



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)

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.



Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous. (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!

- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - October 3, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Kg 5:14-17
2nd Reading: 2Tim 2:8-13
Gospel: Lk 17:11-19

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: 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: Maria Ardiri, Mary Anderson, Frank Higgins

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Pavlovic, Jana & Ivan Vancas, Joseph Vanjek Snr, Zivka, Frank & Rudi Vanjek, Angela LaSpada, Norma Moody, Lils Matheson, Joan Hiscock, John & Patricia Nolan, Vera McGrath, Salvatore Peralta

BAPTISMS: Maeko Stonehouse & Harry Jacques (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joseph Escorse, 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, Margaret Harris

(Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list -

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 10, 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 CLUSTER:

- 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

Community Notices:

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **PASTORAL VACANCY:** Mercy Place Rice Village, Marshall, has a vacancy for a part time pastoral position. Visit www.careers.mercy.com for position description and application form.

Holy Family:

- ⇒ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP** will hold their monthly meeting on **Monday Oct 4** at 7.30pm. Guest speaker will be David Lunn who will talk about his recent trip to Peru. All welcome.

Community Dates and Notices:

- Oct 5...** **RETIRED OFFICER'S KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Next meeting will be held at the White Eagle (Fellmongers Rd) at 12noon.
- Oct 9...** **CAR BOOT SALE:** Holy Spirit School - to participate or for details ph Suzie Kelly on 0409 416 034.
- Oct 10...** **INVITATION:** Relocation of St Mary's Primary School - School Inspection from noon onwards with Sausage Sizzle to follow.
- Oct 14/15...** **THE CRUCIBLE,** Arthur Miller's much loved play will be performed by Clonard, Sacred Heart and St Joseph's students at Clonard College at 7.30pm. Tickets \$10 at the door or ph 5278 2155.
- 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
- Oct 17...** **CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT, MARY MacKILLOP:** Commencing 11am with Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral and concluding 7-9pm with live telecast of Canonisation at the Royal Exhibition Building and surrounds. For full information and celebration details ph 9287 5563 or www.cam.org.au/mackillop
- Oct 18...** **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW:** Prof Sean Winter will speak on the Challenge of the Sermon on the Mount, Conflict in the Church and the Great Commission on **Mondays 18/25 Oct and 1 Nov**, 7.30-9pm at Wesley Uniting Church. \$15 for the three series - RSVP to Wesley Centre on 5229 0719 by **Oct 11**. Further information ph 5229 0719.

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To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 loved ones or a token of the sponsor's generosity on the refurbished furniture. I have received the price of the refurbishment of the furniture.

A list of items that are still available for sponsorship will be available and can be organised 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:

The Croatian Centre of Geelong Inc. is organizing a Lunch for
Holy Family Church Restoration Appeal
Sunday 7th November at 1pm
at the Croatian Community Centre, Cnr Cox & Mathews Rds, Corio
Lunch includes 3-course meal, tea & coffee - \$25 per person
Drinks at bar prices and entertainment will be provided.
Wanted: Table Captains to organize tables of ten.
(Individual tickets will be sold this weekend)

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