



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)

Night and day is the dominant image presented to us in today's readings. The season of Advent is for the Church the time just before the dawn of Christmas, when the fullness of God's love took human flesh in Jesus.

The moments before dawn are often special: cities are still, the air is damp, noise is at a minimum and, at least on clear days, there is an anticipation of the sun bursting forth into daylight. No wonder Paul and Matthew found it such a rich metaphor for the coming of Christ.

American lyricist and composer, Marty Haugen has found the image of light and darkness inspirational in his text, God of Day and God of Darkness (© 1984, 1995, published by GIA Inc.) He writes:

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night;
 As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.
 All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might,
 When the Son of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.
 Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor;
 Still the earth is bruised and broken by the ones who still want more.
 Come and wake us from our sleeping so our hearts cannot ignore
 All your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true;
 Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do.
 Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew,
 Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.

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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**.

- 1st Sunday of Advent -

(Year A - November 28, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never
 come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me.
 No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and
 love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A

1st Reading: Is 11:1-10
 2nd Reading: Rom 15:4-9
 Gospel: Mt 3:1-12



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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

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, 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, DEC 5, 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

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:

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.

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 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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Marty Haugen's take on the light and dark in the world is entirely consistent with the way Catholic mystics have applied these metaphors. Being in the light is not just about what we see, it is about what we do. St Ignatius Loyola often spoke about the things we keep buried in the dark. For Ignatius the experience we won't speak about, the sins we won't confess and the memories we suppress are the signs of the bad spirit. They gain an inordinate power over us and we displace a lot of energy keeping them buried in the dark. Ignatius always saw the hand of the good spirit when these things came into the light. Every time someone says to me, 'Father, I've never told anyone this before, but I want to talk about it now...' I thank God that the good spirit is alive and active. St Ignatius encourages us to be alert to all the ways we con ourselves that keeping secrets hidden in the dark is a necessary or acceptable way to live.

May this Advent be the season in which we bring to consciousness all the things that stop us from being fully alive and basking in the light. May our preparation for Christmas confirm us in the truth of Haugen's words about Jesus Christ and humanity.

You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that in us burns;
Shining deep within all people, yours the love that we must learn,
For our hearts shall wander restless, 'til they safe to you return;
Finding you in one another, we shall all your face discern.