



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)

Maybe the reason this Gospel-story has become so famous is its extraordinary attention to detail; the regal colours of Dives' clothes, his exquisite tableware and fine dining. It all conjures up a vivid picture. At the same time Lazarus' world is equally well described. Begging at the gate, Lazarus' only companions are the dogs and his sores. Even giving names to both these characters adds to the power of the parable. These people are not just a rich man and a beggar. They are Dives and Lazarus, well-known to everyone in the village. All these years later they are well known to us too. Not the actual characters, of course, upon whom the story could be based, but all the Lazarus' and Dives' in our own villages. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.



Recently the United Nations published a paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places. There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition.

This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen.

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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!

- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - September 26, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2nd Reading: 2Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Lk 17:5-10

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 27: McMahon family, Douglas St; **Oct 4:** Baum family, Heytestbury 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: Michele Marruso, Norma McKinnon, Phyllis Bergin, Anton Galinovic

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Gartlan, Marie Donnellan, William, Marj & Irene Dempsey, John O'Loughlin, Malcolm Fletcher, Bill Harris

BAPTISMS: Noah Chandler (P&P)

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

(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, OCT 3, 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, J Jess

Cluster News:



Congratulations to our
First Communicants
this weekend.

OFFICE HOURS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

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

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

- Sun Sept 26...** First Communion at Holy Family Church, 9.30am
Sat Oct 16... Confirmation at Ss Peter & Paul's Church, 5pm for St Patrick's students
Sun Oct 17... Confirmation at Holy Spirit Church, 9.30am for non-Catholic school students
Mon Oct 18... Clonard end-of-year Mass for VCE students, 7.30pm at St Mary's Basilica
Tues Oct 19... Sacred Heart end-of-year Mass for VCE students, 7.00pm at Sacred Heart College
Thurs Oct 21... Barwon Prison Masses
Fri Oct 22... St Patrick's School Mass at St Patrick's Chapel
Sun Oct 24... Confirmation at Holy Family Church 3.00pm for Holy Family students
Fri Oct 29... Holy Spirit School Mass Gr1/2 at Holy Spirit Church 11am

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

FR MICK'S MATES COMING EVENTS:

- Oct 3...** **Sausage Sizzle** at Holy Spirit Church after the 11am Mass
Oct 6... **Meeting at Parish Centre** 7.30pm
Oct 10... **Sausage Sizzle** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church after 11am Mass
Oct 17... **Sausage Sizzle** at Holy Family Church after 9.30am Mass
Nov 2... **Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon** at Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery - \$20 / ticket
Nov 14... **Sausage Sizzle** at Bunnings Corio - all day

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.
- ⇒ **CONGRATULATIONS:** The Holy Spirit Parish congratulates Kathleen (nee Birch) and Ted Welsh who celebrated their 60th Anniversary on Thursday 23rd September 1950. Well done!!

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Wing and a Prayer Book and Gift Shop and St Francis' Chapel will be closed from Monday Sept 27 to Saturday Oct 2 inclusive.

GEELONG DEANERY:

We congratulate Genevieve Exton, 19, a former Sacred Heart College student who will represent the Geelong Catholic Deanery at the Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop in Rome in October.

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The UN report goes on to say that 1.2 billion people live on \$1.50 a day or less. And while we might be personally very generous in assisting the poor in a variety of ways, our Dives-like countries are not. Australia only gives \$98 per person per year to aid third world development. Canada gives \$108, the UK gives \$112 and the USA's third world development budget is just \$67 per person per year. And for all the moral scorn sometimes heaped upon Scandinavia, Denmark is the most generous country in the world, giving \$649 per capita last year.

The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words.

Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why?

There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.

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! *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. I have received the price of the refurbishment of the furniture.

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. A list of items that are still available for sponsorship will be available after the Masses at Holy Family. Similar to the process for the Allocation of Pews, sponsorship will be organised on a first-in, first-served basis.

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. The weekend dedicated to the Special Collection raised \$3,565. Other donations have come in since. Many thanks.*

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.