



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 newcomer to a city known for its wind and rain arrives on a rainy day. She gets up the next day and it's raining. It also rains the day after that, and the day after that. She goes out to lunch and sees a young child and, out of despair, asks, 'Hey, kid, does it ever stop raining around here?' To which the child replies, 'How should I know? I'm only six.' With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil and a labouring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit. If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. Most of us know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. There is no point any of us crying over the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now.

Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously. One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort. For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then. For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends. *(Cont'd P4)*

- 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - July 10, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord;
when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield
a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower; all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19
2nd Reading: Rom 8:26-27
Gospel: Mt 13:24-43



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 11: McShanag Family, 39 Sladen St;

July 18: McMahon 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: Bill Purser, Janice Humm, Lucy Shorodumow, Priscilla (Gus) Lynch, Merv Kirkman, Fr Kevin Manning, Fr Leo Saleeba

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McDonald, Laurie Brady, Anne Gallagher, Giuseppe & Maria Teresa Pitaro, Francesco & Serafina Lecchino, Pat Dickinson, Lucy Murphy, Mario Ruscito, Mateo Verderame

BAPTISMS: Archie Law, Francesca Norbury -Trueman, Sienna Lecchino, Sienna DiMauro (P&P)

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, Felix Capicchiano, Dianne Rickey, Liam Shay, Regina Starcevic, Joseph Escorse, Gillian Henry, Anthony Dunn, John O'Neill, George Carmody

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 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, V Trinder

I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

D Brown

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

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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

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CLERGY CONFERENCE:

On July 11 through to July 14, 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.

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

Recently the Archbishop responded to the **Pastoral Cluster at Prayer** - a front page article over two weeks on proposed changes to some of the ritual actions of worship in the Pastoral Cluster. The Archbishop said to be consistent with the mind of the Universal Church, the following needs to occur.

- ◆ The place of greeting is only at the **Sign of Peace** rather than prior to the beginning of Mass.
- ◆ The brief announcements are to be at the end of Mass, after the **Prayer of Communion** and before the **Final Blessing** rather than prior to the start of Mass.
- ◆ The **Responsorial Psalm** is to be done either from the Cantor's position or, if read, it may also be done from the lectern.
- ◆ The **Prayer of the Faithful Intentions** to be read from the ambo (the secondary lectern) or from a suitable place facing the people.
- ◆ The Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers) are to come to the Altar only after the Priest has received Holy Communion.

On your behalf I thank the Archbishop for his liturgical and pastoral guidance in this matter.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2012:

Parishioners who register for the 2012 Relay for Life Event before the end of July this year, will be entered in a Lucky Draw for a \$750 Voucher for Coles, Myers or Bunnings. Registration forms available after Mass or at the Cluster Office. Must be returned before **July 27!**

A VOCATION VIEW:

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile

surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth.

But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

FR LEO SALEEBA RIP:

A Memorial Mass for Fr Leo Saleeba, who died last weekend, will be celebrated at St Margaret's Church, Lomond Tce, East Geelong **next Thursday, July 14** at 4.30pm. Fr Leo was Parish Priest of St Margaret's from 1999 to 2005, and also was an Asst Priest at St Mary's in the '60s. The Mass will be a valuable way for the people in Geelong who were helped by his priestly ministry, both to pray for him and honour him.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke and word and it bears no fruit. (Mt 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? These are questions that we all must ask of ourselves if we are going to live as God's stewards.

VINNIES BLANKET APPEAL: Going to the Geelong v Melbourne game on Saturday 30th July at Skilled Stadium? Why not bring a new doona or good used blankets and coats for **Vinnies Blanket Appeal?** Vinnies volunteers will accept donations outside the main gate and items will be used to re-settle homeless people and refugees in the Geelong Region.

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

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*
- ◆ **CASSEROLE LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY** - Third Sunday of the month at 12noon.

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **LUNCHEON FOR THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS:** Wednesday July 13 at 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall, cost \$8. All welcome!
- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL:** The recent winter appeal has received tremendous support from the Holy Spirit Primary School. The students donated lots of food, blankets and \$334 in cash. This great effort from these young people will help the needy of our parish area during the cold winter months. Sincere thanks to all concerned.

Community News:

- July 13... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday, 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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
- July 23... **CHRISTMAS IN JULY:** The Friends of Rice Village Fundraising Committee are hosting this event with entertainment by Bert Dandy, Spinning Wheel, Whiskey bottle competition, Door Prize and 3-course traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Tickets \$40 and \$20 (child under 15). Tickets must be pre-purchased by **Wed July 20**. Single tickets or pre-book for table of 8. BYO alcohol, complimentary bottle of wine on each table. 6pm for 6.30pm start - 11pm. To be held in the Long Room, Mercy Place (Rice Village), 2-26 Marshalltown Rd, Marshall - ph 5241 3686.
- July 23... **MARY MACKILLOP WALKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS:** Mackillop Young Adult Community invites young adults to come and visit significant sites in the life of our first Australian Saint here in Melbourne. Meet at St Francis Church 2pm, visit the birth site, Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre and site of the First Providence. Come and be inspired by the person of St Mary Mackillop, Australia's first Saint in her home town. (If you can't make it this month, the walks are held on the fourth Saturday of each month). For bookings phone 9926 9300 or macyac@sosj.org.au

ANAM CARAMARKET - FOR BUYERS AND SELLERS OF CARS: 9am to 3pm each Saturday at the Haymarket Car Park in Myers St, only \$10 per vehicle displayed. No charge for potential buyers or 'tyre-kickers' Visit anamcarahousegeelong.org.au and pay via the web site or cash on entry. Proceeds assist the charitable work of Geelong's Hospice, Anam Cara House. Enquiries to 5222 5831.

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The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are 'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands', are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children.

By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it.