



# 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)



At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available!

It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Indeed as St John was to sharply say in his letter in the New Testament, 'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice. (Cont'd P4)

**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.

## - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - January 31, 2010.)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name and glory in your praise.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I will sing of your salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

1st Reading: Is 6:1-8

2nd Reading: 1Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Lk 5:1-11



## 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: Feb 1:** Logan family, Purrumbete Ave.

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:** Arron Courtney

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Alice Cudmore, Kevin Ryan, Ross Smith, Domenico Lombardo, Angelina De Palma, Rose Seljak, Tony Patti, Vince Fazio

**BAPTISMS:** -

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Brian Shaw, Alan Mee, Felix Capicchiano, Toni Siketa, Jordan Willis, Margaret Mayne, Kylie Behr, John Robertson, Lorena Gonzaga, Joe Vanjek, Jim Hudson, Donald McMahon

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

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010.**

(1st Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 8.00AM

R Allum

F Chrimes, J Bartolo

U Guardiano, K McArthur

### 6.00PM

Sr Sibberas

J O'Neill

J Hudson & D Boyle

C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

### 5.00PM

C O'Brian

D O'Brian

R Walker, N Need, Dean Dougherty

### 9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor, T McMahon

G&P Carmody, M Baird

M&E Hoffman, L d'Aprile

### 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
- . 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 FROM THE PEOPLE OF HAITI:**

Two weeks ago you were invited to respond to the disaster in Haiti and you did this magnificently. As a Pastoral Cluster we raised \$4,436.05. These funds have been forwarded to Caritas Australia who in turn have forwarded it to Caritas Haiti. This process of transfer of funds means the money goes directly to victims and is not lost in administration and corruption. Please know your generosity is making a big difference and is much appreciated.

- **DO YOU KNOW?** I am wondering if anyone knows the whereabouts of a wood-carving of a plaque of St Francis that was in the St Anthony's Chapel. If you do know, could you please call Fr Gerard on 5278 1343. (If no one is in the office, please leave a message on the answering machine.
- **RELAY FOR LIFE:** Meeting Tues 9th Feb 7.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre. This will be to finalise plans for this year's Fundraising and Walk.
- **EXPOSITION OF PILGRIMAGE MONSTRANCE & PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Tues Feb 9, 3.30-6.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul's. All welcome!
- **MEDITATION:** Are you interested? This group will resume on Tues Feb 2 at 5.30pm in the Cluster Office building. Anybody interested in joining is welcome to this one hour session to learn more about what happens. It will be geared as an introductory session.
- **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS:** Enrolments for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation Programs for this year will be taken at the Cluster Office on **Monday 8th Feb and Tues 9th Feb** from 8.30am to 5.00pm and 7.30pm to 8.30pm. These programs are for children not attending the parish schools.

**RESUMPTION OF MASSES AT VINCENTIAN VILLAGE:** On Mondays at 3pm.

### **LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER IN FEBRUARY:**

- ⇒ **PREP WELCOME/TEACHER COMMITMENT MASSES:** Feb 13/14 the new preps will be welcomed and the teachers will make their commitment to their vocation as faith leaders in the parish schools. Masses are:  
6.00pm Saturday at Holy Spirit Church  
9.30am Sunday at Holy Family Church  
11.00am Sunday at Ss Peter & Paul's for the children of St Pat's.
- ⇒ **ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB 17:** Masses are:  
9.15am at Holy Spirit Church\*  
9.15am at Holy Family Church\*  
12noon at St Pat's Chapel\*  
7.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul's  
\* School children in attendance.
- ⇒ **COMMITMENT MASSES BY CHILDREN WHO ARE MAKING THEIR SACRAMENTS:**  
All the weekend Masses of Feb 20 & 21 and Feb 27 & 28.  
Masses will be as normal with the exception that at the time of the Creed the children of our Catholic schools who are making a Sacrament this year, will make a personal commitment to a good and proper preparation for the reception of their respective Sacrament.

## Holy Spirit:

⇒ CWL: Manifold branch will hold their first meeting in the Pastoral Cluster Office at 1.30pm on Tues Feb 2. Cluster parishioner ladies most welcome! For information or transport please contact Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

## Holy Family:

- ⇒ HOLY FAMILY WOMENS' GROUP: Will hold their first meeting of the year on Monday night at 7.30pm. New members welcome!
- ⇒ "VISOKA JE GORA ZELENA": A Croatian and international concert program. Conductor Tihomir A=Zlatic - **Sunday Jan 31, 5pm** in the Blakiston Theatre, GPAC. Tickets \$20 or \$15 students/pensioners. Information ph Ivan Skratulja 0407 789 437, Anthony Ivelja 0404 036 061 or Margaret Arbunic 0417 739 294.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous."*

*(1 Cor 13:4)*

Are you jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you?

Are you pompous? Do you seek to acquire more possessions to impress others?

At times we are all guilty of these human weaknesses. Yet as stewards we are called to love God above all other things - striving always to be less jealous, less pompous and more giving.

## Community Dates:

- Feb 2... RETIRED OFFICER'S KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Next meeting at White Eagle (Fellmongers Rd) at 12noon.
- Feb 6... LOURDES DAY MASS: Feb 6, 10am at St Mary's Basilica
- Feb 8/15/22... EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: Fr Brendan Byrne will host a series of three evening lectures at 7.30pm in the Congregational Hall, Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St - \$15 (registration 7.15pm 8th Feb). RSVP to Wesley Centre on 5229 0719 by Feb 5. For further information phone Michael or Carmel on 5229 0719.

## Meetings in the Pastoral Cluster this week:

- Thurs Feb 4... Children's Liturgy Teachers' Planning Meeting: 4pm in the Pastoral Cluster Centre.
- Thurs Feb 4... Pastoral Cluster Liturgy Team Meeting: 7.30pm in the Pastoral Cluster Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Christmas Masses and Reconciliation services; finalise the Calendar of Liturgical Events for Parish and Schools and revisit the role and function of the Liturgy Team.

## Back to School:

We welcome our Preps who have begun their school life this week. We also welcome back staff and the other students at all three schools. We wish them every good blessing and success for 2010.

### Back to School Masses -

- Thurs Feb 4... 9.15am Whole School Mass at Holy Family Church
- Fri Feb 5... 9.15am Whole School Mass at St Pat's Chapel
- Fri Feb 5... 11.00am Whole School Mass at Holy Spirit Church



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So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this? We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love. And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.

From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles. On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'.

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death