



# 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

Today's Gospel gives us both a parable and then an interpretation of that parable. I'm very grateful for this pattern in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. It indicates to us that not everything that Jesus says should be taken literally. Clearly the disciples were sometimes confused and needed some private coaching to bring them up to speed with what Jesus was on about. As much as I respect the faith of our fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters, it is at this point, on the way we interpret the Scriptures, that we cannot agree. The catholic community has always taken the process outlined in Matthew's gospel very seriously. We have always held that the full richness of the scriptures needs careful study and tested interpretations.

Unfortunately, in previous generations, the anxiety over people's private interpretations of the scriptures led Catholics to be suspicious of the Bible and the private reading of it. To read the Bible was often seen as a 'very protestant thing to do'. Given that Jesus, Mary, the apostles and the disciples are all recorded in the New Testament as reading, meditating on, or hearing the scriptures, nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is to ponder the Word of God. That's why the Second Vatican Council encouraged us all to return to regular private reflection on the Bible. Along with this encouragement they also reminded us, however, that as strong as the feelings and revelations we experience in our private scriptural prayer may be, these may have little or no consequence for the wider community of faith. We believe that the whole Church has the task to discern where the Word of God is leading us.

To help this discernment, it's scholars who pay great attention to the history and the literary, textual and cultural issues in and around the Bible have always aided the catholic community. They look at how various interpretations and approaches of the Scriptures have helped or hindered the Church over the centuries. We place great weight on the 'here and now' of the faith community who listens to the Word of God and lives it out.

Our approach is a long way from those who hold that the entire truth of the scriptures is found in the text itself. Fundamentalist interpretations of the scriptures dismiss the importance of studying the scriptures by reducing it to a book of facts. In doing so they tie themselves up in all sorts of textual knots whenever the scriptures seem to contradict themselves. (Cont'd P4)

## - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - July 17, 2011.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

### 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:

#### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1Kg 3:5,7-12  
 2nd Reading: Rom 8:28-30  
 Gospel: Mt 13:44-52



### 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 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:

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### ANNIVERSARIES:

William Vickers, Mate Tomljanovic, Hilda Smith, Cosimo Nadile, Domenico Fama, Martin Kenny, Maria & Amirando Zanardo

### BAPTISMS:

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

*(Please note:*

*After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list -*

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2011.**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

### 9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

E Cotter, P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown, D McFarlane

T McShanag

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

### 11.00AM

M Foley

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

## 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## ❖ Cluster News ❖

### 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:

**There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice.**

**We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.**

**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.

#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom."  
(Mt 13:24,37-38)*

As children of God, we are all 'good seeds', blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in this world. We fulfill God's plan for us when we share our unique talents and our financial gifts to build up God's kingdom. Through our stewardship we blossom!

#### **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.

## Holy Family:

- ♦ **CASSEROLE LUNCH THIS SUNDAY** - Third Sunday of the month at 12noon.

## Holy Spirit:

- ♦ **CONGRATULATIONS:** The Catholic Education Office in Melbourne held its annual Wellbeing Drama Festival, whereby schools had a chance to showcase a Wellbeing Message through the arts. Holy Spirit School achieved third place across the Archdiocese, which included rewards for Excellence for Performance Skills, Backstage Co-operation and Enthusiasm and its Student Wellbeing Message. The Wellbeing Message in the Holy Spirit School was "Smile" and the particular benefits of smiling. Well done to students and their teachers!

## Community News:

- 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](mailto:macyac@sosj.org.au)
- Aug 5-7... **TABOR JOURNEY PROGRAM AT TEMPLESTOWE:** This weekend is designed to provide a reflective time, a time to share and bring some closure for separated, divorced or widowed people coping with the loss, grief and heartache that follows the end of a marriage/relationship. To register ph 5221 7055 or email [geelong@ccam.org.au](mailto:geelong@ccam.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](http://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.

**NORLANE PARISH DOOR KNOCK:** The Legion of Mary will be conducting a Door Knock throughout the Norlane Parish. Accommodation for up to 15 people will be needed between September 25 and October 8. Bed and breakfast are all that are needed. If you can help, please contact John McCarthy on 5275 8763.

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We hold, however, that the scriptures are not books of facts, though they contain historical information. We believe we have seventy-three sacred books that 'cannot err in leading us to the truth about God'. The Word of God is for us the pathway to faith, a series of revealed and inspired portraits of God and a distillation of God's saving love for us and our response to him.

When there are inconsistencies or differences in any two scriptural texts, rather than unsettle us, we see these differences as examples of the varying rich approaches to the truth of our salvation in and through Christ. This is nicely summed up in the verse, *The Bible in 50 words*.

God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split. Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled, Bush talked, Moses balked.  
Pharaoh plagued, People walked, Sea divided, Tablets guided, Promise landed, Saul freaked, David peeked  
Prophets warned, Jesus born, God walked, Love talked, Anger crucified, Hope died.  
Love rose, Spirit flamed, Word spread, God remained.

At this Eucharist let's give thanks that Jesus often used stories to communicate his truth and that he explained their meaning to those with ears to hear. Let's be grateful that we are inheritors of this intelligent legacy.