



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)

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside except for a pet dog he doted on. The dog finally died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest, saying, 'Father, the dog is dead. Could you possibly be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Kelly refused point blank, 'No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a new denomination down the road, and there is no telling what they believe in, maybe they'll do something for the animal.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right now. By the way, do you think 10,000 pounds is enough to donate for the service?' to which Father replied, 'Now why didn't you tell me the dog was a Catholic!'



A cheap jibe regularly levelled at the Church is that while we preach about justice and development for all people, we are one of the world's wealthiest multinationals. Sometimes Catholics are stung by this criticism. There is something healthy about that because there is always more we can, and should, do about our detachment from materialism. At the same time, however, our accusers should be reminded of a few facts that spoil their good story.

In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. Many established churches through good planning and generosity have a large plant on decent real estate, but I don't know a diocese, religious order, parish or Church agency that does not need to carefully look at its cash flow. We rely on your goodness to keep going each year. Our real estate is often our only collateral for our borrowing; always done to improve the services we can render the People of God. The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men – lay, professed and ordained – who selflessly serve the Church and the world. (Cont'd P3)



Special Collection for the Holy Family Refurbishment program continues...

Many thanks to all who gave to the special collection last week. If you missed last week, envelopes are available. If you'd like your name recorded in the Supporters Book, please put your name on the envelope. The amount given will not be recorded. Thanks for your support!

- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - September 19, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7
2nd Reading: 1Tim 6:11-16
Gospel: Lk 16:19-31

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: Sept 20: Smith family, Church St;

Sept 27: McMahon family, Douglas St;

Oct 4: Baum family, Heytestbury St.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:



RECENT DEATHS: Fr Michael Quigley, Louise Matthey

ANNIVERSARIES: Valli Glynn, Nikola Skulic, David Wilson, Harry Gazenbeek, Romeo Mangas, John (Jack) Healy, Gennaro Bove, Salvatore & Antonietta Valentino, Olga Dunlop, Nitanor Manalo, Agnes Tuddenham

BAPTISMS: Maddi Hose, Isaiah Gocentas (HF), Cooper Wilcox, Alexia Black, Jack Stosic, Alyssa Pugh (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 26, 2010.

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

E Cotter, P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown, D McFarlane

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

M Foley

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

Cluster News:

OFFICE HOURS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

During the school holidays Trish is away and Frank will be here for the first week of the holidays. If no one is in the office or available to answer the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine.

LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER IN SEPTEMBER:

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...

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

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

THANKYOU:

The Priests' Retirement Foundation thanks parishioners for their generous support of retired Priests. This year's annual appeal raised \$3013.10.

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.

Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ⇒ **INTERNATIONAL BIKE RACE IN GEELONG:** On Saturday Oct 2nd there will be an International Bike Race around the Esplanade, Western Beach and surrounds. Our understanding is that the race will conclude at 4.30pm. The normal Saturday 5pm Mass will be held but we can't be sure how accessible parking will be around the Church.

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When we are attacked for the land and buildings we have it's always good to remember some facts about our Catholic family's commitment to the poor: outside the United Nations and governments, Catholicism is the largest provider of education, health, welfare, personal assistance and Third World development in the world; we have the largest and lowest-paid charitable workforce of any international group; we have been trying to serve God, not money, for two thousand years; and from the earliest Christians to this very day, some Catholics have loved and served the poor so faithfully, that they die with them, and for them.

Where all of this is concerned, we are our own worst enemies. False humility has meant we have not sufficiently celebrated what Grace has done in and through us in regards to poverty and the world's poor. None of this excuses us from the direct challenges in today's Gospel. We all know how seductive money is and how quickly greed can throw our moral and spiritual compasses off course. In moral theology, however, intention is critical and even money, seductive as it is, can be, and is, put to good service in Christ's kingdom. It's always a question of where the heart is.

By not publicly acknowledging the service done in our name and with our assistance, we do the Church and ourselves an injustice. When we fail to explain the number of times and places Christians clearly put Jesus ahead of money we allow the Church's critics to have the last word, as though it was the only word on the subject.

May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere.

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:

I am delighted to announce that **ALL** 63 pews have been sponsored! I thank all those who have been generous in their support of this Restoration Appeal. I recently met with Tony Fallshaw, the gentleman whose company will be refurbishing the pews, who said the pews will come back to the original light colour of the timber. Interestingly, Tony's father was the one who constructed our pews. A family tradition continues.



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

Refurbishment of Altar Furniture:

In light of the obvious support for the Restoration of Pews, the Fundraising Committee for the Restoration Appeal were of the view that people may wish to support the refurbishment of the Altar furniture. There will be an opportunity of having a plaque in remembrance of their loved ones and a token of their generosity on the refurbished furniture. The costing and the process of this new element of the appeal is still to be worked out (we are still awaiting the quote from Tony Fallshaw who will be undertaking the furniture upgrade).

The refurbishment of the furniture will ensure there is a consistent, dignified and sacredness to each piece of furniture. Also, there will be an honouring of the essential wooden style of the furniture. The new pieces of furniture will include a new lectern, two matching "sofa tables" (the Credence and Offertory tables), two to four benches for the Devotional Chapel, a secondary chair for Concelebration, and an upgraded wooden support for the Tabernacle. Also there would be a cleaning and polishing of the Stations of the Cross as well as the wood carvings of the Holy Family and Our Lady.

There will be a cleaning and upgrade of the Altar, Baptismal Font, secondary Lectern, Paschal Candle and President's Chair. The Christ figure on the Cross will be cleaned and polished, and a new (yet to be designed) Cross to replace the present one.

Special Collection for the Refurbishment:

There are still opportunities to support the Refurbishment Program. Envelopes are still available in the Church. ***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.***

Please Note:

The refurbishment is an exciting development in the life of Holy Family Parish. Obviously, to achieve the extensive improvements that have been outlined over the last few weeks, the Holy Family Church will need to be closed.

The Holy Family Church will be closed from Monday October 11th and reopen for a special Blessing on Sunday November 26th.

- ◆ All Holy Family Sunday Masses will be held in the Mercy Centre of the Holy Family School Hall next to the Church. The Mass times of 8am and 9.30am will continue as normal
- ◆ The weekday Masses of 9.15am on Tuesday and Thursday will be held in the Pastoral Cluster Community Centre.
- ◆ Funerals will be held at either Holy Spirit Church, Manifold Hts, or Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Geelong West. The Funeral Directors will organise with the families the appropriate Church venue.
- ◆ The Confirmation of children who do not attend our Catholic Schools will be held at Holy Spirit Church - Oct 17th
- ◆ The Confirmation of children who attend Holy Family School will also be held at Holy Spirit Church - Oct 24th
- ◆ There will be no Baptisms at Holy Family Church for the months of October and November.

I appreciate that this is a short term inconvenience and, in anticipation, I thank you for your patience.

Preparation of Holy Family Church:

Before the tradespeople come in first thing Monday Morning October 11, there is a need to prepare to move some of the furniture (not the pews), statues, books etc either to the Mercy Room or, alternatively, into storage. This is also an opportunity for a good spring clean. In the coming weeks I will be looking for support in this endeavour.

Support for the Appeal from the Croatian Community:

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Luncheon at Cox Rd Croatian Club on **Sunday Nov 7.**

This luncheon will be an enjoyable friend-, as well as fund- raising, event. More details and opportunities to buy tickets will be available in the coming weeks.

Also, thanks to the Croatian community who will be hosting a Telethon on Croatian Radio to support the refurbishment.