



Pastoral Cluster

Incorporating the Parishes of Holy Family Bell Park, Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West & Holy Spirit Manifold Hts.

PARISH PRIESTS:	Frs Gerard Keith & Mick Fitzpatrick - Phone 5278 1343			Web Page Address: www.pastoralclustergeelong.org
OFFICE:	147 Separation St Bell Park 3215 Phone: 5278 1343 Fax: 5278 4618 Email: cluster@netspace.net.au			
OFFICE HOURS:	Mon-Wed 9am-4.30pm (Closed 1-2pm for lunch), Thurs 9-12noon, Fri 9.30am-2.30pm			
OFFICE MANAGER:	Trish Stickland -	Phone 5278 1343 (email: cluster@netspace.net.au)		
COMMUNITY WORKER:	Len Monk -	Phone 5278 2966 (email: lenmonk@netspace.net.au)		
LITURGICAL CO-ORDINATOR:	Frank Kearney -	Phone 5278 1343 (email: frankkearney@netspace.net.au)		
THANKSGIVING CO-ORD:	Helen Brislane -	Phone 5278 1343 (email: helenbrislane@netspace.net.au)		
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:	Holy Family -	Brian Everett	Separation St, Bell Park	Phone 5278 4634
	Holy Spirit -	Mary Abbott	Minerva Rd Manifold Hts	Phone 5229 8298
	St Patrick's -	Basil Flynn	Petrel St, Geelong West	Phone 5229 4412

Reflection... (by Richard Leonard SJ)

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn.



At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts"!'.

Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best. (Cont'd P3)

Holy Family Refurbishment Program

Holy Family Church will be closed from **MONDAY OCTOBER 11** and reopening **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28**.

The 8am and 9.30am Sunday Masses will be in the **MERCY ROOM, HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL**.

The 9.15am Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be in the **PASTORAL CLUSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE**.

- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - October 10, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 17:8-13
 2nd Reading: 2Tim 3:14-4:2
 Gospel: Lk 18:1-8

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 11** - Cotter family, 30 Buxton St. **Oct 18** - Stocks family, 22 Orr 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:

Fr William Curran, William Lewis, John Camilleri, Margaret Mayne

ANNIVERSARIES:

Giustina Oddi, Concetta Palermo, Albert Piccirilli, Antonio & Isabella Bongiorno, Ernest & Ellen Thompson, Margaret Donnellan, Greg Thompson, Joseph Gillet Snr, Hal Hancock, Francis, Mary Ellen & Leo Glynn, Dick Lamaro, Jack Hickey, Margaret Mary Cranbourne, Irene Byrne, Sr M Magdalene Green, Michael, Vincent, John & Leo Green, Manuel Quintana Villar, Josephine Tobolov, John Bohan, Josipa Ribaric, Vlado Zawic, Antonio Belana

ONE MONTH ANNIVERSARY:

Nicola Imbrogno

BAPTISMS:

Maddison Woollard, Ava McDonald, Eden Salvo (P&P)

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, Margaret Harris, Dorothy Sproules, Pat Walsh

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 17, 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

K Maddalena, B Ditungum,

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. *Please note this is an additional Mass.*
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 Spirit 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 12:** Workshop Day - Children Only
Sun Oct 17: **Confirmation Celebration** - 9.30am at Holy Spirit Church

FR MICK'S MATES COMING EVENTS:

- 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 Dates and Notices:

- Oct 10...** **INVITATION:** Relocation of St Mary's Primary School - School Inspection from noon onwards with Sausage Sizzle to follow.
- Oct 13...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly Meeting Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont, 7.30pm. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Oct 14...** **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH:** Chris Mackey will speak on Social Anxiety and Avoidance, 7.30-8.45pm at the Geelong West Town Hall Supper Room. All welcome!
- 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.
- Oct 24...** **BAYSIDE ENTERTAINMENT & THEATRE:** "Showstoppers Returns" on stage 2pm at Belmont Seniors Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St. Tickets \$10 - book at venue. Ph 5241 1776 for details. (Ron Sudden Musical Director)
- Oct 31...** **YOUNG VINNIES:** Come and discover *A Focus on Youth and Young Adults* at St Mary's Basilica. Information Display and Introduction 4.30pm, Thanksgiving Youth Mass 5.30pm followed by Sunset BBQ at Geelong Eastern Beach. All welcome! For more details ph 0425 886 833, youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com or www.vinnies.org.au
- Nov 14...** **ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE MASS:** For deceased students, staff and benefactors of St Joseph's College, 2pm in the College Chapel. A'noon tea to follow, all welcome!

(/Cont'd from P1)

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'.

HOLY FAMILY GOLDEN JUBILEE CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

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

Restoration of Pews and Refurbishment of Altar 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. Also most of the Altar furniture has been sponsored. If you are interested in enquiring about sponsorship please contact Fr Gerard in the latter part of this week.



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. 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 28th.

- ◆ 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 are still a few things to be moved. It would be appreciated if a few people could stay behind after 9.30am Mass today to assist with the final clean-up.

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.



HOLY FAMILY BBQ:

***This will be held next weekend (the third Sunday of the month),
12noon. Please BYO to share.***