



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)

Have you noticed how many books, films, television and radio programs harken back to yesteryear? 'Retrospectives' are huge in the art world. Have you noticed when musicians play more romantic classical music in the first half and contemporary music in the second half that people leave at half time? It seems the public likes the art of the 19th Century more than that of today. Nostalgia is big business and we cannot get enough of it.



Nostalgia literally means 'a yearning for home'. And if our artistic tastes reveal anything about who we are at present, maybe the home we yearn for is where things are clearer, roles are more defined, accepted harmony is developed and discord and dissonance is avoided – at least in public.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

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Happy Mothers' Day



- 6th Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - May 9, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Speak out with a voice of joy;
let it be heard to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

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: 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: Ernest Dessent, Stuart Stephens, Kathleen Morrey, Mario Berginc

MONTH SINCE DEATH: -

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Shelley, Antonia Grgurevic, Teresa Hogan, Katie Dacre, Clare Middleton, Mary O'Neill, Maria Lombardo, Carmella Bisinella, Baby Alison Carmody, Wendy Holub

BAPTISMS: -

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Dianne Rickey, Patrick Duffy°, Wendy Commons, Felix Capicchiano, Bruno Sorgiovanni, Jim Hudson, David Fort, Connie Horan

(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 16, 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

R&L Allum

9.30AM

L Lehpamer

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, E Glynn, G De Palma, M Fiorillo

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, B Ditung, L Darvill

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

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 PASTORAL CLUSTER:

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. To that end Fr Mick and I have invited the First Eucharist children and their families to the Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery for a BBQ. Holy Family last Friday, St Patrick's Friday May 14th and Holy Spirit Friday May 28th.

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.



PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM:

This is a program for children attending schools other than our Parish Primary Schools. If you would like to enrol your child please phone Frank Kearney at the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 on **Monday, Tuesday** or **Wednesday**. **The program begins next Sunday, May 16th.**

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A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we perform, not a home where we know each other.

Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

When we let the daily pressures of life trouble us we begin to believe that we are responsible for taking care of everything. This causes us to frantically cling to both our time and treasure.

Yet, Jesus tells us not to be troubled or afraid. Take a deep breath and place your trust in God. When you do, you can be a better steward of all that God has placed in your care.

COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

- May 12...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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.
- May 23...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Socil Gathering 12noon at Ashby Presbytery, Malone St - \$15 per head, drinks included. Bring a casserole or sweet, all welcome! A KSC Project for Overseas Missions. Ph Joe Lambert on 5229 8442 to confirm attendance.
- May 30...** **GEELONG COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA:** Concert 1 - Fabulous French Favourites at McAuley Hall, Costa Centre, Sacred Heart College 3pm.

LUNCHEON FOR THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS:

This Luncheon will be held **Wednesday May 12** at 12noon in Ss Peter & Paul's Hall, cost \$7. All welcome!

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



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.

Also to ensure that this occasion is an enjoyable community event, we need volunteers to assist with the setup of tables, chairs, trestles and decorations, as well as the clean-up afterwards.

Next week there will be a sign-up board and a time to organise this part of the celebration.

(Fr Mick and Fr Gerard)