



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)



Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies.

Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it to. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters.

It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps.

St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret!

For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something.

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- 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - July 11, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord;
when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you
will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Gen 18:1-10
2nd Reading: Col 1:24-28
Gospel: Lk 10:38-42

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:

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:

Bert Lunn, John Tynan, Laurel Andrews, John Major, Peter Threlfall, Lorna Wallace, Mary Munro, Mary McDonald

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alfredo Ciuffetelli, Darko Vuckovic, Antonio Fiorillo, Anne Gallagher, Mario Ruscito, Laurie Brady

BAPTISMS:

Eva D'Alessandro, Matilda Davies (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Kathleen Lewis, Mary Smith, Paulus Handianto Soetaper Kasa, Patricia McMahon, Margaret Harris, Damian Taylor, Joseph Escorse, Iolanda Marruso

(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, JULY 18, 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, 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, E Cotter

C Horan, 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 Ditkum, L Darville

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:

1. Fr Gerard is away from Monday July 12 at a Conference in Sydney and the following week at a Retreat with the Jesuits.

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:

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

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER IN JULY:

July 10/11... At all our weekend Masses there will be an opportunity for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. This is an important sacramental ministry in the life of the Church. As the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship noted - *"When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body. When it follows the example of the Lord Jesus, who 'went about doing good and healing all' (Acts 10:38), the Church obeys his command to care for the sick (see Mark 16:18). The Church shows this solicitude not only by visiting those who are in poor health but also by raising them up through the sacrament of anointing and by nourishing them with the Eucharist during their illness ..."*

July 10/11... Again, at all weekend Masses there will be a second collection for the Propagation of the Faith. This missionary outreach by the Church in the developing world provides many with great opportunities, including improvement in health.

Monsignor James Murray - Diamond Jubilee of Ordination

On July 23, Monsignor James Murray will have been ordained a Priest for 60 years. In recognition of this milestone and years of service (most of the years having been served in Geelong), he will celebrate a Mass of

Thanksgiving at St Mary's Basilica on **Sunday July 25 at 2.30pm.**

Afternoon tea will follow. Everyone is most welcome!

On behalf of everyone in the Pastoral Cluster, we thank the Monsignor for his generous service and support to us, and we wish him God's special blessing on this important milestone in his life.

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.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH RENOVATIONS:** As you are aware we are hoping, as part of our Golden Jubilee Anniversary, to renovate the Holy Family Church. The renovations are not structural but rather cosmetic. These include rendering the Sanctuary wall, parquet floor on the Sanctuary, upgrading of the narthex, cleaning the pews, etc. The purpose of this renovation is to uplift the Church and to make it a warm and prayerful sacred space. Of course, this renovation is going to cost a considerable amount of money. I'd like to call a meeting of parishioners who are interested in ways of fundraising this renovation. **So Tuesday July 27, 7.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre!**
- ⇒ **SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE PARISHIONERS OF HOLY FAMILY:** You are invited to help celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination of Fr Wahid on **Tuesday August 17** - Mass will be celebrated at St Clement of Rome, Egan Drive, Bulleen at 7.30pm followed by supper, with a **Parish Celebration on Sunday August 15** when Mass will be celebrated at St Clement of Rome at 11am followed by lunch. You are invited to attend one or both celebrations; please RSVP by July 29 to the Parish Office on 9850 3262.
- ⇒ **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 below).
Many thanks to those who kindly volunteered to look after the Piety Stall.

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 Spirit:

- ⇒ **MANIFOLD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Communion Luncheon, Melbourne July 27 - \$30. This money can be paid. For transport or enquiries contact Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

- July 14... **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS:** Luncheon 12noon in Ss Peter & Paul's Ashby Hall, Malone St. Cost \$7.
- " **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- July 22... **LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY OFFICE** invites you to the launch of the 2011 National Family Gathering *Share the Dream - Families Transforming the World*, 7.30pm-9.00pm at the Thomas Carr Centre (Knox Room) 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. RSVP Thursday 15 July to 9287 5579 or imf@cam.org.au.
- 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.
- Aug 20... **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 SPANISH FIESTA:** The official launch of the Melbourne Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to WYD 2011 will be held at St Brigid's Church, Fitzroy Nth, beginning 7pm with Praise and Worship followed by Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart and the Fiesta at 8.30pm in the adjacent Parish Hall. Contact details ph 9412 3326 or email annaliese.wursthorn@cam.org.au
- Aug 20-22... **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** For bookings ph 9899 0824 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au
- Aug 22... **ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60-70th Wedding Anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Annual Anniversary Mass at 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register ph 9287 5579 or lmf@cam.org.au You can also register online at www.lmf.cam.org.au
Registrations close on Friday August 13.

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The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.