



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

Before I said my first Mass an old priest gave me two great pieces of advice. 'You know when the congregation is filled with optimists. After a long series of announcements at the end of Mass and then you say, "and finally..." people take out their car keys!' The second was, 'Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.' I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace. Now all this 'come and rest a while' talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality.

Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens. They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ. No wonder they held so strongly to the words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.' And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.' Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it.

Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile. What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties. (*Cont'd P4*)

- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - July 3, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your temple we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of earth; your right hand is filled with justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name forever,
my King and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

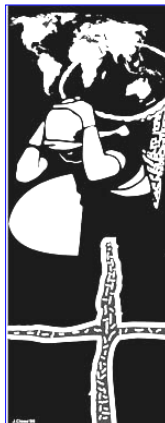
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 55:10-11
2nd Reading: Rom 8:18-23
Gospel: Mt 13:1-23



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**

Ss Peter & Paul's: 7.30pm Thurs

Grace McKellar Centre: 10.15am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Tues;

Multicultural Centre: 1.30pm - 1st Fri

Maryville Nursing Home: 11am Tues;

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: July 4: Sheahan family, Sladen St;

July 11: McShanag Family, 39 Sladen St;

July 18: McMahan family, 301 Church St

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: Angela Giampieri, Juana Sanz, Joe LoPiccolo, Damiana Aloï

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Rodojevic, Alfredo Ciuffetelli, Zvonko Miodic, John Cody, Jean Allison, Doreen Bellinger, Antonio & Chiara Tino, Antonio Fiorillo, Ernesto & Assunta DeLorenzo, Frank & Helen DeLorenzo, John Dempsey, Besey & John Keppel, Mary & Henry Callender, Ivka Mrkogaća

BAPTISMS: Asha Barr, Isabelle Slaviero, Max Spence, Abby Turner (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bernie Dalton, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Wendy Commons, Margaret Donaghy, Maria Law, Peter Farrar, Doris Boyle, Heidi Maguire, Joan Bellew, Kate Jennings, Nevenka Juraga, Joan Gazenbeek, Felix Capicchiano, Dianne Rickey, Liam Shay, Regina Starcevic, Joseph Escorse, Gillian Henry, Anthony Dunn, John O'Neill, Alina Synoradzki, George Carmody

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011.

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Sheahan

V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

G Harrison

B Murphy, R O'Neill

M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan

B Stocks

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

L Strzelecki, A/L Fossey, M Sleeman

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

T Martin

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- **Holy Family Casserole lunch -** Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon a Casserole 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 4th Thursday 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.pastoralclustergeelong.org

❖ Cluster News ❖

WELCOME BACK FR MICK!!!

A VOTE OF THANKS - MASS OF THE ANOINTING AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

To Noreen Haberman, the Co-Ordinator of the Luncheon after the Mass of Anointing last Wednesday, and to all the other ladies who offered support in either preparation and serving of the Luncheon, heartfelt thanks for your generosity of effort and hospitality. The Sacrament of Anointing Mass is enriched when it is followed by a communal luncheon.

FR MICK'S MATES:

The next meeting of Fr Mick's Mates will be held **Wednesday July 6 at 7pm** in the Pastoral Cluster Community Centre.

CLERGY CONFERENCE:

On July 11 through to 14 July Frs Mick and Gerard will be at the Archdiocesan Clergy Conference. The focus of the input into discussions will be ***Casting Catholic lines into a deep, turbulent, secularising sea***. Our attendance at this Conference will mean that the normal **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Masses will be cancelled**. The Monday Mass at Vincentian Village will be held as normal.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11:30)

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God asks too much of us by asking us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, the yoke of stewardship is not heavy. Good stewards learn that by turning away from the materials of the world, we can experience great joy in spending more time with God and sharing more of our gifts with others.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

NEW CLUSTER EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please note that our email address has changed and is now cluster@cam.org.au

DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD:

Join with Catholic Mission this weekend to reach out and support missionaries in Peru and 160 countries around the world. Every day, missionaries like Australian Fr John Andersen, Fr Raymundo Portelli and Gabriela Filonowicz reach out to meet the need of communities in the diocese of Iquitos, Peru. By making a gift to the Catholic Mission Church Appeal today or by becoming a **Friends in Faith Partner** with a monthly gift, you will help communities affected by hardship, disease and extreme poverty. We can all do something beautiful for God.



Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ◆ **RESTORATION OF THE PEWS:** Ss Peter & Paul's is approaching its Centenary as a Parish and the Church itself 150 years (2016), these milestones are opportunities to consider restoration work on the Church. One area of obvious need for restoration are the pews. One pew has been sent off for restoration and is now at the back of the Church. I invite you to have a look and I'd appreciate your feedback. The pew has been restored to a lighter natural colour. Another possibility is to have the pew restored to a darker colour, similar to what is already there. The second option is a more expensive option. Over the coming weeks I would like to gauge if people are interested in sponsoring a pew, similar to the successful sponsorship of pews at Holy Family.
- ◆ **ARE YOU A FORMER ST PAT'S STUDENT?** In 2011 St Patrick's celebrates 100 years of schooling at its Petrel St site. To mark this occasion the school's history is to be researched and published and we are desperately seeking photos and memorabilia - uniforms, yearbooks, newsletters and newspaper articles. If you'd like to share your recollections with us a questionnaire is available and we are very keen to listen if you'd rather have a chat. If you'd like to know more ph the school office on 5229 4412. Submissions closing soon!

Holy Family:

- ◆ **HEATING IN THE CHURCH:** At present investigations are underway as to what is the best heating, and possibly cooling, system for the Church. The choice of systems is not straight-forward. Firstly, the size of the area to be warmed and the height of the ceiling make the task complex, even for the professionals. Secondly, there is no gas connected to the Church and only recently have I received confirmation about the possibility and cost of connecting gas to the property. Even if approval was given today, there is about a 40-day turnaround for the installation of gas to the property. Furthermore, there is a cost associated with putting in pipes from the garden bed through to the Church. Thirdly, which is the best system to use - electrical or gas - in a way that is effective, given the limited number of hours the Church is used and doesn't undermine the beauty and the integrity of the recent renovations. I would appreciate any thoughts on this proposal - *Fr Gerard*

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** Monthly Meeting will be on **Wednesday July 6, Feast Day of St Maria Goretti**. We will attend 9am Mass at Holy Spirit, have morning tea and meeting in Parish Hall afterwards. Please bring along a plate to share. For information and transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **LUNCHEON FOR THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS:** Wednesday July 13 at 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall, cost \$8. All welcome!

Community News:

- July 13... **LUNCHEON FOR THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS** in Holy Spirit Hall, 12noon - \$8, all welcome!
- July 16... **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE 2011 COMMUNITY BALL & AD ALTA AWARDS:** Held at Bro OS Adams Centre, 7pm till late - \$55 includes a 3-course meal and live music, drinks at bar prices. Tickets/information ph David Formosa 5226 8120 (david@sjc.vic.edu.au) or book online at www.sjc.vic.edu.au

VOLUNTEER - ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Can you assist with the bread run on July 27th and August 24th and 31st? Please call Sr Concepta on 5277 3620 / 0421 470 490. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL: This winter hundreds of local residents are experiencing financial hardship or social distress. Some are sleeping in the cold weather with no appropriate shelter, blankets or warm clothing. **Donations of blankets and warm clothing will help our community!** Please donate items at your local Vinnies Centre or call 5229 0911 for bulk pick-up.

Geelong City - 164 Moorabool St, **Hamlyn Hts** - 71 Vines Rd, **Norlane** - Shop 1 Labuan Square, **Ocean Grove** - 18 Marine Pde, **Queenscliff** - 31 Hesse St, **South Geelong** - 162 Fyans St.

ANAM CARA HOUSE - GENERAL MANAGER:

Anam Cara House Geelong is seeking a General Manager to oversee the administration and ongoing promotion of the community hospice. (Note: This is not a Nursing position, but is a senior executive position of up to 32 hours per week). Full details are in the "Geelong Advertiser" for June 25 and July 2, or from Board Chair Clive Pugh at crpugh@live.com.au

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This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life. She asked the class, 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?' To which there was bemused silence. So Sister tried again. 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?' There was now stony silence. Sister then picked out Billy and asked him for the answer. After several awkward moments, Billy tentatively replied, 'Sister, I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus, because the answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.'

Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus. In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace.