



# 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 word *love* has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.



The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters.

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### 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 of Easter -

(Year C - May 2, 2010.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name forever,  
my king and my God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29  
2nd Reading: Apoc 21:10-14,22-23  
Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

# 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: May 3:** Brown family, Bostock Ave; **May 10:** Cawthray family, Drysdale 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:** Giuseppe Ruggeri, Johanna Donaghy, Anna Galiotta (Argentina), Barry Hugo, Frank Sedgman

**MONTH SINCE DEATH:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tom Starcevic, Vladimir Virt, Rosa & Natale Cucinotta, Margaret Bohan

**BAPTISMS:** William Field (HS)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Dianne Rickey, Patrick Duffy°, Wendy Commons, Felix Capicchiano, Bruno Sorgiovanni

*(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 9, 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, J Genpva

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

### 9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnick, 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&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

R&K Maddalena

### 11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

E Strzelecki, A&L Fossey, M Sleeman/M Burn

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

## 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:**

### **LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER:**

**May 1/2 - 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 8/9 - Mothers' Day Mass:** The focus of this year's Mothers' Day celebration is "**Mum, You're a Star!**" The junior children of the three parish schools will assist in our celebrations of the important vocation of Motherhood. The children will be in attendance at the 5pm (Ss P&P) and 6pm (Holy Spirit) Saturday evening Masses and the 9.30am (Holy Family) Mass.

### **May 15/16 - The Ascension**

**May 22/23 - Pentecost:** As part of our celebration of the foundation of the Church and its mission, the Grade 6 children from the three schools will be in attendance and the focus of the Masses will be our Columban Partnership. Masses the children will be in attendance are the 5pm (Ss P&P), 6pm (HS) and 9.30am (Holy Family). Also there will be a second collection at all Masses with the proceeds going to support the \$3,000 per parish commitment to the Columban Partnership.

### **May 29/30 - Trinity Sunday**

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** This year there will be a change to the way First Eucharist is celebrated. The purpose of the change is to give this celebration a stronger parish and family focus.

**Firstly**, during the second term children and their families from our three parish Catholic schools will be invited to a BBQ at Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery.

**Secondly**, all children who hope to receive their First Eucharist will attend a Mass during the second term and there will be a special welcome and encouragement for them, similar to our Baptism welcomes.

**Thirdly**, the celebration of the First Eucharist will be integrated into normal Saturday night and Sunday Masses over the third term.

### **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

If you wish to attend the Luncheon, please fill in your name on the clipboards that are available at the back of each Church. If you are able to assist with the catering by providing sandwiches or slices or savouries, could you also indicate on the clipboards provided.

Pat Bourke of Holy Spirit parish can be contacted if you have any questions or clarification about catering on 5278 2422. *(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](mailto: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.

## HOLY SPIRIT:

- ⇒ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their monthly meeting 1.30pm on **Tuesday May 4** at the Cluster Office. New members most welcome! We will be having a **Prayer Service** and collection for WUCWO. For transport or information contact Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ⇒ **AD2000:** May issue now for sale at the SVDP Stall, price \$4. Included in this issue - Anglicans and Christians Unite; A Youth Apostolate that Works; US Bishops' Opposition to Obama Healthcare; plus World News, Letters.

## COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

- 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](mailto:ctc@ctc.edu.au) or ph 9412 3314 by **Friday May 14**. Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne.
- May 30...** **GEELONG COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA:** Concert 1 - Fabulous French Favourites at McAuley Hall, Costa Centre, Sacred Heart College 3pm.

**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.

**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)



**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. They are only \$2 each and the first few prizes are cars. A great raffle and a great cause!

**CARITAS:** The final figure for the Pastoral Cluster's support for Caritas was \$5,685.10. Your generosity will make an extraordinary difference to the lives of many people. Well done!

## CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 2 May 10.30am-4pm

Sunday 2 May 10.30am & 2pm

Information Sessions:

Tuesday 4 May 9am, Wednesday 5 May 5pm

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All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behaviour from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

May this Eucharist then grant us the wisdom to love people and not things. May it help us embrace sacrifice in a way that leads to life and may it give courage to sort out the relationships that affirm our dignity and help us grow in faith, hope and love.