



# 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 also 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 from 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. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know, however, 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 are 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.

I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone.'

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## - 2nd Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - April 11, 2010.)

### 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 5:27-32,40-41

2nd Reading: Apoc 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

### 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.**

## 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 12 - Wilson family, Gladstone St, April 19 - Wright family, Logan 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:** John Blonk, Carmel Egan, Mary Craven, Olga Velcek, Fr Gerard Fitzgerald (a former Assistant Priest at Bell Park)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maria Grazia Leone, Elizabeth Jovic, Clinton Price, Aldo Scarpetti, Marcella Conti, Francesco Iannuzzi, Les Murphy, Bobbie Black, Eileen Featherstone

**BAPTISMS:** Riley Kovac, Lucy Barnett, Joseph Ivisic, Liam Ford (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 McMahon, Lucas Bailey, Dorothy McKenzie, Jeff Booth, Robert & Simon Yap, June Tay, Janet Ho, ^ Dianne Rickey, Delia Hanlon

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010.**

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

#### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

#### 8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh, B McFarlane

R&L Allum

#### 9.30AM

L Lehpamer

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, E Glynn, G de Palma, Sr Concepta

E Dalton, G Carmody

#### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

#### 6.00PM

Sr J McGonigal

J McKenzie

G Wright, T Thornton

C Horan, C Canny, V Logan

T Dunlop

#### 11.00AM

M Currie

G Brown

P Murfitt, M Lacy, M Currie

B Gorman, I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

T Cleary, D Brown

#### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

#### 5.00PM

D Maddalena

K Maddalena

K Maddalena, L Darvill, B Dikum

#### 11.00AM

**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 THANKYOU

This year's Easter celebrations were a great success and a celebration of our core Christian faith. The success of our celebrations is due in large part to the generosity of spirit and effort of so many. To all those who were involved in the planning of our Liturgies; Ministries of Reading, Music, Commentating, Welcoming, Sacristan, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Flowers, Preparation of the Churches and Altars, Collectors, Projectionists, Altar Servers, behind-the-scenes Administrative Support, especially Katharine Shelley and Trish Stickland. Your efforts are much appreciated and many thanks for a job well done!

Also, many thanks to the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) team under the leadership of Fr Mick, and the Sponsors who were guides and mentors to the fourteen people who were welcomed into our community at the Easter Vigil. We are privileged to have such fine new members to our community and I'm sure you'll make them feel very welcomed.

A special thanks also to Frank Kearney, the Liturgical Co-ordinator for his leadership in the co-ordination of these Easter Ceremonies.

Thankyou to all those who were involved in the preparation and the delivery of the Easter Invitations. They are a tangible and practical outreach to all known Catholics in the Cluster.

- Fr Gerard



## 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!

## HOLY SPIRIT:

- ⇒ **MANIFOLD CWL** will NOT be having a meeting in April. Easter Hamper Raffle Winner was Brigid Thompson, 2nd J Whelan, 3rd J Sheahan, 4th I Fusea, 5th A Reddan. Thanks for all the support. We sincerely thank Fr Gerard and Fr Mick for our Anointing Mass and all those who contributed to the lovely lunch.
- ⇒ **AD2000:** April issue now for sale at the SVDP Stall, price \$4. Included in this issue - Easter; from Death to Eternal Life; Eucharistic Adoration; Ultimate Spiritual Weapon; plus World News, Letters.

## 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)

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)*


Peace - the first gift of the risen Lord. As Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, He also sends us.

The Stewardship Program provides countless opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters next door to us and in the far corners of the Archdiocese.

In giving to help support these programs, you will receive the peace of Christ.

## COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

- 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:** Mass and celebrations from 10.15am onwards. 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)
- May 2... **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:** The theme for this year's Respect Life Sunday is on Population Control.



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

Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 11, 2010


### 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:		
<b>Clonard College</b>	Sunday 2 May 10.30am-4pm Information Sessions:	Sunday 2 May 10.30am & 2pm Tuesday 4 May 9am, Wednesday 5 May 5pm
<b>St Joseph's College</b>	Friday 16 April 9am-12noon Staff Tours	Last tour leaving 11.30am 4pm-7pm (last tour leaving at 6.30pm)
<b>Sacred Heart College</b>	Sunday 18 April 2pm-4pm Information Sessions:	School Tours Wed April 21 4.30-5.30pm or 7-8pm



### THANKYOU!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have a box or set of envelopes, please bring them back next week. 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! Also thanks for the special appeals for Haiti \$870.517 and Chile \$49,232 which reflects the great generosity of the Victorian supporters.

**Please bring Project Compassion boxes back this weekend!**

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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 fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace 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 that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'