



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)

For some weeks now Luke has been telling us about the cost of discipleship. As a commentary on what was happening in his community and a preparation for what was to come, today's gospel used the hyperbole of hatred to drive home the point. For the earliest Christians a choice for faith in Jesus could be this stark and dramatic: families split up and sometimes people who had loved each other turned their brother or sister, mother or father over to martyrdom. This is the context in which Luke's community produced this Gospel.



It is always good for us to recall that for some of our brothers and sisters beyond these shores the perils of public belief are still like those of Luke's community. Luckily for us the threat of death for our faith is only a very remote possibility. The power of this Gospel is that even if we are not faced with physical death, there are many other dyings that see us share in the cross of Jesus and follow in his way.

The verbs in this passage tell an interesting story: 'carry', 'follow', 'estimate', 'lay foundations', 'plan' and 'give up possessions'. It is a very tough list of things to do. Whatever our situation in life, this Gospel advocates that we figure out our priorities and live them out. In other words, we 'say what we mean and live what we say'.

We often think we could never live without most of the things to which we have become accustomed or attached. But we can. We know from people who have lived through some of the worst events of last century that there are very few things that are essential to a happy life: human dignity; meaning and purpose; love of others; a sense of security. These are the essentials. Each person has a right to them and we have obligations to do our bit to see that they enjoy them. Everything else, as good as it might be, is icing on the cake. The problem is that we 'want our cake and eat it too!' (Cont'd P3)



To all the dads in our Pastoral Cluster - have a great Father's Day!

- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - September 5, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right.
Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 32:7-11,13-14
2nd Reading: 1Tim 1:12-17
Gospel: Lk 15:1-32

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:

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: Livio Petranich, Nicola Imbrogno, Frank Dempsey

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat & Bill Brooks, Salvatore Rotiroti, Ivetac & Cvitec family members, Assuntina DeLorenzo, Teresa Vallitutti

BAPTISMS: Amelia DiMauro (HS)

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

(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, SEPT 12, 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

Cluster News:

LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER IN SEPTEMBER:

- 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!**

PARISH CONFIRMATION GROUP:

This group of 23 families, whose children attend schools other than our Parish schools, have begun preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program began at Holy Family Church last weekend as parishioners presented the children with a lapel pin of a 'Dove' - a symbol of the Holy Spirit. They were asked to wear it proudly on Confirmation Day as they prepare to be witnesses to the Spirit of God in our world.

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| Tues Aug 31: | Parent/Child Session 1 - "Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit" | Sun Sept 5: | Children's lesson |
| Tues Sept 7: | Parent/Child Session 2 - "Birth of the Church - Pentecost" | Sun Sept 12: | Children's lesson |
| Tues Oct 5: | Parent/Child Session 3 - "Mission and Confirmation Rite" | Sun Oct 10: | Children's lesson |
| Tues Oct 12: | Workshop Day - Children Only | | |
| Sun Oct 17: | Confirmation Celebration - 9.30am at Holy Family Church | | |

THANKYOU:

Catholic Mission thanks the Pastoral Cluster for your gift of Faith, Hope and Love. \$1,817.25 was raised for Propagation of the Faith.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Next meeting will be held on **Monday Sept 6** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Our guest speaker will be Acting Sgt Mick Taylor from the Ocean Grove Police Station, who will speak on a new concept 'Community Support Project'. He will also speak on Safety in the Home and demonstrate police equipment. All welcome!
- ⇒ **MONTHLY LUNCH:** Spring is here, the sun is here and the BBQ is warmed up and ready to go! BYO food and drinks each third Sunday of the month at 12noon. All welcome! Begins this month on **Sunday Sept 19** in the Cluster Office and grounds.

Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **MANIFOLD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Annual Meeting** will be held on **Monday Sept 6** at the Cluster Office. Shared luncheon from 12noon, followed by meeting and guest speaker John McMahon from the Gem Club. 2011 Membership \$20, Horizon \$20 and Scripture Diary \$10 can be paid on this day. For information or transport ph Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

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As Christians we cannot have it both ways. We cannot say we are baptised into the life and death of Christ and not be prepared to sacrifice anything. If material riches come our way, with them come an even greater obligation to share with the poor. If we have talents and energy we are called to put them at the service of improving the world in any way we can. If we want the hope of the resurrection, we have to first carry the cross. So riches, a better world and hope come with a price.

Many of us, however, do not need to be reminded about all this because we carry crosses every day. For some it comes through mental, physical or spiritual ill health. For others it can be in our homes where we have to deal with illness, dysfunction or violence. It can be in our places of employment where we are overworked, undervalued or bullied. Whatever our particular crosses may be we are one with all those who have 'gone before us marked with the sign of faith' and who found Christ in the midst of their suffering. This Gospel promises us that Christ walks beside us bearing the burden of the struggle.

May this Eucharist give us eyes to see Christ present in our most difficult moments and make us more compassionate so we never add to the weight of another person's burden, but help carry it as best we can.

HOLY FAMILY GOLDEN JUBILEE CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

**Our home is a place where we belong
Holy Family Church is our spiritual home**

Restoration of Pews Appeal:



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.

To date 25 pews have been sponsored and a number of people have also said they will sponsor a pew but as yet have not paid.

Clearly there is a lot of interest in the sponsorship, so to avoid disappointment please organise your sponsorship early, either with a fundraising person in the narthex after Mass or at the office.

Ways of payment are:

- Money order made payable to Holy Family Church
- Cheque made payable to Holy Family Church



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.

Allocation of the pews will be by ballot. The Fundraising Committee believe this to be the fairest way to allocate the pews.

Special Collection for the Refurbishment:

At all the Masses next week, Sept 11/12, there will be an opportunity to support the Refurbishment Program through a second collection. Envelopes will be available.

Scope of Works:

Listed below are the works that will be undertaken as part of the refurbishment. Part of the work is maintenance and the rest is to "freshen up" the Church so that it is a lighter with a better and more sacred ambience.

- * **Carpet** - All areas to be carpeted except Sanctuary and centre aisle.
- * **Parquetry Floor** - Sanctuary and centre aisle
- * **Lighting** - Upgrade of existing lighting, spotlights to Sanctuary area
- * **Fans** - New fans remain
- * **Rendering** - Render/plaster and paint Sanctuary walls, colour to be advised
- * **Heating** - Existing remains under seats
- * **Roof** - To be cleaned and checked for leakages and plumbing repairs as required
- * **Ceiling** - Fix damaged panels
- * **Skylight** - To be closed off
- * **Sanctuary Floor** - Remove small steps behind altar
- * **Sanctuary Wall** - To be rendered/plastered, insets also rendered/plastered and painted, remove air vents
- * **Church Walls** - Side and back walls painted same colour as Sanctuary
- * **Pews** - Remove pews, remachine and repolish to natural colour, repowder coat divisions
- * **Devotional Chapel** - Walls rendered and upgrade of lighting
- * **Narthex** - Carpet floors, paint walls, glass doors from Narthex to Church exterior and interior, new Joinery to encase fire hose, remove existing pin boards and replace with new one, windows inserted into back wall
- * **External Door** - East and South side external door to be glass
- * **Sacristy** - Repaint and remove and replace carpet
- * **Flower Room** - Remove carpet and replace vinyl and repaint
- * **Storeroom** - Remove existing carpet and replace with new / repaint
- * **Confessional** - Remove existing carpet and replace with new repaint

External Works:

- * **Church** - Steam clean bricks outside
- * **Facia/Eaves** - Repair as required and paint
- * **External Doors** - West side to be painted
- * **Toilets/External** - Mens/Womens and Priests to be repainted and non-slip floor
- * **Community Centre** - Paint eaves, facia