



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)

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables... I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished... "When you think what?" I asked... "I don't know. When you think." "What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important. "When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.'

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life. In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth.

In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities - farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom. (Cont'd P4)



- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - June 27, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All nations, clap your hands.
Shout with a voice of joy to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14
2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18
Gospel: Lk 10:1-12,17-20



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.

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: July 5 - Bourke family, Sycamore 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: Jimmy Fay, Liberato Di Lullo, Una Johnson, Carla Tippetts, Alexander Sexton

ANNIVERSARIES: Zvonk Miodic, Giovanni Puglia, Margaret McFarlane, Matthew Barr, Patricia Piercy, Vincenzo Pitaro, Mary Josephine, John Cody, John Dempsey, Bessey Keppel, Lorenzo Oddie, Mary & Harry Callander

BAPTISMS: Abbey Hocking, Oscar Roydhouse, Juliet Cohen (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Patrick Duffy°, Wendy Commons, Felix Capicchiano, Bruno Sorgiovanni, David Fort, Agnes Vanjek, Kathleen Lewis, Mary Smith, Paulus Handianto Soetaper Kasa, Patricia McMahon, Margaret Harris, Damian Taylor, Joseph Escorse



ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 4, 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 McMahon

C&J Taylor

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

M&E Hoffman

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

Sr Sibberas

J O'Neill

D Boyle, M Abbott, T McShanag

C Horan, V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

11.00AM

M Shilling

M Gurrie

V Trinder, 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 Casserole lunch** - Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon a Casserole lunch BYO to share
- 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)
Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- Playgroup** - Pastoral Cluster Centre, First Tuesdays in the month
- Manifold CWL** - First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- Italian Mass** - Survivors, partners, carers & families meet in the Ss Peter & Paul's Hall.
- Geelong Stroke Support Group** - Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- Catholic Deanery Solo Group** - Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.
- Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon** - Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Patti on 5229 9963
- Catholic Diners' Club** -

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:

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

- We welcome Fr Mick back from his holiday with his family. After the Masses this weekend, Fr Mick will be attending the Diocesan Priests' Assembly and will return to the parish on Friday July 2.
- Office Closure during the School Holidays** - The Office will be manned by a skeleton staff during the school holidays. If no one is available in the Office, please leave a message on the answering machine and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

The Fund- and Friend-raising for our Relay for Life will include three Parish Sausage Sizzles - Oct 3 Holy Spirit after 11am Mass; Oct 10 Ss Peter & Paul's after 11am Mass and Oct 17 Holy Family after 9.30am Mass.

The Melbourne Cup Luncheon will again be held at the Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery on Nov 2 and, just prior to Christmas, there will be some Sausage Sizzles after Mass with an opportunity to buy Christmas fare.

Also there will be a Bay Cruise of Corio Bay in February 2011. ***Please mark these dates in your diary!***

PASTORAL CLUSTER LEADERSHIP TEAM:

On Thursday June 24 a meeting with the Pastoral Cluster Leadership Team and representatives of the active pastoral ministries and schools was held. The aim of the meeting was to acknowledge and thank the representatives of the various pastoral ministries, as well as to provide an opportunity for all present to hear about the service ministries and the fine work they are doing and to look at ways the Parish can better support them. The discussion was engaging and fruitful and some good suggestions came about on how we can better engage more people in the Pastoral mission of the Cluster. The Cluster Leadership team will now take these suggestions and look to ways of implementing them.

To the 25 people in attendance, thank you for your generosity of time for this meeting, but more importantly for the great work you have done, often for many years.

The next Leadership Team meeting will be held **July 29 at 7pm** at the Pastoral Cluster.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST:

Last Saturday (June 19) was the conclusion of Year of the Priest. As part of the prayerful support of the Priests we recited our Prayer for Priests at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful. Now that the Year of the Priest is finished we will no longer recite this prayer. Fr Mick and I thank you for your prayerful support. It was much appreciated.



WING AND A PRAYER

Catholic Bookshop, Gift Shop, Chapel and Pastoral Centre in Malop St,
opposite 'Officeworks'.

Wing and a Prayer offers a wide range of Catholic and Christian books, as well as devotional and prayer items - Rosary beads, medals, prayer books, holy cards, scapulars, etc and other gifts suitable as gifts for First Communion, Confirmation and Baptism.

Wing and a Prayer also contains a large selection of beautiful hand-made gifts, crafted in underdeveloped countries, which through 'Fair Trade' gives a just return to the skilled makers.



Holy Family:

- ⇒ **RENOVATION TO HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** I am in the process of obtaining quotes for the renovations of Holy Family Church. The renovations are part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Holy Family. The renovations include an upgrade of the lighting fixtures (with the possibility of a significant lighting feature subject to cost); rendering the back wall; new carpet; parquet floor for the Sanctuary; re-varnishing the pews (this is proving to be a difficult task because of the heating under seats); steam cleaning the brick walls, roof and exterior; upgrade of the Chapel area, etc. A significant process which will require a considerable outlay and, in the short term, some inconvenience. The organising committee will present the proposed improvements soon.
- ⇒ **CLOSURE OF PIETY STALL:** The Piety Stall will no longer be opened throughout the year. However, during December and January it will open to sell Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards.
If you are looking to purchase religious items we can recommend "Wing and a Prayer" Catholic Bookshop (see notice on page 3).
Many thanks to those who kindly volunteered to look after the Piety Stall.

COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

- July 4...** **YOUTH LEADERS DAY:** All youth communities and supporters are invited to celebrate Youth Leaders Day with the theme *Healing from Depression and Anxiety* at Divine Mercy Shrine, 337 Greens Rd Keysborough (Mel 94F1) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2.30pm, Hour of Mercy 3pm and Mass for Healing 4pm. Register your group to 0412 035 685.
- Aug 4...** **GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS:** Fr Patrick Flanagan will celebrate his 50th Jubilee with a Mass at noon at St Bernard's Church, Belmont. Many parishioners would know Fr Flanagan and are warmly welcome to attend this special celebration. Please bring a plate to share with a cuppa after Mass.
- Aug 18/19/20:** **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PRODUCTION OF 'JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR':** Involving students from St Joseph's and Sacred Heart Colleges, staged at the newly refurbished 'Playhouse Theatre' at GPAC, Lt Malop St. Performances start 7.30pm and tickets are available from St Joseph's College Accounts Office 5226 8111 or GPAC 5225 1200. Adults \$20, Conc/students \$15 and groups 10 or more \$15. Family tickets \$60.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

SVDP is still in need of blankets, coats, jumpers and any other warm clothing in good condition for all members of the family. Please leave at 162 Fyans St South Geelong. We can also use good clean beds, mattresses, furniture and manchester. Please call 5229 0911 for furniture pickup. We thank you for your past generous contributions.

Many thanks from the three SVDP Conferences in the Pastoral Cluster.

- ◆ Holy Spirit raised \$1,750
- ◆ Holy Family raised \$919
- ◆ Ss Peter & Paul's raised \$900



In addition to the funds raised, the three schools have provided each of the Conferences with some funds as well as food baskets to be distributed to the poor of our area.

ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL GEELONG is currently undergoing refurbishment works. On Thursday 10 June the final Mass was celebrated in the Hospital Chapel by Mons Murray and Fr Vince Burke, followed by the decommissioning/closure of our Hospital Chapel for the refurbishment period. The relocated Chapel can be found on Level One next to the Pharmacy, until the time to move to St John of God Hospital's brand new Chapel, which will be a contemporary state of the art sacred place where, as always, all are welcome.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: When was the last time you had a great weekend just for the two of you? Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place. It is based around Catholic values, but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. The next weekends will be held on 20-22 August and 15-17 October. Further information and bookings ph 9899 0824 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

IRANIAN & CHINESE INTERFAITH ART EXHIBITION: Exhibition currently showing at the Wintergarden, 51 McKillop St in the Upstairs Gallery, 3-6pm supported by the Geelong Interfaith Network. Exhibition closing June 30.

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Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.