



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)

Think about this for a minute!

It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates: Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day. Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day. Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt. Candidate B is Winston Churchill. Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love.

Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus. (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.

- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - February 7, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

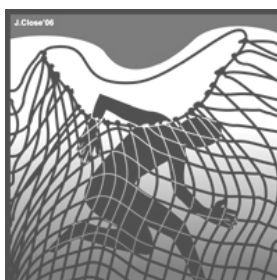
In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

1st Reading: Jer 17:5-8

2nd Reading: 1Cor 15:12,16-20

Gospel: Lk 6:17,20-26

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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

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 14, 2010.

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

A Vanjek

F O'Neill

E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

9.30AM

J Mann

D Lunn, A Negro

R&R Zanardo, H Verdnik

V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

M Willett

B Murphy

M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan

B Stocks

11.00AM

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power

P Hubbard, N Neeld, A Henderson

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

E Strzelecki, A&L Fossey, P Pollard/M Burn, J Gailius

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

T Martin

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:

- **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!
- **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:

Holy Family:

Community Dates:

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:

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said, “send me!”

(Isaiah 6:8)

Every day - in little ways and in big ways - God asks, “Whom shall I send?”

Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, “Here I am, send me!”



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Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts. Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus. Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.