



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)



Among the frightening things said by Christian leaders in the USA following the bombing of the World Trade Centre was that 'God turned away from America because we have turned away from God' and that 'God sent these acts as a wake-up call for us to live righteous lives and return to Him.' One went as far as to confidently assert that, 'September 11 tells us we are living in end times.' We all have different reactions to shock and grief. Everyone asks, 'Why is this happening to us?' when tragedy strikes on any scale. Christian ministers, who should know better, must never resort to bad theology to further their own social and political agendas. They give us all a bad name.

For as long as I can remember there have been people predicting the end of the world. Whenever there is a tidal wave, cyclone, hurricane, earthquake or other natural disasters, someone declares that 'the end is nigh'. Just recall the Year 2000. Never mind that the dating of our calendar is out and so that the 2000th year occurred in 1996. The truth rarely gets in the road of the doomsday story. Sadly for us they usually invoke today's Gospel to support their case. The good news for us is that we are still waiting for the end of time. The good news for doomsday prophets is that one day they're going to be right!

We know from a variety of documents around the time of Jesus that the people of Palestine thought the world was soon coming to an end. Given they were being persecuted under an occupying Roman army and that their nation was in tatters, they seemed to have a better cause for this view than we do. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to a demoralised people who thought, and maybe hoped, that it would all be over soon. In such a context people are liable to follow the loudest voice to what appears like the safest place and so Jesus offers us the hope of God's fidelity whatever suffering we may endure. (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**.

- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - November 14, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

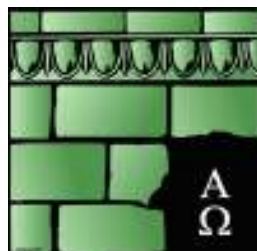
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is at hand.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Christ the King

1st Reading: 2Sam 5:1-3

2nd Reading: Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Lk 23:35-43

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: Ferenc Goda (USA), Vincenzo Tripolino, Muriel Walker

ANNIVERSARIES: Zoe, Ebony & Macey Meade, Ivka Mrkogaca, Nina Pogacic, Silvana Rondi, Santo & Assunta Savron, Michael Nagy, Antonio Ferrara, Ivka & Ivan Mrkogaca

BAPTISMS: Hamish Cooke, Matilda Simonic, Nate, Eli & Tyra Dendini (P&P)

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, Mary Smith

(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 21, 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

Knights of the Southern Cross

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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

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Cluster News:

WELCOME!! On behalf of the Pastoral Cluster I extend a warm welcome to Mons Murray who has taken up residence in the unit at the back of the Pastoral Cluster Community Centre this week. I'm sure the Monsignor's stay with us will be a pleasant and a comfortable one.

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

- Nov 21... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS:** 11am Mass at Holy Spirit.
Please Note: The Knights of the Southern Cross will be our Readers and Special Ministers.
- Dec 4... **ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:** A warm invitation is extended to all Senior Parishioners to attend the Mass at 10.30am and Luncheon 12noon at Holy Family Church. If you wish to attend please place your name on the signup board (white form) and indicate if you require transport on the day.
If you can assist with catering please place your name on the signup board . Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.

THANKYOU! Special thanks to all those who were involved in the Bereavement Masses last weekend. The feedback from many, especially visitors to the Pastoral Cluster, was positive and they found the liturgy helpful in this time of grief. In particular, thanks to Trish Stickland for the administrative support for this weekend, Lynn Meek for placing the names on the Powerpoint and members of the three Parish Bereavement Groups for their involvement in this Mass and the pastoral care they offer throughout the year.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING OF THE REFURBISHED HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 28, 9.30AM

After the Mass there will be morning tea served in the Mercy Room of Holy Family School.
**If you can assist with the catering of morning tea by providing cakes, slices, platters of fruit, etc,
please contact Peg Carmody on 5278 7179.**

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COMMUNITY LUNCHEON:

Well done!! Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Mario Grgic and all at the Cox Rd Croatian Club and representatives from Holy Family Fundraising Committee - Deidre and Owen Farrar and George Carmody for an enjoyable and successful Luncheon last Sunday. The Luncheon generated over \$6,000 in profit and a further \$2,000+ from the multiple raffles. In addition there were significant donations - a great effort!

I was very impressed by the generosity of effort by so many who volunteered with the cooking and serving meals and drinks; setting up and cleaning afterwards; selling luncheon and raffle tickets, etc. Again, a great effort!

The overriding memory I took from the Luncheon was that it was a friendly gathering of the whole Holy Family community coming together to enjoy themselves for a good cause.

Over the coming weeks there will be acknowledgement of the various sponsors who supported the luncheon.

- Fr Gerard

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their End of Year Meeting and Lunch on **Tuesday Nov 16** at the home of Tricia Joyce, 21 Waterloo St Geelong West. Meeting at 11am followed by lunch, cost \$10 - food provided. Please bring along a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$5. 2011 Membership \$20 and Horizon \$20 can also be paid on this day. Scripture Diary will be available for collection. For catering and transport ph Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS** will be available for purchase from the Piety Stall in the Holy Spirit Church from **Saturday Nov 20 2010 until early January 2011.**

THANKGIVING ENVELOPES:

- ◆ The next set of Envelopes are ready to collect today.
- ◆ Some people have a **new number** starting on December 5.
- ◆ **Please note:** All who contribute, either by envelope, credit card or direct debit, have a letter to collect.
- ◆ **If you are 'catching up' for a few weeks, please put all the money in ONE envelope, write the total amount on the front and discard the other envelopes.**
- ◆ Letters are laid out by **street**, regardless of suburb.
- ◆ Please take any **if you can deliver this week** to people who live near you.
- ◆ Take a pink information sheet if you would like to begin contributing regularly by envelope or credit card.

Thanksgiving Statement Format:

- ◆ The bottom slip **below** the dotted line, is used in parishes where there is a School Building Fund and a % of giving is tax deductible. **This is not the case for the Cluster**, so the amount given (ie the tax deductible percentage) is zero dollars.
- ◆ The information just **above** the dotted line shows the total given from Dec 6 2009 to Oct 31 2010 and your current pledge.

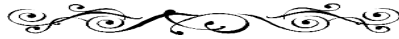
Any queries, please leave a message at the Parish Office and I will return your call, or email helenbrislane@netspace.net.au

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!

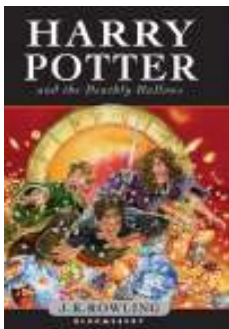
Beginning Thursday evening and concluding on Sunday evening, a number of parishes will host the various events and all are invited to attend!



- Thursday 25 November...** **Multicultural Prayer Vigil -**
6pm at St Francis Xavier's, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio
- Friday 26 November...** **School Events -**
Clairvaux Catholic Primary School Belmont and Clonard College, Geelong West
- Saturday November 27...** **Ecumenical Prayer Service and Breakfast -**
8am at Cosy Corner Torquay (if it weather inclement then St Therese's, Surf Coast Hwy Torquay)
- Saturday November 27...** **Social Justice Expo -**
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. **Please see note below.**
- Sunday November 28...** **Deanery Commissioning Mass -**
5.30pm at St Mary's Basilica, Geelong.

Next week a brochure with full details will be enclosed in the Pastoral Cluster Bulletin.

HELP REQUIRED WITH AFTERNOON TEA: *We require donations of sandwiches, cake/slice for the afternoon tea which will be held 3pm in the Presbytery Gardens. We will need helpers for the setting up and for the serving of tea and coffee. To offer assistance please contact Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Desma Dougherty 5278 2712.*



MUSTER WITH THE CLUSTER

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS

Come and see it with all your friends in the Cluster

Tickets \$10

6pm **MONDAY NOV 22** at Reading Cinemas, Waurin Ponds

Tickets available through School Offices

A great opportunity for grandparents to treat the grandkids!



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We are challenged to counter despair, not place our trust in things or institutions which we can see but to not be afraid and stand up for faith and hope.

When bad things happen to good people, when they happen to us, we have choices. We can give into desolation, depression and despair. Some of us make a life-long career out of it. This is understandable and tragic. Or we can choose to hope. Christian hope is not about 'pie in the sky when we die'. It is not about 'putting on a happy face, come what may'. St Augustine tells us hope is based on the justice God wants in this world, and will see done in the next. Interestingly, one of the signs Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel is famine. We have known for thirty years that if we all lived justly and shared from our abundance, we could have seen an end to starvation. We choose otherwise and sometimes blame God.

St Thomas Aquinas teaches us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the prongs in the anchor of Christian belief. No matter how stormy are the waters, how much we are tossed and buffeted by life's winds, this anchor keeps us rooted in God until calmer seas return. Hope is about holding on, come what may. Today's Gospel is not interested in a timetable for disaster. It's about encouraging us to drop the anchor of hope overboard when the times get tough.

May this Eucharist help us to keep choosing to hope until the end of time.