



# 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 *Shawshank Redemption* was the hit film of 1994. In it we follow the incarceration and escape plans of Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Robbins is condemned to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover. Freeman says he is the 'only guilty man in Shawshank Prison'. Based on Stephen King's novella, this uplifting film is a surprise package from a writer whose fame comes from the horror genre.



The longer we watch the film, the more we realise that Stephen King has modelled his story on the Gospel of John. It is, in many respects a more modern parable about John's portrait of Jesus. Tim Robbins' character, Andy, like Jesus, is an innocent man, treated harshly by the authorities of his day. He has to endure the condemnation and cruelty of the leading religious zealots who are keepers of law and order, while he inspires others to think of a world free of subjection and oppression where they can be free to live the life of which they dream. Like John's Jesus, Andy has big dreams and often talks in riddles, but he leaves clues for others to follow him in their quest for freedom.

In the last part of the film, after Andy has successfully escaped and the governor of the prison has been exposed for the hypocrite he is, Freeman is paroled after serving 35 years hard labour. He decides to go where Andy has gone and, just as Andy promised when they were together in prison, he finds that Andy has prepared the way for him to follow. The moving climax of the film comes as Robbins and Freeman meet on a beach, embrace each other and share food and drink to celebrate the new life both of them have discovered.

Stephen King understands John's portrait of Jesus very well. For all of Jesus' assuredness and composure throughout the Gospel, the sense of care and intimacy in the encounters with his friends is deeply moving.

In the Easter Gospel to which we have just listened, Jesus returns to where his friends have fled from Jerusalem. In a parable about the growing numbers of the early Church, the Eucharist and the suffering they are enduring, John reaffirms that Jesus is intimately present in their following of him and their suffering for the Kingdom.

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## - 3rd Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - April 18, 2010.)

### 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:

I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
He has shown pity on all people.

**Alleluia!**



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52

2nd Reading: Apoc 7:9,14-17

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

### 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)

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:** 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:** Ursula Gungl, Elizabeth D'Helin

**MONTH SINCE DEATH:** Giovanni Cito

**ANNIVERSARIES:** William & Gertrude Powel, Des Hickey, Fr Timothy Tolan, Raymond Lyons, Andrew Seljak, Luba & Cole Nicolic, Milica Stojkovski, Robert & Kathleen Convery

**BAPTISMS:** Mya Gamero, Serena Caimano, Eadie, Zoe & Mackie Donnelly (HF), Francesco Fiala, Harrison, Darcy & Saska Kamp (HS)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Dianne Rickey, Delia Hanlon, Patrick Duffy

*(Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list - please phone the office if you wish names reinserted)*



## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010.**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

### 9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, Rick Zanardo

E Glynn

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

M Lacy

E Cotter, P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

C Canny, M Brown, D McFarlane

T McShanag

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

### 11.00AM

M Foley

M McGeady

D&D Dougherty, M Foley, J Gailius, M Mirabile

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

## 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

**WELCOME!** Today we welcome the Primary school aged children who are preparing to be baptised into our faith community. We pray that this time of preparation will be a great opportunity for them and their families to know better God's love for them.

**SPECIAL MINISTERS:** We are still in need of more Special Ministers for all three Churches. If you are available and would like to carry out this ministry, please phone Frank Kearney at the office on 5278 1343 before this coming Wednesday. Final rosters will be drawn up on Wednesday. **NB:** If new to the ministry a short training would be given so you will feel comfortable in the role.

**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!

**CLUSTER INSERVICE DAY:** This coming Monday the staff of the three Parish Schools and Trish Stickland, Frank Kearney, Fr Mick and I will be attending an Inservice Day with Fr Frank Moloney, a world class Scripture Scholar. The Inservice will focus on a deeper scriptural understanding of Jesus and His teaching.



**FAREWELL AND THANKYOU!** This week Joan Nolan will move from the Parish and reside at Rice Village. We wish her well in her new abode. We thank Joan for her long, committed and generous service to the Parish. Her efforts are much appreciated and she will be missed.

### **An Invitation to celebrate the 'Year of the Priest' in the Pastoral Cluster**

*("I will give you shepherds..." Jer 3:15)*

We would like to extend a warm invitation to ALL parishioners to join us for Mass and a Luncheon to celebrate the Year of the Priest. This occasion is an opportunity for us to thank you for sharing your faith and lives with us and in doing so you have enriched us and our Priesthood. Heartfelt thanks!!

**Date:** Sunday 30 May

**Mass:** 11am at Ss Peter & Paul's, cnr Mercer & Myers Sts Geelong West

***(Please note the change of Church for the 11am Mass on this Sunday which is the Fifth Sunday of the week and normally held at Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts)***

**Luncheon:** Ss Peter & Paul's large hall, Malone St Geelong West after the Mass

Further information re catering will be forthcoming in the following weeks. *(Fr Mick and Fr Gerard)*

## HOLY FAMILY:

⇒ **CONGRATULATIONS!** Today we congratulate Peg and George Carmody who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Well done to Peg, George and their family!



## 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 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)

" **MEMORIAL MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL:** 6.30pm for the late Polish President Lech Kaczynski and the 96 others who were on board the Presidential plane which crashed. The Archbishop will preside.

**Apr 28...** **SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY SERIES:** "Those who were here first and those who were here last" - The place of Indigenous Peoples, Refugees and Asylum Seekers in contemporary Australia. 12-1pm at St Francis Pastoral Centre, cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Sts Melbourne. Sponsored by the St Vincent de Paul Society. Contact Paula on 9895 5800.

**May 2...** **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:** The theme for this year's Respect Life Sunday is on Population Control.

### COULD YOU CARE FOR A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

Centacare Catholic Family Services is looking for adoptive or long-term foster care parents who feel prepared to take on the additional challenges of a child with special needs. For further details contact Centacare on 9689 3888.

**"OUR PLACE"** - A project aimed to collect personal stories and memories of our South Geelong Primary School from past students, teachers and community members. If you can assist in this project, please contact Simon Moore on 5221 4047 (BH) or 5221 5055 (AH) for more information.

**A JOURNEY TO LOURDES:** A fully escorted pilgrimage from 1-18 September with Geraldine Dillon (Fr Kevin Dillon's sister) to Paris, Lourdes, Lyon, Avignon, Nevers, Lisieux. Contact John Smyth on 9857 455 or email [john@belmoretravel.com.au](mailto:john@belmoretravel.com.au)

**CATHOLIC LIFE & SPIRIT SEMINAR:** A charismatic renewal program held at St Francis Xavier Centre, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio, over six weeks beginning May 2 from 1-5pm. Contact Leo and Lisa Ballesteros on 5282 2345 or 0400 995 639.

**RETREATS OFFERED BY THE MERCY SISTERS AT SANTA CASA, QUEENSCLIFF:** 4-6 day retreats on *Listening to our Dreams: Stillness in Being; Art of Living Fully; Treading Consciously: Honouring Self, Earth and Others; Dialogue of Winter Colours; Winter's Grace*. All information re dates, costs, presentations phone 5258 4327.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)*

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding his sheep". We are called to help those who are less fortunate.

One way that we can do this is through the Stewardship Program.

This year, take time to ask God if you are giving as much as He wants you to give.

### 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>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 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](http://www.bemore.org.au) and take up the challenge to BE More!

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

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The only sense John can make of Jesus' death, the martyrdom of the apostles or the persecution of the early church is to see them all as acts of love. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

Those of us who have been caught up in the net of God's love are heirs to the same promises of Jesus' fidelity. Christ is intimately present to us in every act of loving sacrifice we undertake for him. He continues to send us out to tell people of the place that has been prepared for them at the banquet of life and he gives us strength to gird our loins for the times when life takes us to places we would rather not go.

In this Eucharist let's be grateful for this Easter season when we celebrate again that we have been set free from the prison of our fears and shown the way to live a life of sacrificial love and undeserved redemption.