



# 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 well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.



One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community. There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful.

Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. (Cont'd P4)

### 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**.

## - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - October 24, 2010.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 11:22-12:2  
2nd Reading: 2Thess 1:11-2:2  
Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

### 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:

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:** Andrew Owens, Arthur Hovey, Norma Lane, Mary Downey, Tom Thornton

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joe Conway, Jose & Carlos Mairos, Jose Medeiros, Anne & Harry Wallace, Eileen, Basil & Bernie Haberman, Reg Doherty, Aldo Filippi, Cliff Haskew, Jozes Kot

**BAPTISMS:** Matilda Simonic, Zoe Siwicki, Nate, Eli & Tyra Dedini, Oliver Morgan (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

*(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 31, 2010.**

(5th 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

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

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

## Cluster News:

- ◆ Fr Gerard will be away on leave from **Wednesday Oct 27** till **Friday Nov 5**.
- ◆ The Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:  
**Tuesday Nov 2** for Melbourne Cup Day and **Tuesday Nov 9** for a Planning Day.

 **We congratulate Holy Family students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation 3pm this Sunday, Oct 24.**

### LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

Fri Oct 29... Holy Spirit School Mass Gr1/2 at Holy Spirit Church 11am

On the weekend of **Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 November**, all Masses within the Cluster are dedicated to remember and pray for the bereaved, in particular parishioners who have died in the last twelve months. Names of parishioners who have died will be displayed on the overhead and read from the Altar. This Mass is specially organised by the three Parish Bereavement Groups.

### FR MICK'S MATES COMING EVENTS:

Oct 24&31... **Special Morning Tea** in support of Fr Mick's Mates Cancer Fundraiser at the Parish Centre - gold coin donation. Please join us for a cuppa and cakes and also to meet parishioners and support a worthy cause.

Nov 2... **Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon** at Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery - \$20 / ticket

Nov 14... **Sausage Sizzle** at Bunnings Corio - all day from 8am to 4pm.

*Fr Mick's Mates are looking for small baskets to make Christmas Hampers and also small jars. Please leave at the back of any Church in box provided.*

## 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 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](mailto:youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com) or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://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 Maximilian Rudd. Tickets at the door or at GPAC \$25 full, \$20 conc, \$10 school students, U/12 free.
- Nov 6... **CANONISATION THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION:** St Patrick's Cathedral - 10am 'Welcome to Country' and reflection followed by Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart DD. Refreshments to follow at Dallas Brooks Hall.
- 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](mailto: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!
- Nov 18&25... **Abbot John Klassen OSB** will speak on *'Welcoming the Stranger - Discovering the Risen Christ'* and on Nov 25 **Cardinal Oscar Rodrigues SDB, Cardinal Wilfrid Napier OFM and Mr Jack de Groot of Caritas Australia** will speak about *'Towards an Australian Society of Compassion and Hospitality'*. RSVP to Marist Bros Community, 80 Nicholson St Fitzroy or email [markoconnorfms@gmail.com](mailto:markoconnorfms@gmail.com) for catering purposes.

## ST MARY'S DERBY DAY COMMUNITY FETE

The annual St Mary's Derby Day Fete will be held this year on **Saturday Oct 30** from 9am to 4pm at the new site on the corner of Yarra and Lt Myers St, immediately adjacent to St Mary's Basilica.

Bargains (clothes, books, toys, CD's and DVD's etc), quality food, live entertainment, amusements of all kinds and a great fun day for everyone.

Proceeds assist the four primary schools in St Mary's Parish and the parish's community work both locally and in East Timor.

# HOLY FAMILY GOLDEN JUBILEE CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

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

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.

***Individual tickets are available and  
will be sold this weekend***

### FAITH FESTIVAL IN GEELONG:

To mark the beginning of Advent, you are invited to come and join the Faith Festival celebrations from 25-28 November. The communities that make up the Geelong Deanery are coming together to celebrate the faith of the Catholic communities as we enter into the period of hope and joy that is Advent.

An initiative of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation in conjunction with the Geelong Deanery, the festival is an opportunity to reach out to all those who make up our faith communities and offers a variety of opportunities for learning, prayer, reflection and celebration!

Beginning Thursday evening and concluding on Sunday evening, a number of parishes will host the various events and all are invited to attend!



<b>Thursday 25 November...</b>	<b>Multicultural Prayer Vigil -</b> 5.30-9.30pm at St Francis Xavier's, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio
<b>Friday 26 November...</b>	<b>School Events -</b> Clairvaux Catholic Primary School Belmont and Clonard College, Geelong West
<b>Saturday November 27...</b>	<b>Morning Prayer -</b> 8-10am at St Therese's, Surf Coast Hwy Torquay
<b>Saturday November 27...</b>	<b>Social Justice Expo -</b> 1-5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's, Malone St Geelong West. As part of the Expo, afternoon tea will be served from 3pm onwards in the gardens of Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery followed by 5pm Youth Mass celebrated by Cardinal Napier of South Africa.
<b>Sunday November 28...</b>	<b>Deanery Commissioning Mass -</b> 5.30-7pm at St Mary's Basilica, Geelong.

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What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.