



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... (by Richard Leonard SJ)

A bishop in a rural diocese was explaining to the confirmation class how he was the shepherd of the flock. Given that many of the children came from large sheep farms he decided to draw on today's Gospel as an analogy for his pastoral leadership. 'I care for all of you like the Good Shepherd,' he said. The students seemed consoled. Warming up, the bishop continued, 'For instance, what would your fathers do if he lost one of his sheep?' The class was silent. The bishop asked again. The students were confused. The bishop got personal, 'Michael what would your Dad do?' 'Seeing we've 42,000 of them, bishop, he'd let the stupid blighter go!'



Sometimes the power of the Gospel needs a little help to become inculturated! If the bishop had done his homework and asked Michael about 420 missing sheep he would've got the answer he was after!

The Exodus reading and the Gospel from Luke could not provide a greater contrast in the images of God they present. Thank goodness we are children of the new covenant, intimates of the Good Shepherd.

The Lord in Exodus, by contrast, is vengeful; his destructive anger only changes because of Moses' intercession. The idea that God 'gets us' through disasters, illness, misfortune and hardship is, tragically, still potent in Christian faith. No matter how often the Church teaches us, for example, that HIV/AIDS has not been sent as a curse by God on gay men, or that non-Christians are not punished for their beliefs through war and famine or that God does not send small accidents and sicknesses because God knows we need a rest, we can find this erroneous thinking is alive and well. At its worst it drives people away from the Good Shepherd who knows each of us by name, who will go to ridiculous lengths and risk everything to go after us and welcome us home. (Cont'd P3)



Today is the Special Collection for the Holy Family Refurbishment program.

A priest announced to his congregation about a special collection for a refurbishment program. "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for the refurbishment, the bad news is it's still out there in your pockets!" Please give generously.

- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - September 12, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will rise and go to my father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7
2nd Reading: 1Tim 2:1-8
Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

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: Elsie Falvey, Josef Hertz, Anna Masowita, Sr Winifred McManus, Bruno Sorgiovanni, Giustina Oddi

ANNIVERSARIES: Maurice Glynn, Walter Booth, Ines M Duarte, Ron Sells, Tony Balkin, Adolfo Rosani, John Zega, Angelo Guardiano, Staja & Blaz Mrkoqaca, Emelda Wood

BAPTISMS: -

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 19, 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, D Kosmetschke

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

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Cluster News:



We welcome and congratulate the children who will be making their
First Eucharist this weekend at Holy Family Church



LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER IN SEPTEMBER:

- 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
" Jesus the Christ - National eConference with Fr Gerry O'Collins SJ: For more information about how to run an eConference and to view previous eConferences, please visit www.bbi.catholic.edu.au and follow the links.
Sept 18/19... Social Justice Sunday - This year's Social Justice Statement is titled *Violence in Australia - a Message of Hope*.
Post Sept 25... Hopefully, another celebration at St Mary's post-Grand Final Day!

PARISH CONFIRMATION GROUP:

We pray for the children who attend schools other than our parish schools and are in the midst of their Confirmation preparation. The remainder of their program is as outlined below...

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| 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 Spirit Church | |

THANKYOU:

Centacare Catholic Family Services thanks the Pastoral Cluster for the generous contribution of \$2086.60 to their annual Church Appeal.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: *Violence in Australia - a Message of Hope*.

This statement is issued at the conclusion of the United Nations' *International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World* and the World Council of Churches' *Decade to Overcome Violence*. Key goals have been the promotion of fundamental human rights, addressing wide varieties of violence - direct and structural - in homes, communities and in the international arenas, and learning from local and regional ways of overcoming violence.

For Christians, Jesus Christ is the strongest example and source of strength in our long journey towards the peace of God. The mission and resurrection of Jesus are both a message of hope to humanity and a call to conversion: to renounce the sources of violence and to look for new and constructive ways of addressing the pain and anger we see in our world.

In the Statement examples are given of men and women who are making their contribution to peace as individuals, in their communities, and in response to issues of national and global importance. (*Bishop Christopher A Saunders DD*)

There will be a number of copies of the Social Justice Statement available next week. For further details www.acsjc.org.au or ph (02) 8306 3499.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **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:

- ⇒ **CAR BOOT SALE:** Holy Spirit School is having a car boot sale on **October 9th**. We would like to open up the opportunity to the parish cluster as a whole, so if you wish to participate or have any queries please ph Suzie Kelly on 0409 416 034.

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There is a huge difference between God permitting evil in the world and God perpetrating such acts. We do not believe that God, the summit and source of love, rains down evil upon the world. Whatever of the many and wonderfully varied images of God in the Old Testament, the Israelites had a developed belief in God's vengeance. Jesus, however, spoke more of God's justice and compassion.

And even as intimate and loving as the Good Shepherd metaphor is, Jesus is clear about our freedom to choose between life in Him and the path which draws us away. None of us is coerced into the flock. We are not God's victims. We know and hear the voice of the one who loves us most and are drawn to him, and can make a return every time we stray.

May this Eucharist, then, enable us to let go of any residual belief that God is out to get us. May it sharpen our hearing to his call and help us to delight in his embrace. And may it embolden us to be good shepherds to those we love so that we might risk everything, in his name, to be foolishly loving and compassionate to all we claim as our own.

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 41 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

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PEWS SPONSORED

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 today, there will be an opportunity to support the Refurbishment Program through a second collection. Envelopes will be available. ***If you write your name on the donation envelope (please print) your name will be recorded in a book of Supporters of the Refurbishment. The amount given WILL NOT be recorded.***

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** - Remove carpet, replace with new and repaint
- * **Flower Room** - Remove carpet and replace vinyl and repaint
- * **Storeroom** - Remove carpet, replace with new and repaint
- * **Confessional** - Remove carpet, replace with new and 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