



# 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

The plunging of an adult or an infant into the baptismal font three times is the most important moment in the ceremony and meant to be the most moving one as well. Most of us think that this action is associated with the Trinity. It is. But the more ancient association is with the three days Jesus lay in the tomb. This is one reason why the Church now encourages candidates for baptism to be fully immersed wherever practicable. The sprinkling of water over a catechumen's head just doesn't capture the drama which the ritual intends. But when we see a person take a breath, plunge under the water and come up for air three times, we can powerfully see the identification between Jesus' time in the tomb and the person rising to new life in Christ.

The season of Lent has its origins in third century Egypt where there was a commemoration of Jesus' forty days in the desert. In the fourth century these forty days are moved to their present location in the Church's calendar as the final preparation time for baptismal candidates at Easter and by the fifth century these penitential and baptismal focuses came together as one season for all believers to observe. Even the word Lent, from the old English word *Lencten* meaning Spring, alerted Christians in the northern hemisphere that this season was linked to the waking of nature after the long sleep of winter. Lent is about waking up to see that light and life have come in Christ.

Over the centuries the Church has tended to place more emphasis on penance than baptism. The Second Vatican Council, however, went back to the most ancient sources of this season, re-established the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and encouraged us to see the link between our acts of penance and our ongoing conversion to Christ expressed in the baptismal promises made for us many years before.

On this last Sunday in Lent Lazarus is given to us to help us think about the tombs in which we lie hidden and the life to which we are called. The bad spirit seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. It might be a secret we can't tell, a sin we can't confess or a memory we want to bury. At its worst it can be a lifestyle or a pattern of unethical behaviour we have divorced from the rest of our lives. We may even con ourselves into believing that all of this is normal and 'not so bad'. *(Cont'd P4)*

## A warm welcome to Archbishop Hart

### - Fifth Sunday of Lent -

(Year A - April 10, 2011.)

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men.  
You, O God, are my refuge.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die forever.



#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Palm (Passion) Sunday - Year A**

1st Reading: Is 50:4-7  
2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11  
Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66

#### 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:** 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:** Cyril Hudgell, Desmond Naylor, Giovanna LaSpada

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Graziano Modica, Teresa & Giuseppe Zanon, Rosa & Raimondo Zanardo, Marcella Conti, Aldo Scarpetti, Robert & Vera Batna, Anthony Siketa, Brone Jankus, Domenico Pellizzeri

**BAPTISMS:** Spencer Finch, Noah Skotnica, Kyla Brady, Madden Reiffel (P&P)

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

*(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, APR 17, 2011.**

(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, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

V Logan

T Dunlop

### 11.00AM

P Delahunty

G Brown

P&B Delahunty

I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

T Cleary, D Brown

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

D Maddalena

K Maddalena

K Maddalena, B Ditungun

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT -**

Disasters, sickness and tragedy are realities for many people. Our Christian faith and compassion motivates us to offer practical and spiritual support for those whose lives have been affected by such realities.

In this week's Project Compassion story we met Kose, a young man whose family home was destroyed in the 2009 Samoan tsunami. Your donation to Project Compassion offers hope and ensures that before, during and after the headlines, Caritas is there delivering life-saving assistance to communities affected by disaster and helping build community capacity to better respond to future disasters.

## We are an Easter People...

You are warmly welcome to share in our Holy Week Celebrations:

<b>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - 2ND RITE:</b> (The last of our four Ceremonies)		
<b>Tuesday April 19th...</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St Patrick's</b>
<b>MASS OF THE OILS:</b>		
<b>Tuesday April 19th...</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne</b>
<b>MASS OF ANOINTING:</b>		
<b>Wednesday April 20th...</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Spirit, followed by lunch</b>
<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:</b>		
<b>Thursday April 21st...</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration</b> <b>Holy Family - Croatian</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY: April 22nd...</b>		
<b>Way of the Cross:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b> <b>Holy Family</b> <b>Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion:</b>	<b>3.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Family</b> <b>Holy Family - Croatian</b>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY: April 23rd...</b>		
<b>Blessing of Easter Food:</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>
<b>EASTER VIGIL: April 23rd...</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> <b>10.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Family</b> <b>Holy Family - Croatian</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: April 24th...</b>		
	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b> <b>Holy Family</b> <b>Holy Spirit</b> <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: (In a language other than English)</b>		
	<b>9.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	<b>Lithuanian Mass at Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b> <b>Italian Mass at St Patrick's Chapel</b> <b>Croatian Mass at Holy Family</b>

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):



Lisa Ford and Tiffany Burns and our baptised candidates Donna Courtney, Sam and Jessica Ford are continuing to share the journey towards Easter with the community.

The Third Scrutiny will be celebrated at the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on Sunday April 10.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

The older children Baptism Program has finished and a number of children have already received the sacrament. We also have three being baptised during the Easter Vigil.

The Reconciliation Program has also finished for this year with 27 children receiving the Sacrament for the first time during the 2nd Rite Easter Reconciliation services in the parishes.

Thanks to Frank Kearney who organised and led both programs.

## Holy Spirit:

- ◆ ANOINTING MASS will be held 11.30am at Holy Spirit Church on Wed April 20. A light lunch will follow in the Parish Hall, CWL members a cake or slice please. For transport please ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

### HOLY FAMILY BBQ:

***This will be held next Sunday (the third Sunday of the month),  
April 17 - 12noon. Please BYO to share.***



## Community News:

Apr11&May 2... **REVISED MISSAL WORKSHOP:** Two workshops in the Hibernian Hall at St Mary's Office complex, 7-8.30pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about, and better understand, the changes to the New Revised Mass. All welcome!

April 13... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.

Apr30&May1... **INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND OF PRAYER for Madeleine and all Missing Children:** Please join the Madeleine Prayer Circle (Madeleine McCann disappeared from her holiday apartment in Portugal four years ago). Thousands of people worldwide unite together in prayer for Madeleine and all missing, abused and exploited children in our world. Please join us!

May 1... **"BUILDING A BETTER GEELONG by helping newcomers from overseas to become part of their new community":** 4pm at St David's Uniting Church Hall, Aphrasia St Newtown. Guest speaker Tony Jenkins, Manager Settlement & Community Services at Diversitat. Enquiries 5229 4117, 5221 5578, 5241 9344.

### INVITATION - HYMNS OF PRAISE:

An invitation to singers to join the Festival Choir to lead the Hymns of Praise at St Luke's Uniting Church, Barrabool Rd Highton on Sunday May 29 at 11.30am. A full orchestral accompaniment, Festival Choir, well-known hymns, one compulsory rehearsal, RSVP by May 10. Contact details Jeanette 5223 3554 or email music.basilica@bigpond.com

### PLEASE NOTE NAME CHANGE:

Centacare Catholic Family Services has changed its name to 'CatholicCare'

### MONICA O'TOOLE YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP:

This scholarship has been established to financially support a student whose family would otherwise find it difficult to educate their daughter at Sacred Heart College. Please contact Sacred Heart College on 5221 4211 for details.

### CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS:

Clonard College	Tues May 4	Tour of the College - 9am
St Ignatius College	Wed May 4, 9am-12noon	See the College at Work
St Joseph's College	Fri Apr 29, 9am-12noon	Last tour leaving 11.30am; Staff Tours 4pm-6.30pm (last tour leaving at 6pm)

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These tombs often look similar. They seem small on the surface, but as we get away with our secrets we bury ourselves in them more deeply. We jealously guard the entrance, displacing energy to defend our tombs and we're ashamed if anyone rolls away the stone and sees the mess inside.

But this Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us out of them. We're asked to face down the bad spirits that keep us locked in secrecy, to move away from shame, embrace repentance, recognise the price to be paid for being true to what's best in ourselves and we're invited to know the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

No one can pretend that this journey is easy, but it's what Lent is all about: the journey from the tomb of our own particular deaths, through penance to the new life of Easter. May this Eucharist allow us to see the Lord stand at our tomb and gently call us by name, 'Come forth'. And at His word may we be unbound and let go free.