



# 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)

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world.



There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice.

National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little – except God's justice.'

A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame. (Cont'd P3)

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

**- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -**  
(Year C - August 29, 2010.)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**  
I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.  
You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1st Reading: Wis 9:13-18  
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

**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: Aug 30:** Gazenbeek family, Derby Rd.

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, Phyllis O'Donoghue, Robert Bowden, Maria Luczo, Mary Evans, Barbara Colliver, Michael DeGoldi, James Urquhart, Margaret Burns

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jan Baran, Francesco Matarazzo, Francesco Marta, Alec Middleton, Polla family, Bruna Polla, Carpenetti family, Marcello Carpenetti, Gruss family, Francesco Altieri, Marianna Boccassini, Caterina Iannuzzi, Antonio & Anna Baldasso

### **BAPTISMS:**

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### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Kathleen Lewis, Mary Smith, Paulus Handianto Soetaper Kasa, Patricia McMahon, Margaret Harris, Damian Taylor, Iolanda Marruso, Wendy Commons, Giuseppa Resciniti, Margaret Donaghy, Patricia McMahon, Rosalie & Lance Gilbert, Rita Walsh, John O'Neill, Joseph Escorse



## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 5, 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, D Torpy

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)
- 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** - 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## **Cluster News:**

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

- Sept 1...** Holy Spirit Gr3/4 Mass - 9am at Holy Spirit Church
- Sept 3...** St Patrick's Senior Classes - 9.15am Mass at St Patrick's Chapel
- " Multi Cultural Centre Mass - 1.30pm at the Multi Cultural Centre
- Sept 4...** \*Father's Day Mass Gr3/5 St Patrick's School - 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church
- " \*Father's Day Mass Gr 3/5 Holy Spirit School - 6pm at Holy Spirit Church
- " **Father's Day Appeal at all Sunday Masses** - there will be the Annual Father's Day Appeal to provide support for the 97 Archdiocesan Priests in retirement.
- Sept 5...** \*Father's Day Mass Gr 3/5 Holy Family School - 9.30 at Holy Family Church  
*\*At these three Masses Kristen Rowan, the Deanery Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, will speak. The focus of the Masses will be Fathers as providers of opportunities for their children's future.*
- Sept 10...** St Patrick's Junior Grades - 9.15 Mass at St Patrick's Chapel
- Sept 11/12...** All Masses - a Special Collection for the Refurbishment of Holy Family Church
- Sept 12...** First Eucharist for Holy Family students - 9.30am at Holy Family Church
- " **Welcome of Confirmation Candidates in the Pastoral Cluster's Sacramental Program** - 9.30am at Holy Family Church
- Sept 14...** Holy Family Gr2/3 Mass - 9.15am at Holy Family Church
- Sept 15...** Confirmation Evening - 7pm for students at St Patrick's School
- Sept 16...** Two Masses at Marnogoneet Prison
- Sept 18/19...** **Social Justice Sunday** - This year's Social Justice Statement is titled *Violence in Australia - a Message of Hope*. The Statement and this Sunday focuses on Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation that can lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and division.
- Post Sept 25...** **Hopefully, another celebration at St Mary's post-Grand Final Day!**

### **Australian Catholics Spring 2010 Edition:**

The Spring 2010 edition of Australian Catholics is available at the back of the Church. The edition is free and explores the impact of new technologies on how we connect with each other, and how we can use these technologies to make a difference in the world.

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We know this it is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see. Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are.

May this Eucharist – this taste of heaven's justice – give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.'

## Community Dates and Notices:

- Aug 29... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS** in conjunction with Belmont Seniors Centre present a concert "Geelong: Simply the Best" 2pm in the Belmont Senior Citizens Centre Clubrooms, 52 Thomson St Belmont. All tickets \$10. For more information phone Joe Lambert on 5229 8442.
- " **OLD COLLEGIANS' REUNION:** Sacred Heart College/St Martin n the Pines Ballarat, to be held at 20 Downie Cres Hamlyn Hts at 2pm. All welcome! Enquiries ph Val 5278 4065
- Aug 31... **VICTORIAN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Wesley Uniting Church from 10am to 12.30pm, BYO lunch. This is an opportunity to provide thoughts and insights for the World Day of Prayer which is held on the first Friday of March each year worldwide. Contact Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Sue O'Donoghue 5221 1584 for more detail.
- Sept 4... **RETREAT DAY:** Uniting Care, Wesley Centre for Life Enrichment presents Simple Approaches to a Meditative Way of Living by Rev Paul Sanders, 9.30am-4pm, cost \$30, Conc \$20. To register ph 5229 0719
- Sept 8... **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in Ss Peter & Paul Ashby Hall, Malone St - cost \$7.
- 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.
- " **DAY TOUR TO MELBOURNE:** Conducted by the Deanery to visit Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre in East Melbourne and the Carmelite Monastery in Kew. Lunch will be provided at the Mary MacKillop Centre and A'noon Tea at the Monastery. Buses will leave from Kardinia Park at 9.30am and will return at around 4.30pm, cost \$30/person. Everybody welcome! For further enquiries and to book please ph Catherine Moon on 5222 1977.
- " **SVDP MASS** for all volunteers, past and present members - all are welcome. St Bernard's Church, Fryers Rd Belmont, 7.30pm. Light supper served after Mass.
- Sept 12... **AN AFTERNOON CELEBRATION TO MARK THE RELOCATION OF ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** 1.30pm at the current St Mary's site in Bellarine St and walk to St Mary's Basilica for Mass at 2pm with a'noon tea to follow at the new site. RSVP ph 5222 1977 before Sept 8.
- Sept 13... **CWL MELBOURNE COMMITTEE:** Brunch and fashion show from the 17th floor RACV Club Melbourne. Cost \$60 to support Beyond Blue. A coach will run from Geelong via Werribee for \$10/person. Tickets ph 5278 2063.
- Sept 22-Oct 31.. **40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN:** For details contact Fons on 51194 2340, [fonsforlife@skymesh.com.au](mailto:fonsforlife@skymesh.com.au)
- Oct 3... **CENTACARE CONCERT IN THE CATHEDRAL:** Join Centacare in celebrating their 75th Anniversary with the stars of *Australia's Got Talent* at St Patrick's Cathedral, 2.30pm. Tickets \$35, \$25 Conc, ph 9287 5517
- Oct 16... **CLONARD COLLEGE 20 YEAR REUNION: Class of 1985-1990** at Belmont Hotel, 77 High St Belmont, 4-10pm, drinks at bar prices. RSVP Antoinette 0400 064 185



## HOLY FAMILY GOLDEN JUBILEE CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

### Restoration of Pews Appeal:



Our home is a place where we belong.

The Holy Family Church is our spiritual home where for over 35 years there has been a lot of sharing of life and time together. We have celebrated significant milestones of Baptisms, First Eucharists, Confirmations and sad farewells to loved ones. We have gathered regularly to be spiritually nourished in our Sunday and weekday Masses. We now call on your support for the next stage in the life of Holy Family Church.

The Holy Family Church refurbishment is part of the parish's Golden Jubilee celebration. Over the last 35 years spending on upgrading the Church has been kept to a minimum. Consequently, the Holy Family Church is now tired and in need of repair. You only need to take a close look around to see that it's true. The refurbishment is not only about uplifting the physical appearance of the Church, but more importantly, enhancing the beauty and the sacredness of our spiritual home.

To cover the cost of upgrading the pews to look like new, there is an opportunity to sponsor a pew. The cost of refurbishing the pews has been quoted at around \$750 for each. This task is expensive, but also necessary. To cover the cost there is an opportunity for you or your family, or even a group of friends, to sponsor one of the 63 pews for \$750. Pews will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you sponsor a pew there will be a small plaque on the side in acknowledgement of your generosity. Alternatively, you may wish to have a plaque in remembrance of loved ones.

Ways of payment are:

- Money order made payable to Holy Family Church
- Cheque made payable to Holy Family Church
- If you wish to make your payments by instalments, an arrangement can be made for you. Please contact Fr Gerard.

If you didn't receive a brochure there are some still available at the back of the Church. I'm delighted to say there has been good interest in this appeal, so I do encourage you to purchase early to avoid disappointment.

### Sept 11/12:

**At all the Masses there will be an opportunity to support the Refurbishment Program through a second collection. Next week a scope of works will be included in the Bulletin.**