



# 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

There is an old line that runs, 'If you feel distant from God – guess who has moved?' It picks up the theme in the Romans reading which we have just heard, 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God.' In the midst of persecution and suffering, St Paul writes to the community at Rome to tell them that, even in their fear, desolation and grief, nothing, and no one, can separate them from God's love. This shows us that when we feel separated from God we may have walked away from him, usually through destructive behaviour that sets up and maintains distance between us and the source of our faith, hope and love.

St Matthew and Isaiah also knew that nothing can separate us from God's love. Isaiah's river of plenty and Matthew's loaves and fish are all about the *plenty* of God's kingdom, the abundance of God's goodness. Too often we focus on the miracle of transformation that occurs in Matthew's Gospel when all he tells about the actual miracle is that Jesus 'breaks and shares'. Matthew is more interested in the leftovers than he is in the miracle itself. From five loaves and two fish we are told twelve baskets of scraps are left over.

Numbers are rarely random in the Bible. The echo of the seven days of creation would not have been lost on the first hearers of this story as Jesus takes seven fruits of the earth to feed the crowd. Similarly, the twelve baskets of scraps, the remnants of the meal at which all were filled and satisfied, echo the sign of God through the twelve tribes of Israel in the Old Testament.

For us today this story also has consoling resonance. Matthew is telling us that Jesus sees our need, does not turn us away, comes to where we are, as we are, and recreates us through the abundance of his love, so we can be signs of His kingdom in the world.

The Church has always believed that the feeding of the crowd prefigured the Eucharist, this weekly time where we receive the fullness of God in his Word, in the life of the community, in the minister and through the transformation of the Bread and Wine. It's all about abundance. Our God has abundantly provided for us so that we can abundantly provide for all the world which is given into our care. 'Those to whom much is given, much is required.' The problem is that when we look around we see that while some of us have so much, others have nothing at all. (Cont'd P4)

## - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - July 31, 2011.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance.  
You are the one who helps me and sets me free:  
Lord, do not be long in coming.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
He answers all our needs.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1Kg 19:9,11-13  
2nd Reading: Rom 9:1-5  
Gospel: Mt 14:22-33



### 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:

**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:** Anica (Anna) Rezelj, Anne Power, Glenys McKenzie, Josephine Arrigo

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ivan Turchinov, Vince, Julia & Liberarto Dilullo, Raffaele & Tomimo Gulli, Joseph Hagebols, Cath Edwards, Kate Dempsey, Joseph Gillett Jnr, Frank McCormack

**BAPTISMS:** -

**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 -*

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 McMahon

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 Currie

M Currie, B Middleton

V Trinder, M Currie, P Delahunty

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 Woods

N Neeld, J Jess

## 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 ❖

*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.*

### THURSDAY 7.30PM MASS AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

About two months ago this evening Mass was introduced. To date only a small number have attended - no doubt cold nights have not helped. In light of the response, this weekly Mass will discontinue after **Thursday August 11**. Thereafter, this Mass will only be celebrated when requested for a special occasion such as a month's mind anniversary, wedding anniversary, etc. The Mass may possibly be reintroduced during special times of preparation, such as Advent and Lent.

### RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

We have a number of enquirers into the Catholic faith. An important part of the process is introducing the enquirers to the parish communities and appointing sponsors to help them in their search. Sponsors in the past have found that they have a fresh look at their own faith and gain much personally. Anyone who would like to be a sponsor or be present for the sessions, please contact Fr Mick by phoning the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL, AUGUST 6/7:

This appeal is to support the good work of CatholicCare that does much in our community to support marriage and families. Their work includes marriage preparation, family counselling, refugee support, as well as counselling for people who are in all sorts of difficult and trying situations, such as divorce and bereavement. A second collection will be held at each Mass.

**THANKYOU:** Thanks to all who offered to assist with the bread run. Your support was much appreciated - Sr Concepta

**FR MICK'S MATES:** The following is an extract from a letter from Denise Baldock, Cancer Council Vic:

*I would like to formally recognise the outstanding fundraising efforts of Fr Mick's Mates in Relay for Life 2011. Thankyou for your very generous donation of \$13,809.85 and continuing support of the Cancer Council Victoria. As per your request, your donations have been credited to FR MICK'S MATES RESEARCH AWARD for 2011. This will continue to help fund the work of Dr Christopher Slape, Dr David Curtis and Prof Stephen Jane towards research into the causes and treatment of leukaemia and myelodysplasia in the adult population.*

### LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

- Aug 3...** Reconciliation with children at St Pat's and Holy Spirit in preparation for First Eucharist
- Aug 3...** Eucharist and Sacramental Evening for Holy Family School
- Aug 4...** Mass at St Joseph's College with the focus on Aids
- Aug 5...** St Patrick's Mass 9.15am - Grade 1's
- Aug 5...** Holy Spirit Mass 11am - Preps
- Aug 5...** Multicultural Centre Mass 1.30pm
- Aug 6...** First Eucharist Mass 6pm - Holy Spirit students
- Aug 7...** First Eucharist Mass 9.30am - Holy Family students
- Aug 7...** First Eucharist Mass 11am - Holy Spirit students

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

*"Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy?"  
(Romans 8:28)*

Do you waste the financial gifts that God has given you on things that are not necessary or on things that do not give you joy and fulfilment?

This is Isaiah's challenge to us this week.

## 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:

- ◆ **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:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Next meeting Monday Aug 1, 7pm in the Community Room. All welcome!
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL'S RECOGNITION & OPENING CEREMONY:** The ceremony will take place on **Monday August 1** at Holy Family School 10am and conclude with light refreshments at 11am. This ceremony is a recognition of the completed works from the Government's Building Education Revolution. Our local Federal representative, Richard Marles, will be in attendance.
- ◆ **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:** Would you like to sponsor a few new pieces of furniture which is part of the Golden Anniversary Project? The pieces of furniture are:
  - 1 x Secondary Chair upholstered in blue fabric - \$250
  - 1 x Bench Seat upholstered in blue fabric - \$360
  - 4 x Reupholstered existing small chairs in blue fabric - \$45 eachIf you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Fr Gerard on 5278 1343.

## Community News:

- Aug 2...** **RETIRED KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Next meeting will be held at the White Eagle 12noon.
- 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)
- Aug 7...** **GEELONG PRAYER MOUNTAIN:** 2.30pm at Kardinia Christian Church, 1 Kardinia Dve Bell Post Hill - Join in prayer for our nation, leaders and people. Come and support this interdenominational event!
- Aug 13...** **REFLECTION DAY:** The Legion of Mary, Geelong Curia, is holding a free One Day Retreat from 10am-3pm at St Joseph's Parish, 28 Lawler St Meredith. BYO a plate for shared lunch, tea/coffee provided. Bookings/info ph 0409 135 589 or email [abuaya@bigpond.net.au](mailto:abuaya@bigpond.net.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.

**MARRIAGE AND SAME SEX UNIONS:** At present the issue of Marriage and Same Sex Unions is being widely discussed, with a whole variety of views being expressed. To assist you in informing and forming your conscience on this issue, the Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has produced an accessible and readable brochure entitled "**Marriage and Same Sex Unions - Are they the same? - Answers to Challenging Questions**". The brochure is available for free for your reading and reflection.

**GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** Would you like to spend an enjoyable evening with friends? Why not join us once a month for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, a 2-course meal, stimulating guest speakers, conversation with friends, all for just \$28. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 6.15pm at Dromoland House, Pakington St Geelong West. For more information ph Terr O'Brien 5221 7339, Mary Flatt 5243 4009, Lorraine McKay 5243 8854, Marita Fitzpatrick 5241 1485, Larry Davis 5248 35654, Ed Fraatz 5229 7052.

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If this reality doesn't move us to a change of heart and right action then we have not understood the story of the loaves and the fish, that God's goodness is never intended for a select few.

Sometimes people look at the poverty in the world and think, 'How could God allow that?' This question can cause us to feel distant from God, but in light of what God has given us and our ability to share from this abundance, when we think like and feel like this, guess who has moved away from whom?