



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)

Many years ago I remember hearing the story of a charismatic prayer meeting which went all night. Apparently the leader was convinced that, 'God wants to do a strong and powerful work here tonight and we have to show we are worthy.' So he insisted that everyone stay until it happened. By dawn nothing had overtly occurred, so the leader declared, 'God has worked hundreds of miracles here tonight – on the inside.' He may have been right, but it sounded like mystical spin doctoring to me! What worries me about his story is that it can portray God as a remote and severe figure whom we need to convince that we are serious about him before he will be moved by our plight.



Today's Gospel is often used to support this idea. The persistent widow gets her way because she nags the judge into submission. While Jesus praises her endurance, he tells the disciples that God is NOT like the judge, but rather that God will quickly attend to our needs, rather than see us cry out all night. There is a long and venerable tradition in the Church that prayer can influence God's will. Our belief in the power of intercession is predicated on it. This tradition holds that God regularly and actively intervenes to effect good outcomes in the world. In this school God is waiting to be asked or have us ask others to petition him.

The problem with this school is how much an all-knowing, unchanging God changes his mind in regard to our petitions. Furthermore God's interventions in the world are fine if all the decisions are running our way, but what happens when they run against us? This approach can downplay free will. It can minimise our role, with God, to discern our options and choose carefully. If most of our petitions are focused on what God can do, it shifts all the responsibility (and the blame) on to God.

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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**.

- Feast of St Mary MacKillop -

(Year C - October 17, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup; he alone will give me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me; my inheritance is my great delight.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the Cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. **Alleluia!**



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19
 2nd Reading: 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18
 Gospel: Lk 18:9-14

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 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 Leo Pascoe, Blaz Jakovljevic

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Dacre, Giovanni De Rocco, Patrick Cudmore, Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick, Ramon Costoya, Pilar Garcia Brion, Hilda Holloway

BAPTISMS: Paige McNamara, Jacqueline Lewis, Sahara Bentley-Remes, Lucy Christian, Oscar Wyld, Lily Mitchell (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, Margaret Harris, Dorothy Sproules, Pat Walsh

(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 24, 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:

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

- 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

FR MICK'S MATES COMING EVENTS:

- 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

Melbourne Cup Chicken & Champagne Luncheon:

12noon at Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery, Malone St.
\$20 incl lunch with two glasses of champagne & BYO.

Light refreshments, tea and coffee will be served to the designated drivers and non-drinkers.

Lunch - Hot savouries, chicken platters, sweets and two glasses of champagne.

The Cup will be televised on the BIG screen and perhaps a small sweep to stimulate your interest in the big race. A great day is assured!!

Luncheon tickets on sale after all Masses and/or by contacting the ticket secretaries listed below or the Cluster Office. For catering purposes all tickets to be purchased prior to the event.

Vicki Resciniti - 5278 1363, David Lunn - 0408 378 982



Community Dates and Notices:

- 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 19...** **FLOWERS ON THE WATER:** Commencing at 5pm on the Cunningham Pier at the end of Moorabool St - a memorial to mark the 9th Anniversary of the sinking of the fishing boat SIEV-X near Australia. In that tragedy 353 refugees seeking asylum in Australia drowned.
- 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
- " **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** 3pm in St Mary's Basilica - performers including the Seasons Strings, soloists Lisa Breen and Alison Ralph and guitarist Maximillian Rudd. Tickets at the door or at GPAC \$25 full, \$20 conc, \$10 school students, U/12 free.
- Nov 11...** **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!
- Nov 13...** **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AD ALTA AWARDS & 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER:** 6.30pm in Bro OS Adams Centre. Tickets \$90 includes canapes, 3-course dinner, entertainment (band 'Tobias'), all drinks. More information ph David Formosa 5226 8120 or david@sjc.vic.edu.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!

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An equally long and venerable tradition in the Church, however, is that prayer changes us. This tradition has had less airplay. Fasting, abstinence and pilgrimages, for example, do not change God, but are meant to change the person who undertakes them. These things can enable us to be more responsive or receptive to whatever happens in life. I think this tradition needs to be reclaimed.

The idea of prayer changing us, changes our prayer – giving it greater dynamism and urgency. While we may not know the mind or will of God, we often know our own thoughts and desires. We can usually pinpoint what needs recrafting or reshaping in us so that we may live out the goodness and love of God more clearly. Confronting and converting these obstacles, with God, can see our prayer at its boldest and bravest. At these times we can enjoy God's healing and forgiveness. And because conversion is a lifetime process, Jesus encourages us not to lose heart but to pray always and hold on to faith even when the going gets tough.

John Powell once said, 'God knows what we want and need before we open our mouths. In prayer, then, he does not need a performance from us. He longs for an act of love.' May this Eucharist help us to move away from demanding that God change his mind or will to allowing his love to keep converting and changing us.

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.

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

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)



HOLY FAMILY BBQ:

This will be held this Sunday (the third Sunday of the month), 12noon.

Please BYO to share.