



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 passages from the Gospels where Jesus likens us to being sheep leave me a bit cold. I think I must lose something in the translation from first century Palestine to today. Most of the sheep I have ever watched may well be cute, in a woolly sort of way, but they are anxious creatures often running in packs in every direction, are notoriously stupid and difficult to manage or direct. On second thoughts maybe the analogy is not so bad after all! We, the people of God, can certainly be an anxious lot, a bit slow on the uptake and difficult to lead. Its also true, however, that sheep are incredibly useful and adaptable animals. Think about all the places they have been taken throughout the world. They thrive. With all due respect to the vegans, vegetarians and animal liberationists here today, think about the multiple ways they have served humanity.



The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in those days is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. (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 of Easter -

(Year C - April 25, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
2nd Reading: Apoc 21:1-5
Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

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 26:** Doot family, Elderslie Tce;

May 3: Brown family, Bostock Ave;

May 10: Cawthray family, Drysdale Ave.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Delia Hanlon, John Haines

MONTH SINCE DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hannah Barr, Maria Ivelja, Angelo Negro, Ernest Laspada, Elizabeth Kenny, Maria & Guseppe DeRossi, Maria & Ettore Gasparini, Matteo Percat, Charlie Hennessy, Joseph & John Brady, Antonio & Josephine Puglia

BAPTISMS:

Charlotte Ingles, Ally Webb, Thomas O'Sullivan

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dianne Rickey, Patrick Duffy°, Wendy Commons, Felix Capicchiano

(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, MAY 2, 2010.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

A Vanjek

F Chrimes, J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane

U Guardiano, K McArthur

9.30AM

T McMahan

C&J Taylor

G&P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo

M&E Hoffman, L d'Aprile

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

Sr Sibberas

J O'Neill

D Boyle

C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

11.00AM

M Shilling

M Gurrie

V Trinder, M Abbott, M Currie

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brian

D O'Brian

N Neeld, S Beamond, J Jess

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



Cluster News

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER: Pastoral Cluster Liturgy Team Meeting on **Thursday April 29**, 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Separation St Bell Park.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Monday Mass at Vincentian Village this week.

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!

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 13:52)

Because the disciples had heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the message of the Gospel with strength and vitality.

We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to listen to God, to ask for His direction and to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

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 & Malone 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)*



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
- ⇒ **DINNER WITH FRS MICK & GERARD:** As part of the Year of the Priest, Fr Mick and Fr Gerard would like to meet with families in their home for dinner. During the month of May there is an opportunity for parishioners of Ss Peter & Paul's to organise a dinner with either Fr Mick and/or Fr Gerard. Clipboards in the back of the Church.

COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

- 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.
- Apr 30...** **INVITATION TO PERUVIAN WINTER WARMER:** 5.30-8.30pm at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St East Melbourne. Come and enjoy an evening of Peruvian entertainment and hear about our project. RSVP by **April 22** to mmhc@sosj.org.au or ph 9926 9300.
- May 2...** **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:** The theme for this year is *Respecting Life, Respecting Nature*. There is a brochure published by Life, Marriage and Family Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, available at each of the Masses for free.
- May 15-23...** **NOVENA FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI:** The Knights of the Southern Cross invite all parishioners to join them in a Novena for our Holy Father to pray for strength and support for him at this time of considerable challenge. The Novena will take place from Pentecost Sunday around Australia.
- May 19...** **2010 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE:** Rev Dr Gerald O'Collins SJ AC will speak on "**Jesus Our Priest: How can and should we describe the priesthood of Jesus himself?**" Bookings and Information: Email ctc@ctc.edu.au or ph 9412 3314 by **Friday May 14**. Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne.

FLORES DE MAYO & SANTACRUZAN: May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Legion of Mary in Corio-Lara Parish invite you to join them in turning each of the 31 days in May into a charming honor to the virginal virtues in Flores de Mayo, the flowers of May fiesta. Starting **May 1 till May 31** at 6pm every evening we will pray the Rosary and offer flowers to Mary at St Anthony's Church, Kees Rd Lara. Bring your family, friends and all children with their cut flowers to offer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The **Santacruzán** will be held on **Saturday May 29**, midday at St Anthony's Church. For more information please ph Adela Buaya on 0409 135 589.

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

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.



GEELONG COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA:

2010 Concert Series taking place at McAuley Hall Costa Centre for the Performing Arts, Sacred Heart College, Aphrasia St Newtown.

Concert 1 - May 30 at 3pm: *Fabulous French Favourites featuring Karen Schofield on Flute*

Concert 2 - Sep 19 at 3pm: *Celebrating Geelong's Young Talent*

Concert 3 - Nov 28 at 3pm: *Mandolins and More! With the Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra*

ENROLMENT/OPEN DAYS:

Clonard College	Sunday 2 May 10.30am-4pm	Sunday 2 May 10.30am & 2pm
	Information Sessions:	Tuesday 4 May 9am, Wednesday 5 May

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Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.