



# 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)

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see. The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'



For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival. In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus. We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. (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.

## - Easter Sunday -

(Year C - April 4, 2010.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16  
2nd Reading: Apoc 1:9-13,17-19  
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

# 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

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:** April 5 - Lynch family, Vines Rd;

April 12 - Wilson family, Gladstone St, April 19 - Wright family, Logan St.

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Domenico Pellizzeri, John Mellar

**MONTH SINCE DEATH:** -

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Stefani & Mirko Lehpamer, Graziano Modica, Alojz Akmaciz, Jozo Dzida, Gennaro Bove, Lorenz & Katrina Hoffmann, Les McFarlane (Snr)

**BAPTISMS:** Mikaela Kovac (P&P)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Felix Capicchiano, Toni Siketa, Jordan Willis, Kylie Behr, John Robertson, Lorena Gonzaga, Jim Hudson, Donald McMahan, Lucas Bailey, Dorothy McKenzie, Jeff Booth, Robert & Simon Yap, June Tay, Janet Ho, ^ Dianne Rickey, Delia Hanlon

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010.**

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### 8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

### 9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Sheahan

V Resciniti, G Cracco

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

M Lacy

M Willett, G Harrison

B Murphy, M Willett

M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan

B Stocks

### 11.00AM

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P Hubbard, A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

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

**SPECIAL MINISTERS:** For the next two weeks we have a tentative roster. We still require extra Special Ministers for 8am Holy Family, 5pm Ss Peter & Paul's, 6pm Holy Spirit. Please phone office and ask for Frank after Sunday April 11th.



## CONGRATULATIONS AND A BIG WELCOME TO:

**Brian, Rachel, Samantha and Bradley Jepson, Danielle, Grace, Lily, Archie Ingwersen, Bronwyn Cusworth** and son **Brandon Marnell, Clara Urquhart, Daniel Siketa and Jade Williams** who join the Catholic Church through one or more of the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Thanks for making our Easter so special.

## WELCOME HOME!

Easter can be a time of spiritual renewal. Our Ceremonies of Reconciliation, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday highlight the core teachings and values of our Christian faith in a loving and compassionate God.

The gift of Easter also calls forth a response. If you have been away from the practice of your faith for awhile, please know that you are very welcome to join us for our Eucharistic celebrations and communal prayer. The times of our Masses and Communal prayer are outlined on the opposite page.

Also, our response calls forth action. In the Pastoral Cluster there are many opportunities to be involved socially and pastorally. Outlined below are some of the ways you can be involved.

## 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. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- . **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

*If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:*

[www.pastoralclustergeelong.org](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)

## ❖ Cluster News ❖

### CAR RAFFLE:

As part of our fundraising for the Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines, we are involved with the Archdiocesan Car Raffle as in previous years. Over the coming weeks there will be opportunities to purchase the raffle tickets. They are only \$2 each and the first few prizes are cars. A great raffle and a great cause!

## Fr Mick's Mates - Relay for Life

***I am delighted that the Pastoral Cluster, as part of Fr Mick's Mates, was well represented at the Relay for Life event last weekend. We had 75 people as registered members, including families and staff from Holy Spirit and Holy Family schools. Furthermore, we raised over \$8,000. The final figure from the Cancer Council will be issued later.***

***The achievement of this impressive result is testimony to the generosity of spirit and endeavour of many people.***

***I offer heartfelt thanks to Fr Mick our patron, Trish Stickland the Team Captain, the Fr Mick's Mates Organising Committee, and all those who in different ways supported this community event through registration, administrative support, attendance at the Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Bay Cruise and other fundraising events and activities.***

***I believe our involvement in the Relay for Life event is a great example of our local Church community being actively involved and supportive of the wider community. The support for Relay for Life through Fr Mick's Mates is a tangible expression of Jesus' commandment to be 'light to the world'.***



## HOLY FAMILY:


- ⇒ **DINNERS AT HOME:** Similar to last year, Fr Mick and I would like to take the opportunity to visit people in their homes for dinner. During the month of April, Frs Mick and Gerard are happy to visit some of the families of Holy Family. The times they are available are on a clipboard at the back of the Church if you would like to invite one or both to dinner.

## Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

- ⇒ **CALLING ALL ST PATRICK'S PAST PUPILS!** In 2011 St Patrick's will mark 100 years of schooling at its Petrel St site in Geelong West. There will be plenty of information forthcoming about the series of spiritual and social events for the centenary celebrations. In the meantime we're on the heritage trail! Archivist Glen Turnbull is researching our history for publication. We need your stories, photos and other memorabilia. Please take a brochure from the back of the Church, complete the questionnaire and stay tuned... For more information, please contact Kathleen Rawson on 5229 2904 or [rawsonkm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rawsonkm@optusnet.com.au)

## COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

- Apr 6...** **RETIRED OFFICER'S KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS** next meeting will be held at the White Eagle (Fellmongers Rd) at 12noon.
- Apr 14...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate. **\*Note new time\***
- Apr 15...** **CHARITY GOLF DAY** run by the Southern Cross Golf Club with all proceeds to St Vincent de Paul Society. Shotgun start at 12noon at RACV Torquay Golf Club. Ph Ed Featherston 5261 7414.
- Apr 18...** **150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART COLLEGE:** An open invitation is extended to all members of the community to take part in the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Sacred Heart College. At 10.15am Bishop Tim Costelloe will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass on the College Oval which will be followed by a harvest picnic lunch and an afternoon of entertainment in the school grounds. Attendance is free and all are welcome. For further information ph 5221 4211 or visit [www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**  
Mass of the Divine Mercy will be held at St Mary's Geelong, 3pm on April 11. Reconciliation is available from 1.30 to 3pm prior to the Mass.

**YOUNG VINNIES:**

Are you 16 or 30ish? Like fun teamwork and making new friends? Want to help people in need?

Young Vinnies offers many fun programs for outreach and social networking. You may find the experience of helping people in need rewarding and a life enhancing experience.

Feel free to join us at monthly get-together on first Tues 7pm at Vinnies Centre, 162 Fyans St South Geelong or ph 0425 886 833 (Christina) for a chat or [youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com](mailto:youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com)

### ENROLMENT/OPEN DAYS:

**Clonard College** Sunday 2 May 10.30am-4pm  
Information Sessions:  
**St Joseph's College** Friday 16 April 9am-12noon  
Staff Tours  
**Sacred Heart College** Sunday 18 April 2pm-4pm  
Information Sessions:

Sunday 2 May 10.30am & 2pm  
Tuesday 4 May 9am, Wednesday 5 May 5pm  
Last tour leaving 11.30am  
4pm-7pm (last tour leaving at 6.30pm)  
School Tours  
Wed April 21 4.30-5.30pm or 7-8pm



### PROJECT COMPASSION 2010:

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity has offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling against injustice and poverty. Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2010 appeal.  
**Project Compassion boxes to be returned if possible today.**

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The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds. Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus. That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever.