



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

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus. We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection.

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- Easter Sunday -

(Year A - April 24, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47
 2nd Reading: 1Pet 1:3-9
 Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



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
11.30am (2nd Sunday)

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian...

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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

BAPTISMS:

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr Tony Hally (former PP of Bell Park), Joseph Escorse, Jillian Henry, Bernie Dalton, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Wendy Commons, Margaret Donaghy, Margaret Harris, Maria Law, Peter Farrar, Doris Boyle, Heidi Maguire, 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, MAY 1, 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

EASTER SUNDAY -



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity to Project Compassion offers new life to your brothers and sisters struggling with poverty and injustice. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2011 appeal. The work of Caritas Australia gives us this opportunity. Please donate to Project Compassion today.

Recurring Activities in the Cluster:

- . Holy Family BBQ lunch - Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon a BBQ lunch BYO to share
- . Holy Family Women's Group - First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
- . St Vincent de Paul - Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre, 7.30pm
Ss Peter & Paul's meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays 2pm in the Small Hall
Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
- . Baptism Preps - 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
- . Children's Liturgy - Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)
Holy Spirit - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am Mass (during school term)
Ss Peter & Paul's- 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11.00am Mass (during school term)
- . Playgroup - Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- . Manifold CWL - Holy Spirit Hall, First Tuesdays in the month
- . Italian Mass - First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- . Catholic Deanery Solo Group - Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- . Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon - Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.
- . Catholic Diners' Club - Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Terry on 5221 7339

If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:

www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Holy Family:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: Mothers' Day Raffle** - Tickets \$1 each will be sold Sunday May 1 after 8am and 9.30am Masses. Two prizes to be won - first prize valued at \$100.
Dutch Auction - Monday May 2nd, 7pm. All welcome!

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **CAR RAFFLE TICKETS:** Would those who still have outstanding tickets for the car raffle from Holy Spirit, please return them either to Stuart Robley, ph 5229 4914, or alternatively, at the Parish Office.
- ◆ **DIVINE MERCY: Celebration of the Feast of Mercy May 1, 2011** - One afternoon with Jesus at Holy Spirit Church, Bostock Ave, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1.15pm for private prayers, Confessions at 1.30pm, 2pm Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers and 3pm Holy Mass, including blessing and veneration of the Image of the Divine Mercy, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone most cordially invited to take part in this celebration.



Community News:

- 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.
- May 2...** **REVISED MISSAL WORKSHOP:** The second of 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!
- May 4...** **WELCOMING PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS: Why and How** - A public forum at the Cardinal Knox Centre Lecture Theatre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne. Lecture by Sr Patricia Madigan OP, 7.30pm. Contact 9639 1344.
- May 5...** **CatholicCare - LOSS AND GRIEF PROGRAM:** A six week facilitated Grief Support Group and Information Program for those who have experienced the loss of someone they loved. Facilitators Fr John McCarthy and Dr Jenny Green (Psychologist). Ph 5221 7055 for more information.

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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We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'