



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 Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius Loyola says that pride, riches and power are the three most seductive and destructive temptations in the world. So many conflicts, and their continuance, can be traced to the interplay of this unholy trinity. The so-called reality TV show, Big Brother and its many imitators demonstrate just how far some of our compatriots will go to be famous, to be wealthy or to have a certain clout in the popular imagination.

We should never be surprised when our media culture reflects this back to us, because by watching the programmes, reading the papers and the magazines, listening to the shock-jocks and buying the merchandise, we are part of the problem, not the solution.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us just how deadly riches and greed can be. Our own experience tells how right He is: think of how many children fight in the playground because everything they see is 'mine'; the families who have fought over an estate; the number of friends who have fallen out over even small amounts of money; colleagues who no longer speak to each other because of a failed investment; and nations who have gone to war to get what their neighbours have.

The issue with money is not having it, because money, and the health, education and welfare that flow from it are good things, whereas poverty is an evil that God wants wiped off the face of the earth. The problem is what we do with money and what it does to us. Some Christians think that just because they are financially comfortable from legitimate earnings, they do not have to take any responsibility for the world's poor who are often stereotyped as being lazy, war-mongering and irreligious. These images may justify not sharing more of the excess we have, but it does not remove the moral obligation Jesus demands of us today. Of the world's 6 billion people, 1.2 billion of them live on US\$1, or less, a day. On average 26,000 children will die today of starvation. (Cont'd P4)



We welcome and congratulate the children who will be making their First Eucharist this weekend at Holy Spirit Church - 6pm Saturday and 11am Sunday, and also at Holy Family 9.30am.

- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - August 1, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance.
You are the one who helps me and sets me free.
Lord, do not be long in coming.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 18:6-9
2nd Reading: Heb 11:1-2,8-19
Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

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)

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: **Aug 2:** Dunlop family, May St; **Aug 9:** Cleary family, Parr 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: Cath McCormack

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine, Winifred, John & Samuel Smith, Ilord zidkts, Tsggsrlr & Tonino Gulli, Ernesto & Assuntina De Lorenzo, Jessie Brunger, Aurelia Siapno, Ivan Zumac

BAPTISMS: Isabella Townsing (HF), Harriet Noonan, Elli May Henriksen, Macy Evans (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kathleen Lewis, Mary Smith, Paulus Handianto Soetaper Kasa, Patricia McMahon, Margaret Harris, Damian Taylor, Iolanda Marruso, Joseph Escorse, Wendy Commons, Giuseppa Resciniti, Margaret Donaghy, Patricia McMahon

(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, AUGUST 8, 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 Genova

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, 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, R O'Neill

M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan

B Stocks

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

L Strzelecki, A/L Fossey, M Sleeman

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

T Martin

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:

LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER IN AUGUST:

- Aug 5...** Pastoral Cluster Liturgy Meeting 7.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office. Members of the Liturgy Team please contact Frank Kearney to confirm attendance.
- Aug 6...** St Patrick's Class Mass: 9.15am in St Patrick's Chapel
- Aug 9...** Making Jesus Real: The Holy Family School is having an all-day presentation about a new and innovative way of making the Gospel better speak to the children and their parents in today's world.
- Aug 12...** Holy Family Whole School Mass: For the Feast of the Assumption, 9.15am Holy Family Church.
- Aug 13...** St Patrick's Whole School Mass: For the Feast of the Assumption, 9.15am at St Patrick's Chapel.
- " Holy Spirit Whole School Mass: For the Feast of the Assumption, 11am at Holy Spirit Church.
- Aug 19...** Holy Family Gr2/3 Mass: 9.15am in Holy Family Church
- Aug 20...** St Patrick's Junior Mass: 9.15am in St Patrick's Chapel
- Aug 25...** Confirmation Child & Parent Meeting: 7pm in Holy Family School
- Aug 29...** Columban Partnership Mass & Meeting: At the Columban Head Office in Essendon. The Partnership time begins with Mass at 11am in their Chapel, followed by discussions and lunch.

CENTACARE - CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES:

At all the weekend Masses next week, there will be a second collection to support Centacare Catholic Family Services. Centacare provides a variety of support services to families in all their diversity. These include -

- . ACCESS Employee Assistance Programs
- . Loss and Grief
- . Adoptions & Permanent Care
- . Marriage & Relationship Education
- . Alcohol & Other Drug Family Service
- . Pastoral Services
- . Bushfire Community Recovery Service
- . Refugee & Settlement Program
- . Family Support
- . Family & Relationship Counselling
- . Student Counselling & Education

I know the 50 to 60 couples who get married in our Pastoral Cluster Churches each year find Centacare's Marriage Preparation Courses worthwhile and valuable. I'm sure a good number of the members of our community over the years have been beneficiaries of their counsel and support.

CENTACARE - CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PASTORAL CLUSTER BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

Invites you to a Loss and Grief Support Group. This invitation is for a 6-week facilitated grief support group for those who have been bereaved some time over the last three years.

The aim of the group is essentially to provide a confidential setting to share your grief story and to receive support and strategies to find hope for the next chapter of life's journey.

Facilitators are Fr John McCarthy (Centacare), trained Loss & Grief Counsellor & Group Facilitators, Margaret Ahern & Rhonda Walker.

Venue: Pastoral Cluster Centre, 7-9pm on **Thursday 19 & 26 Aug and 2, 9, 16 & 23 Sept.** Cost \$25 for the six sessions.

For further information and registration contact Angie at Centacare on 5221 7055.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

- Thoughts on Giving -

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Lk 12:15)

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the many things we possess.

Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions. Rather, strive to be rich in what matters to God.



RELAY FOR LIFE:

- Aug 4...** Relay for Life Meeting to organise and finalise events for the rest of the year. Meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Cluster Office.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP** will hold a **Bingo Night** at Holy Family Community Centre on **Monday Aug 2 at 7.30pm**. Come along and join in the fun!
- ⇒ **HOLY FAMILY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CHURCH REFURBISHMENT:** On Tuesday July 27 the inaugural fundraising meeting for this project was held. The actions emerging from the meeting are:
- The Croatian Club on Cox Rd have generously offered to hold a Luncheon with all the proceeds going to the refurbishment - date and time to be advised at a later date.
 - A general appeal to be held
 - An opportunity for people to 'sponsor a pew' in remembrance of their loved ones
- I will be finding out if donations are tax deductible.
- At the meeting there was recognition that sponsorship by companies and businesses can be of great assistance. If you have an affiliation with a company that may be interested in supporting us, please let me know.*
- The next meeting will be at **Tuesday Aug 3, 7pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office.** (Fr Gerard)

Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **MANIFOLD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Monthly Branch Meeting** will be held in the Cluster Office, 1.30pm Tuesday Aug 3. Items for trading table at General Conference in Colac later this month could be brought along. For apologies, transport or information ph Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ⇒ **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, MELBOURNE COMMITTEE** invite you to join them for Brunch, glass of bubbly and Fashion Parade while enjoying the views across the city from the 17th floor of the RACV Club, Bourke St Melbourne. Cost is \$60 and funds will go to Beyond Blue, who will have a speaker at the function. Coach will be running from Geelong via Werribee for \$10 per person. For tickets contact Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.

Community Dates and Notices:

- Aug 3...** **RETIRED OFFICER'S KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Next meeting will be held at the White Eagle (Fellmongers Rd) at 12noon.
- 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':** 7.30pm at GPAC - Contact 5226 8111 or GPAC 5225 1200.
- Aug 20-22...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** For bookings ph 9899 0824 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au
- Aug 25...** **PARENTS AND CHILDREN SHARING THE JOURNEY:** This seminar is for parents with their Yr6 child. The aim is to help your child succeed at school and in life. Explore strategies to venture out with confidence to meet the challenges of adolescent years at school and enjoy family living. Create a foundation for resilience in transition from primary to secondary school. Will be held at St Anthony's, 90 Kees Rd Lara, 7-9pm. *Registration \$10/person. Ph Shirley O'Sullivan on 9464 5225 or email shirley@stclaresthomastown.catholic.edu.au*
- Aug 29...** **OPEN DAY - BALLARAT CAMPUS OF THE ACU (AQUINAS):** 10am-3pm, 1200 Mair St Ballarat. For more information visit www.acu.edu.au/openday
- Sept 9...** **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH:** Chris Mackey is offering a further series of free public lectures on mental health and wellbeing. Next talk is **Dealing with Suicidality**, 7.30-8.45pm at the Geelong West Town Hall Supper Room.
- Sept 12...** **ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE PAST PUPILS REUNION:** 2-4.30pm at the College, 31 Curran St North Melbourne. All past pupils and staff welcome!

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We should try telling them they're lazy, war-mongering and irreligious! In an attempt to get rich quickly or to stay rich, most western countries gamble away 10 to 15 times more money than they give to third world development – money that might see markets and wages that are just, and so provide an incentive for work, curtail or prevent some wars and help develop democracy.

When faced with the enormity of the world's poverty, the bad spirit can convince us that it is so large there is nothing that we can do about it. Not true. Every moment of consciousness and each act of goodness toward anyone anywhere is a victory for God's kingdom and will to be done 'here on earth as it is in heaven'. No one can pretend, however, that sharing is always easy or that throwing money around will solve the world's problems. Everyone who works in the front-line says that the biggest obstacle in the war on poverty is dignity. And dignity, as Jesus reminds us today, has very little to do with money or possessions. Each time we make a claim for our own dignity and we give dignity to people who do not even claim it for themselves, we contribute to the generous and just world Jesus wants. And sometimes that can be as easy as turning the channel on the radio or the TV.

Fr Pedro Arrupe inherited the office of leading the Jesuits four centuries after its founder St Ignatius Loyola died. He once said that, 'the celebration of the Eucharist is always incomplete while there is hunger in the world.' Let's pray at this Eucharist that we do not blunt the hard edge of the Gospel. Rather let us accept its power to convert our hearts and minds that we might meet its challenges in regard to bestowing dignity and sharing our possessions with those who have a just claim on them.