimes, J Bartolo

U Guardiano, K McArthur

L Sells, K McArthur

H Thornton, E Di Domenico, P Lee

6.00PM

Sr Scibberas

J O'Neill

J Hudson & D Boyle

C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

5.00PM

C O'Brien

A Henderson

R Walker, N Neeld, Dean Dougherty

A Henderson

9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor, T McMahon

R&R Zanardo, D Farrar, G&P Carmody

M&E Hoffman, L d'Aprile

Sr Nirmalie, A Gstalter

11.00AM

M Shilling

M Gurrie

V Trinder

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

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
- 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 lectors, 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.**

PASTORAL CLUSTER WEB PAGE: www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

The Pastoral Cluster has moved into the 21st Century with a new web page.

The web page extends a warm welcome as well as reflecting the various activities, Liturgies, Mass times, Sacraments, Communal prayer, etc within the Pastoral Cluster.

Please visit!

This web page is a work in progress and we look forward to your feedback, and hope this web page will be an opportunity to further outreach to the wider community.

Secondary Schools Enrolment Days

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Sunday April 26 10am-1pm

Staff tours with the last tour leaving
12.30pm

Phone: 5226 8100

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE

Friday 1 May 9am-12noon

"See the College at Work" tours of the
school

Phone: 5251 1136

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

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:

- ⇒ **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 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

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The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins. A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.



Thank you! 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 and take up the challenge to BE More!