



# 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)

Philip was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him he wanted this car as a graduation gift from the family. His father did nothing. As his graduation day approached, Philip awaited signs that his father had purchased the car.



Finally, the day after his graduation, his father called him into his study and told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and that he loved him. He handed Philip a beautifully wrapped box. Philip opened the box and found a beautiful, leather-bound Bible, with Philip's name embossed in gold. He did not even take the Bible out of the box. Angrily, he yelled at his father and said, 'Is this it? With all your money you give me a Bible?' and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Philip's family ran after him, but he jumped in his car and sped away. He refused to answer his mobile phone, even when his family kept ringing it for hours and hours.

Very late that night, when he had cooled down somewhat, he drove home to discover that his father had suffered a massive heart attack and died two hours before. His father had a history of heart disease. His furious and heart-broken mother told him to go and find the Bible which was the cause of the scene that morning. He found the Bible right where he had thrown it down on his father's desk. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. He came to a bookmark where his father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, 'And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?'

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. Philip broke down and sobbed. How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected? (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**.

## - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - October 31, 2010.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Do not abandon me, Lord. My God, do not go away from me! Hurry to help me, Lord, my Saviour.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Macc 7:1-2,9-14

2nd Reading: 2Thess 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Lk 20:27-38



### 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)

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd 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

## 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:** Rudi Liebich, Andrija Mihicinac

**MONTH SINCE DEATH:** Guido Conversano

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francis Murphy, Ercole Iezzi, Eileen Brady, Brian Bellinger, Raffaele & Giovanbattista Gulli

**BAPTISMS:** -

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Damian Taylor, Iolanda Marruso, Wendy Commons, Giuseppa Resciniti, Margaret Donaghy, Patricia McMahon, Rosalie & Lance Gilbert, Margaret Harris, Dorothy Sproules, Pat Walsh, Maria Law

*(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, NOV 7, 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:

- ◆ 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.

### LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

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.

**NB: PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT NAMES OF DECEASED TO BE PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN, UNLESS THEIR ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH IS AT THIS TIME. THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR YOUR DECEASED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WILL BE GIVEN AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND.**

### FR MICK'S MATES COMING EVENTS:

**Oct 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 St Peter & Paul's Presbytery - \$20 incl lunch with two glasses of champagne & BYO.

Light refreshments, tea and coffee 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 - Vicki Resciniti 5278 1363 or David Lunn 0408 378 982, or the Cluster Office. For catering purposes all tickets to be purchased prior to the event. **Please Note: Only a few tickets available!**



## Holy Spirit:

- ◆ The Funeral Mass for **Tom Thornton**, tragically killed in a road accident 21st October, will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, Portarlington, at **10.30am** on **Wednesday 3rd November**. Tom spent the last four years of his 90 years on earth in Holy Spirit Parish. He was a Special Minister of the Eucharist and took Communion to the sick. He attended weekday Masses regularly. His wife was buried from St Patrick's Portarlington approx seven years ago, hence the choice of that Church for Tom's Funeral. His family would greatly appreciate the presence of Holy Spirit parishioners able to attend.

## Holy Family:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Monday 1st November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre the Women's Group are having a Cup Eve Celebration. All are welcome to join us for chicken and champagne - a Sweep will be held.

## 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 and 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 incl the Seasons Strings, 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 10...** **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in Ss Peter & Paul's, Ashby Hall. Cost \$7.
- " **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly Meeting 7.30pm in Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- " **CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE GEELONG 2010 FORUM:** *Violence in Australia, a Message of Peace* -7.30pm at Wesley Uniting Church, Yarra St. Chaired by Cr Barbara Abley AM, City of Greater Geelong. Speakers Rev Dr Kevin Yelverton, *Reflections on Violence and Peacemaking*; Ms Lisa Armstrong-Rowe - *Prevention of Violence Against Women*; and Mr Paul Tobias - *Bullying in Secondary Schools*. A warm invitation is extended to all.
- 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!

# 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.

### Luncheon for Holy Family Church Restoration Appeal

on November 7 at 1pm at the Croation Community Centre,  
cnr Cox Rd and Matthews Rd Corio, is almost sold out!

You can purchase tickets after Mass.

To assist with the fundraising aspect of the Luncheon we are seeking items that can be put in hampers to be raffled.

If you are able to donate items such as wine, chocolates, vouchers etc, please drop them into the Pastoral Office by Wednesday November 3rd.

### 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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The Gospel we have just heard is often called, 'the little man's revenge'. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well. All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a 'walkabout' in the village. Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho's chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God's Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages.

Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of Zacchaeus' home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God's door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation.

It's the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships.

No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand.