



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

One bright Sunday morning, everyone in the town got up early and went to the local church. Before Mass started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from the devil incarnate. Soon everyone was evacuated from the Church, except for one elderly lady who sat calmly in her pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Satan was in her presence.

Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the older lady and said, 'Don't you know who I am?' The woman replied, 'I sure do.' Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?' 'No, certainly not' said the woman. Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?' The woman calmly replied, 'Because I've been married to your brother for 48 years.'

Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels. Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

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- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - August 14, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23
 2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36
 Gospel: Mt 16:13-20



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: Francesco Ierna, Jozo Terzic

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr William Durkin, Anton Topic, Agnes & Bernard Ambrose Santana DaCosta, Bruno Nesci, Manual Almgida, Frederick Fusea, Gennaro, Giovanni, Olimpia, Antonio & Biagio Bove, Deceased of Ivetac and Cvitan families, Rocco Resciniti, Bruno Di Cristoforo, Gordon Brown, Caterina Iannuzzi, Luigi Fatone, Zgonko Jovic, Bill Tomlinson

BAPTISMS: Thomas Alam, Vivian Bayles, Ruby Day, Gretl Sargeant, Peter Seg (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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, Josipa Marinac

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 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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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 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.



PLEASE NOTE:

The Thursday 7.30pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's has now discontinued. It may possibly be reintroduced during special preparation times of 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.

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, 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.

THANKYOU:

Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thankyou for contributing to the amount of \$2,232.40 which was raised by the Pastoral Cluster for Catholic Mission.

A VOCATION VIEW:

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

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.*
- ◆ **CWL MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESAN 'HEALTH AWARENESS' COMMITTEE** are having a luncheon at Parliament House on Thursday 22nd Sept, 2-course meal, glass of wine at a cost of \$60. Julie Bisinella, mother of two young children with Autism, will be our speaker and funds raised will be supporting **Awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder**. There will be time also for a short tour of Parliament House. We are hoping to run a coach from Geelong at an extra cost of \$15. For tickets ph Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.

Holy Family:

- ◆ **CASSEROLE LUNCH:** Next Sunday August 21, 12noon in the Parish Community Centre. All welcome!
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** Many thanks to all who prayed for Bernie. He has come through a most dangerous operation and is recovering day by day. Special thanks to Fr Mick and Fr Gerard. (Elaine & Bernie Dalton)

Community News:

- Aug 14...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** Brendon Lukin, organist at St David's Newtown, and Yorm Levy, Principal Trumpet in the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, will be in concert at 3pm. Tickets at door \$25 full or \$20 Conc. Enquiries 5223 3554.
- Aug 28...** **OLD COLLEGIANS' REUNION of Sacred Heart College/St Martin in the Pines, Ballarat:** To be held at 20 Downie Cres, Hamlyn Hts, 2pm. All welcome! Enquiries please ph Val on 5278 4065.
- Sept 1...** **THE GLAMOUR OF THE GOWN:** CatholicCare together with Friends of St Mary of the Cross invite you to a parade of After Five and Special Occasion Gowns dating back to the 1940's. Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill, 7.30pm. Price \$35 - a light champagne supper will be served. To book tickets or for information ph 8417 1202 or 9893 4615.
- Sept 4...** **THE GRAND OL' OPRY SHOW:** Belmont Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St, 2pm. A Drop of the Hat Production featuring Amazingly Graceful Band with some of the best fun and music from that other Opry House in Nashville. Tickets only \$12 - book at the venue or ph 5241 1776. Net proceeds to KSC charity work - please support!

ANAM CARAMARKET - HELP: The Anam CaraMarket will be in recess for a few weeks until the weather improves. It will recommence on **Saturday Sept 17**. The project **urgently** needs the help of people who are willing to give two hours/week to either search out phone numbers of people in the Geelong region who have cars for sale (basic computer skills necessary), **and/or** text a brief message to sellers informing them of the Anama CaraMarket. Ph Fr Kevin Dillon on 5222 1977 or frkd@stmarysgeelong.com.au if you can help, even if it is for just once every 2 or 3 weeks.

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.

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.

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Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

When we make our prayer intercessory, either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honour which everyone deserves.