



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 conservative Protestant Church in a sleepy fishing village had to find a new minister. Over the protests of Jimmy, the senior Elder, a woman was hired as the new Pastor. After the Reverend Gayle had been there a few weeks, Tom, a member of the congregation, offered to take her out fishing. Jimmy reluctantly agreed to allow them to use his boat for the day's outing, but insisted that he lead the expedition.

The trio got into the boat and motored out on the lake. When they got ready to fish, they realised that all their tackle had been left on the dock. Tom concluded that they would just have to go back and get it. Reverend Gayle said that wouldn't be necessary, and she got out of the boat and started walking across the water toward the dock. Jimmy, who refused to be impressed by Gayle's miraculous abilities observed, 'See I told you we never should have hired that woman. She can't even swim.'

The hit animation film *Shrek* was praised by critics for many things but most especially for the clever way it quoted from several other much-loved animation films. When writers do this it's called 'intertextuality', where one text uses another text to tell the story. Some of the references in *Shrek* were obvious; others took a little longer to reveal themselves. Some were used in a new way that turned the original story upside down. Whether any of us got all or none of the references didn't affect the enjoyment we derived from the film, it only added to what was already a great tale.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is in a similar vein to *Shrek*. In eleven verses Matthew quotes several other stories in the Old Testament, uses them in his own way and re-interprets all of them in reference to Jesus. It might be lost on some of us who just enjoy the power of the story, but none of this intertextuality would have been lost on Matthew's first hearers.

Poor old Job found God in the midst of a storm, and winds and waves are a usual Old Testament shorthand for the perils of life. The image of the boat was an early symbol for the Church and Matthew has all Jesus' disciples in it. Jesus hovering over the waters has echoes of the action of the Spirit in the first account of creation in Genesis. Even Jesus restoring calm to the sea follows on from what the Prophet Jonah had done before. For the keen student there is much more besides. (*Cont'd P4*)

- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - August 7, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 56:1,6-7
2nd Reading: Rom 11:13-15,29-32
Gospel: Mt 15:21-28



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 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: Daniel Reddie, Blago Jelcic, Bernadette Ryan, Paul Rigby, Vaughan Connoley, Val Lester, Frank Matjasic, Helene Schoebel

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Cudmore, Kevin & Bev McFarlane, Tonino Gulli, Flavia Varrasso, Iezzi Ercole, Jozef Lichtenfeld, Jeffrey Dunford (Duggan), Genero Bove, Antonietta & Salvatore Valentino, Rosa Valentino, Maria & Antonio De Angelis

BAPTISMS: Liam Glogolja, Nicholas Watson, Olivia Brown (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, Joseph Escorse, Gillian Henry, Anthony Dunn, George Carmody, Joan Jess, Theo Da Costa, Rosalie Gilbert

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 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

M Lacy

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 ❖

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 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 this weekend.

FR MICK'S MATES: The following team members who registered with Fr Mick's Mates Relay for 2011, your green relay tops are available for collection at the Cluster Office:

Eggie DiDomenico, Carina McShanag, Pierina Ruggeri, Audrey Partridge, Anthony King, Robert Partridge, Maureen Willett, Elaine Jones. The 2012 event tops have not been received to date.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: There will be a meeting on **Monday August 29** at the Pastoral Cluster Office 5.00pm. All members of the Bereavement Group are invited to attend.



LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:



First Eucharist -

Over the weekends of August we welcome and congratulate children from Holy Spirit, St Patrick's and Holy Family Schools who will be making their First Eucharist. The First Eucharist are limited to about ten children at each of the designated Masses and the celebration is integrated into the normal Sunday Mass. The involvement of the children will be the Reading of the Penitential Rite and the Prayer of the Faithful and bringing up the Gifts at the Offertory. There will be a Presentation of Certificates following the Prayer after Communion.

- Aug 6/7...** Sat 6pm Holy Spirit, Sun 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit
- Aug 13/14...** Sat 5pm Ss Peter & Paul's, 6pm Holy Spirit, Sun 9.30am Holy Family, 11am Ss Peter & Paul's
- Aug 20/21...** Sat 6pm Holy Spirit, Sun 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit
- Aug 27/28...** Sat 5pm Ss Peter & Paul's, Sun 9.30am Holy Family, 11am Ss Peter & Paul's

Mon Aug 15... **Feast of the Assumption:** 9.15am Mass at Holy Spirit, 9.15am Mass at Holy Family, 12noon Mass at St Patrick's Chapel. At each of these three Masses all students from the respective schools will be in attendance. In the evening there will be a 5.30pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's.

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **HELPERS NEEDED - LUNCHTIMES GAMES CLUBS, HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL:** At Holy Spirit School we have a Games Club during two lunchtimes a week. In order to keep the program running we require the assistance of more adults. The time for Games Club is Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11.10-12noon. As well as helping us out it is a terrific way to link the Parish and the School and build on the feel of community within the Holy Spirit Parish. Activities could include knitting, cross-stitch, board games, card games, woodwork or anything else you can think of. You may even just want to come along and read a story or listen to a child read. If you would like to help out please contact Leanne Eastman on 5229 8298. *Legal and school protocols now require that a volunteer needs to have a 'Working with Children' check.*

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 still a couple of pieces of furniture available for sponsorship, namely the reupholstered existing small chairs at \$45 each. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Fr Gerard on 5278 1343.

Community News:

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

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.

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 Terry O'Brien 5221 7339, Mary Flatt 5243 4009, Lorraine McKay 5243 8854, Marita Fitzpatrick 5241 1485, Larry Davis 5248 35654, Ed Fraatz 5229 7052.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

"After the fire, there was a small whispering sound?" (1Kings 19:12)

Remember that God's stewardship call to us is only a quiet whisper in our hearts. If you can't hear that quiet whisper, maybe it is time to turn down some of the worldly noise and demands so that you can spend more quiet time with God.

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Matthew's account is magnificent on its own terms, but with these details we can see he is also interested in a theological message. Jesus, the Son of God and Lord of creation, remains faithful to the disciples, no matter how treacherous the seas or how great their fear. He has come to them so that they may be saved and recreated as the Church who recognises that he is the fulfilment of creation, the one whom Israel has been longing to see and embrace.

And what does all this mean for us? We are inheritors of Matthew's faith. We're here because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has saved us from ourselves and from destruction. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

Aren't we lucky Jesus never learnt to swim?