



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)

Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.



David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories.

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt. As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is inadequate for Christians.

We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. (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**.

- Christ the King -

(Year C - November 21, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1st Sunday of Advent - Year A

1st Reading: Is 2:1-5
2nd Reading: Rom 13:11-14
Gospel: Lk 34:37-44

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: Margaret Dwyer, Antoinette O'Donnell, Fred Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES: Geoff Callander, Alice McPhee, Dorothy Blackwell, Julia Brady, Kevin Craven, Francesca Genua, Christine Whiteley

BAPTISMS: Stanley Smurthwaite, Jake Corliss, Taylah & Mitchell Beattie, Flynn McLean (HS)

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, Joseph Escorse

(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.

(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

FAITH FESTIVAL IN GEELONG:

Social Justice Expo:

The purpose of this Expo is an opportunity to showcase the many and varied Social Justice outreaches by the Geelong Catholic community.

Date: Saturday November 27

Time: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Ss Peter & Paul's large Hall, Malone St, Geelong West

As part of the Expo you are also invited to afternoon tea in the grounds of Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery, Malone St, from 3-4pm.

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.

Please Note Change - Saturday Night with the Cardinal:

Due to a change of circumstances, the advertised Youth Mass has been changed. The Mass will be a normal Parish Saturday evening Mass with the Cardinal presiding.

Date: Saturday November 27

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Ss Peter & Paul's Church

The brochure attached covers all the details of the other events of the Faith Festival, including the Multi-Cultural Prayer Vigil; Ecumenical Prayer Service and Breakfast; and the Deanery Commissioning Mass.

Golden Jubilee Celebration:

Mass of Thanksgiving and Blessing of the refurbished Holy Family Church -

Date: Sunday November 28

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Holy Family Church

After the Mass morning tea will be served in the Mercy Room, 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.

(Peg notified that she is away at the moment, and she asks if you are able to assist please leave a message on her answering machine.)

If you can assist with the set-up on Friday after 3.30pm, please contact Frank Kearney on 0439 566 679

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

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. I'm sure the Monsignor's stay with us will be a pleasant and a comfortable one. Also, welcome to the Knights of the Southern Cross who are having their Memorial Mass for deceased members 11am at Holy Spirit Church today.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

- ◆ **Thankyou!** Special thanks to the Relay for Life team who sold sausages and drinks at Bunnings in Corio last Sunday, all day, to raise funds. Their generous effort raised \$907. Also thanks to Bunnings for giving us this opportunity.
- ◆ **Christmas Baskets:** Jams, crafts etc will be sold after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit on Dec 5, 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's on Dec 11, and after the 8am and 9.30am Masses at Holy Family on Sunday Dec 12.

ANOIDING 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 on December 4.

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.

LECTORS:

Please collect your copy of the new edition of 'Break Open the Word' from the sacristy in your Church.

HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS INVITATION MAILOUT:

As part of our outreach to all known Catholics, Fr Mick and I are again inviting them to attend our Christmas Ceremonies. We need your help to make this happen.

- ◆ On **Tuesday Nov 30 at 10am in the Cluster Office** we will be folding and enveloping the invitations. If you can spend an hour or two to help you will be most welcome.
- ◆ The envelopes will be in the Churches on the weekend of **December 4/5**. We need your help to distribute them. Could you deliver the envelopes in your own street and surrounds, or drive to another area and deliver there? Every envelope that has to be mailed costs \$1.20 (that's \$120 per 100 and we have about 2,000 to be delivered!)

OUR PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Attention all Christmas Carollers - Do you enjoy Christmas Carols? Do you enjoy singing in the shower (or elsewhere?) Do you play an instrument? If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, we are keen to have you join us in a choir for singing Carols before and during the Christmas Midnight Mass. We would love to see people from our three Parishes come together as one voice. All that is required is a love of singing and a desire to be part of the choir for this event.

If you play a musical instrument, your presence would be greatly appreciated - flute, guitar, violin etc (keyboard not required). Practices will be at Holy Family on Wednesdays beginning **Wednesday December 1** from 7pm till 8.30pm. Come one, come all! You can contact Frank Lehpamer on lehpamer@geelong.hotkey.net.au or phone 5278 4230.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Dec 3... KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Open invitation to all members, widows and family to a BBQ Break-up Social, 5.30pm at the home of Louise and Alan Fossey. BBQ meat and drinks supplied, cost only \$5/family. Ladies bring a salad or a sweet. Ph Joe Lambert on 5229 8442 to confirm attendance.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: Four free lunchtime organ recitals on Mondays Nov 29, Dec 6/13/20, 12.30-1.15pm. All welcome!

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **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**.

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For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feastday! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God!

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'