



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

After being nearly snowbound for two weeks, a Seattle man departed for his vacation in Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day at the conclusion of her business trip to Minneapolis. They were looking forward to pleasant weather and a nice time together. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the man was told he would have to wait for a later flight. He tried to appeal to a supervisor but was told the airline was not responsible for the problem and it would do no good to complain. Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an e-mail, but due to his haste, he made an error in the e-mail address.

His message therefore arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before. When the grieving widow opened her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and fell to the floor dead. Her family rushed to her room where they saw this message on the screen: *Dearest wife, Departed yesterday as you know. Just now got checked in. Some confusion at the gate. Appeal was denied. Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow. Your loving husband. P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here.*

Old-time missionaries used to have a field day with today's gospel, or at least with part of it. While they may have liked the passages that suggested that heaven was *like* a treasure in a field or *like* a pearl of great price, they told us that hell was a furnace of fire where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth. Some of those preachers seemed to know an awful lot about hell! It's as though they were travel writers who had visited the place several times just to warn us about what to expect when we got there. And do you remember how easy it was to get in? Many of us thought we had a first class ticket in our pocket most of the time.

Once, during a parish mission, where the visiting priest had given us an excruciatingly detailed description of hell, he told us, 'You could be dipping your hand in the holy water font as you leave the Church tonight and be struck down dead and sent to hell for eternity!' At the end of that session my cousin stood by the holy water font and watched everyone else dip their hand in, saying as they did, 'After you, after you.' She wasn't taking any chances! (*Cont'd P4*)

- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - July 24, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, I love your commands.

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: Is 55:1-3
 2nd Reading: Rom 8:35,37-39
 Gospel: Mt 14:13-21



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 25 - Dunlop family, 13 May St; **Aug 1** - Mileto family, 82 Sladen St; **Aug 8** - Sharry family, 23 Lily 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: Norma Beckley, Fr Paul Ryan, Michael Adamyk, Francisco Ruiz

ANNIVERSARIES: Cosimo Mileto, Jozefa Pozar, Zora Petrevcic, Louisa Rodrigues, Diana & James Horoba, Aloes Iskra, Garry Dougherty, Peter Javni, Angela Giampieri

BAPTISMS: Noah Ivisic, Archie Law (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, 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 - please phone the office if you wish names reinserted)

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011.

(5th 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 McMahan, 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

11.00AM

P Delahunty

G Brown

P&B Delahunty, V Trinder

I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

T Cleary, D Brown

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

❖ Cluster News ❖

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!**

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.

VICTORIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE 2011:

This week we welcome back the school staff and children. As we begin the term it is good to recognise and celebrate the important role the Catholic Schools play in our community. Outlined below are some of the statistics in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, which includes Geelong...

Victorian Catholic Schools provide the Catholic and wider community with a high quality education system that focuses on the development of the whole person and their contribution to the common good.

Victorian Catholic schools:

- ◆ are established under the authority of the bishop in their diocese. There are four dioceses in Victoria - Melbourne, Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale
- ◆ comprise the sixth largest education system in Australia
- ◆ educate over 22% of all Victorian school students
- ◆ are characterised by a diverse range of settings in terms of size, type and educational need
- ◆ serve families from across the socio-economic spectrum and are highly attentive to the needs of their community
- ◆ are funded by a combination of government and parent income with approx 79% of funding received for recurrent purposes from government sources.

Number of Victorian Catholic Schools by School Type:

Melbourne = 256 Primary, 66 Secondary, 6 Special (Total 328 schools)

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrolments:

Catholic Schools Vic by Diocese and class type, Feb 2011:

Melbourne = Primary 77,890.9, Secondary 66,613.2, Ungraded 77.8
(All Classes 144,581.9)

FTE Staff (teaching and non-teaching):

Catholic Schools Vic, by diocese and gender, Aug 2010:

Melbourne = Male 2,875.0, Female 7,058.2 (Persons 9,933.2)

Non-Teaching Staff:

Melbourne = Male 768.4, Female 2,359.6 (Persons 3,128.0)

A VOCATION VIEW:

Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Thoughts on Giving

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purposes." (Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for Good?

Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. However, when we wholeheartedly place our trust in God we will never be disappointed.

Welcome and congratulations to our children from our Catechetical classes who will be making their 1st Eucharist at Holy Family at 9.30am Mass today.

Welcome also to the children who will be making their Commitment to the Sacrament of Confirmation. This simple ceremony which is part of our ordinary Sunday Mass is a public acknowledgement by the children that they wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and wish to continue their journey as young Christian people.

Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ◆ **RESTORATION OF THE PEWS:** To assist me in the decision about the Restoration of the Pews, as well as some other minor maintenance and upgrades of Ss Peter & Paul's Church, I would like to establish a Committee of interested people to prepare a strategy for this restoration work. Given the heritage overlay on the Church, we need to do it in a proper and professional manner to ensure that we have the approval from Heritage Victoria. If you are interested please call Fr Gerard on 5278 1343.

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!
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their monthly meeting 2pm Tuesday August 2 at Vincentian Village Nursing Home, Beulah St Hamlyn Hts. Members please bring along a plate for afternoon tea. For transport or information contact Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Holy Family:

- ◆ **AIR CONDITIONING:** After a fairly exhaustive process, I'm delighted to say that this week Air Conditioning will be installed at Holy Family Church. The system will both heat and cool the Church.
- ◆ **SPONSORSHIP OF CHURCH FURNITURE:** There are a number of items that have been purchased to complete our Refurbishment Program as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Parish. If you would like to sponsor a piece of Church furniture, please contact Fr Gerard on 5278 1343.

Community News:

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

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.

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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All this is not to underestimate the reality of hell. If we believe in heaven and free will, it has to be logically true that hell exists and that, consistent with some people's free, knowing and serious rejection of God and of love all their lives, these choices will destine decisions made for, and by, them in the next world as well.

There are two major differences, however, between how we used to speak about heaven and hell and what we say now. Just as we know the treasure hidden in the field or the pearl of great price are metaphors for heaven, rich and wonderful ones at that, they remain images that enable us to grasp an unimaginable concept. So it is with hell. How can we imagine life without love and God? We have learnt that our guidebook regarding hell needs to be more circumscribed about what that destination or state of being holds. All we can confidently say is that hell is non-God. The second change is that we are more careful about being so confident in regard to who is going there. Jesus tells us that God wants all humanity to be saved. We can't take that seriously and then have people slip into hell for a small infringement of the rules.

If we read today's Gospel in a different way it can be a commentary on what God has done for us. Humanity can be seen as the treasure in the field that God has sold everything to own. We are the pearl of great price that God has moved heaven and earth to possess and we are the fish caught up in the net of God's love. Our God is the one who became one like us, in Jesus the Lord, so that we might know, love and serve him. That's what today's Gospel is all about. Jesus reminds his disciples that in glimpsing the things of heaven they have to be like the master of a household. That's a rich image. In Jesus' day such a person would have provided protection, love, security and justice for all.

God has given us free will and treasures, both new and old, to help us protect each other, love each other, feel secure in the truth and act justly. But we need to know that the choices we make in regard to these things have implications for how we live now and in the life to come.