



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

Father Jim was invited by Caritas, the Catholic Development Agency, to travel to the Philippines and see the excellent work they were doing with the monies collected in their Lenten appeal. When he arrived in Manila he was asked if he would like to have some exposure to the real lives of the people Caritas was helping. It was decided that for two days he would live with a family on Smoky Mountain. Smoky Mountain no longer exists, but for over thirty years it was home to nearly ten thousand people. Smoky Mountain was the refuse tip for metro-Manila. It got its name from the smouldering pile of rubbish dumped there every day. People lived on three sides of this mountain of waste and made their homes and livelihood from the city's refuse.

Jim had heard of Smoky Mountain, but nothing prepared him for the reality. He smelt it before he saw it and when he saw it he couldn't believe it. The crest of the hill was indeed billowing smoke, and canals of water surrounded it. Running water was only available at public pumps. Over the canals were semi-public cubicles where people showered and went to the open toilets. As the bulldozers shovelled the day's deposit into the mountainside, the residents picked through the collection to see what could be salvaged. Homes were made of every weather-resistant material imaginable. Jim met the Jesuits who looked after the Smoky Mountain parish. They were campaigning to have it shut down. The parish priest took him to meet the family with whom he would be staying. On a hot, humid afternoon he started the climb to Bing's home. There were children everywhere. Dirty, energetic, scavenging children. His heart was close to breaking, his stomach was dry-retching.

When he arrived at Bing's neatly kept home he was given a warm welcome. Bing saw that Jim was hot and bothered by his new surrounds and offered him a drink of water. Nothing prepared him for this dilemma: how far was he prepared to share in the life of the poor? All Jim could think of were the diseases he could catch from drinking water from the pump. As thirsty as he was he declined the offer, knowing that later he would privately gulp down one of the bottles of water in his backpack. Jim watched as the glasses of water were served on a tray. As he chatted to the family about Smoky Mountain he felt a fraud. Bing's daughter emerged with a sealed bottle of water and proceeded to fill up all the glasses. On seeing the bottle Jim had a change of mind and accepted the water. Bing then produced a plastic glass in a sealed package for Jim's use. Flushed with embarrassment, all he could think of was Jesus and the Woman at the Well. *(Cont'd P4)*

- Third Sunday of Lent -

(Year A - March 27, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A

1st Reading: 1Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13
 2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14
 Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

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:** 11am Tues;

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: Henry Grist, Marilyn Northeast

ANNIVERSARIES: Constance & William McCormack, Mary O'Loughlin, Franciska Pockaj, Kristina Strajhar, Amy Glynn, Becky Lunn, Celestina Fernando, Win, Patrick & Mary-Ellen Bohan, Frank & Tony Iskra, Anna Kot

BAPTISMS: Max Beard, Tyler Murphy, Nick, Oliver & Willem Sanders, Marko Dragicevic, Georgia & Maggie Harriott, Emerson Hudson-Collins (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Wendy Commons, Margaret Donaghy, Margaret Harris, Maria Law, Mary Smith, Peter Farrar, Doris Boyle, Heidi Maguire, Joseph Escorse, Joan Bellew, Kate Jennings, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Nevenka Juraga



ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APR 3, 2011.

(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 McMahan

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 Currie

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'Brien

D O'Brien

N Neeld, J Jess

Cluster News:



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -

Jesus teaches us to open up the possibilities of experiencing and sharing our gifts and knowledge.

In this week's Project Compassion story, we met Rosa, who lives in Bolivia's isolated Yuquí-Yuracaré Indigenous Community Lands.

With Caritas Australia's support, these river communities have come together.

An innovative community tourism project was developed and is starting to generate profit, while asserting their culture and preserving their land. Transformation in the lives of these marginalised communities is assisted by your Project Compassion donation. Please donate today.

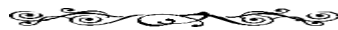
In the bulletin this week there is a "Fact Sheet" about the Democratic Republic of Congo produced by Caritas as part of its Project Compassion. The purpose of the "Fact Sheet" is to be a little more aware of the human suffering in the world and hopefully be a little more motivated to be an advocate for justice and poverty alleviation.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - 2ND RITE:

Please note - in preparation for the Easter Ceremonies there will be (4) 2nd Rite Reconciliation services. The times and venues are outlined below:

Tuesday April 5	7.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul's
Wednesday April 6	7.30pm	Holy Family
Thursday April 7	7.30pm	Holy Spirit
Wednesday April 20	7.30pm	Holy Family

The reason for the three earlier sessions is to accommodate the children who will be making their First Reconciliation before the school holidays. These Rites of Reconciliation are open to the whole community and not just the children. The Reconciliation Service will be similar to those we have held in the past, ie based on Tenebrae (a gospel centred reflection on the Passion with the use of light and darkness).



Relay for Life - Fr Mick's Mates:

A BIG THANKYOU!

Firstly, a **BIG THANKYOU** to Fr Gerard for wanting our parishes to be involved in the wider community and instigating the Cluster involvement in Relay for Life under the banner of **Fr Mick's Mates**.

A **BIG THANKYOU** to Trish Stickland, the Captain of Fr Mick's Mates, who did all the initial hard work of all the organization involved - registrations, fundraising, liaising with Geelong Relay for Life, setting up etc for the actual day, each year of Relay for Life.

A **BIG THANKYOU** to all the Committee members who have stepped up to own and now run Fr Mick's Mates

- ◆ David Lunn, Amy O'Brien, Michael & Anne Scaddan
- ◆ Noreen Haberman, Desma Dougherty
- ◆ Vicki Resciniti, Marg Haines, Bernadette Kline
- ◆ Betty Rice, Margaret Brown

A **BIG THANKYOU** to our three parish schools who have supported the Cluster initiative by a Mini Relay for Life on Friday March 18. All the students did a lap around the oval with me after being informed about Relay for Life and the formation of our team, Fr Mick's Mates.

A **BIG THANKYOU** to all the parishioners who have supported our efforts with finance, encouragement and participation in Relay for Life at Deakin University last Saturday March 19.

Fr Mick's Mates received a cup and certificate for being the team that raised the most money for Relay for Life 2011. Take a bow everyone! (Fr Mick)



EASTER MAILOUT WORKING BEE:

This weekend the invitations will be at the back of the Churches and we ask if people could deliver them. Those invitations remaining at the end of the weekend will be available in the Pastoral Cluster Office and I ask those kind people who have been deliverers if they could come to the Cluster Office to collect the invitations for distribution.

Thankyou to Trish Stickland who organised and to the many volunteers who came to prepare the Easter Invitations for mail-out. The adage "many hands make light work" was certainly the case. (Fr Gerard)

Easter mailout delivery:

Thank you to all the delivery people who have returned invitations to the Parish Office, where houses have been pulled down or families have shifted away. It helps us to keep the parish records up-to-date. (Helen Brislane)

VISITATION OF THE ARCHBISHOP TO THE PASTORAL CLUSTER:

I am delighted to announce that the Archbishop is planning a Pastoral visit to the Cluster on **Thursday April 7**. His visitation will include being Principal Celebrant at the 9.15am Mass at Holy Family, meeting with the priests and staff, visitation to the Italian Prayer Group, lunch, Mass at Vincentian Village, afternoon tea at the Pastoral Cluster and concluding with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.30 to 5.00pm. A warm welcome to all parishioners to attend the morning Mass, the afternoon tea and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For catering purposes if you wish to attend the afternoon tea, please advise the office on 5278 1343. The Archbishop will be the principal celebrant at the 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit on **Saturday April 9**.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

SCRUTINIES are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of our elect **Lisa Ford** and **Tiffany Burns** and our baptised candidates **Donna Courtney, Sam** and **Jessica Ford**, and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect and candidates from the power of sin and to give them strength in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The **First** of the three Scrutinies will be celebrated this weekend at the 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit. The Rite is made up of a penitential litany, based on the Sunday Gospel of the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus at Jacob's well and her conversion, and a prayer of healing. This **First Scrutiny** will remind **Lisa** and **Tiffany** who are preparing for baptism, that in baptism their spirits will be filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is living water offering them eternal life.

Since the Scrutinies are penitential, there will be no penitential rite at the beginning of Mass over the next three Sundays. The Scrutinies are always celebrated after the homily when all have heard and reflected on the Gospel. We will keep the same format for all the Masses over the weekend, as we are renewing our own baptismal commitment during Lent. An adaptation of the Scrutiny will be used at the other Masses of the weekend. - (Fr Mick)

- ◆ The **First Scrutiny** will be celebrated at the 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit on Saturday March 26
- ◆ The **Second Scrutiny** will be celebrated at the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's on Saturday April 2
- ◆ The **Third Scrutiny** will be celebrated at the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on Sunday April 10.



Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL'S RECOGNITION AND OPENING CEREMONY:** All parishioners, especially those who have had an association with Holy Spirit School (formerly Our Lady's School), are invited to attend this Ceremony on **Tuesday April 5** at Holy Spirit School, 83 Minerva Rd Manifold Hts. The Ceremony will begin at 10am and conclude with light refreshments at 11am. Mr Richard Marles will represent the Australian Govt at this event. RSVP to Holy Spirit School on 5229 8298 or email principal@hsmanifoldheights.catholic.edu.au by **Friday April 1**.

Community News:

Mar 27... **ACIES:** The Legion of Mary, Geelong Curia, at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, 51 Plume St Norlane from 2-3.30pm followed by a refreshment. All welcome! For information ph 0409 135 589 or email abuaya@bigpond.net.au

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS:

Clonard College	Fri April 1 Tues May 4	1pm - 3pm or 4.30pm - 6pm Information sessions 1pm & 4pm Tour of the College - 9am
St Ignatius College	Sun Mar 20, 11am-2pm Wed May 4, 9am-12noon	Open Day See the College at Work
St Joseph's College	Fri Apr 29, 9am-12noon Staff Tours	Last tour leaving 11.30am 4pm-6.30pm (last tour leaving at 6pm)
Sacred Heart College	Tues April 5, 2pm-4pm	Option 1 - Tour 3.45-4.45pm followed by information session: 5-5.45pm Option 2 - Tour 5.30-6.30pm followed by information session: 7-7.45pm

Holiday Movies at St Mary's Plaza Theatre (Parish Centre, Lt Myers St) 10.30am and 2pm:

- ◆ **Tues Apr 12:** Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2
 - ◆ **Thurs Apr 14:** Legend of the Guardians - The Owls of Ga'Hoole
 - ◆ **Tues Apr 19:** Bambi 2
 - ◆ **Thurs Apr 21:** Open Season 3
 - ◆ **Tues Apr 26:** Shrek Forever After
- A suggested donation
of \$3 per head would
be appreciated.**

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At that famous well Jesus enters the world of a poor Samaritan woman who has been dumped five times by the men who married her. By asking for a drink, by engaging her in conversation, by understanding her situation and offering her a way out of the cycle of emotional abuse in which she was caught, Jesus gives her the greatest gift of all: personal dignity. This changes her life and turns her into one of the earliest missionaries in John's Gospel.

Although separated by time and space, a drink of water helped a Samaritan woman and Fr Jim face up to the embarrassment of their worlds, their quick and inaccurate judgements and reassess the choices that could lead them to life. Both of them recognised that no matter how good the gift of water was that day, the unknown and unexpected Giver of the gift was so much greater.

May this Eucharist help us do the same.