



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 furore broke out in a country diocese some years ago about the retreat style of priest who was taking Catholic students in their last year of high school or who were attending university away for weekend retreats. On the Friday night of the retreat this priest would tell the young people that by the end of the weekend they should make a decision about their Christian faith.

Some parents were shocked that their young people were given an ultimatum that included the possibility of rejecting their faith. The priest replied that Catholic youth have to make all sorts of decisions regarding career, lifestyle, residence, studies and relationships. Religion, he contended, often fell by the wayside, either not important enough on which to make a decision, or relegated to the personal shelf of neglect to be possibly taken down and dusted off years later for a hatching, matching or dispatching.

The priest argued that this wasn't good enough. After 12 years of Catholic education or many years of catechetics the Church had to take the risk of calling for a personal decision for faith. Some of the young people consciously chose membership in the Church. In making such a profession of faith many reported having a deep encounter with God and an experience of their faith in Christ. Other students made decisions against belonging to the Church, which is, of course, never irrevocable.

The entire retreat process was based on the question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?' The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation. (Cont'd P4)

- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - August 21, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9
2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2
Gospel: Mt 16:21-27



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 22 - Murray family, 37 Darriwill St; **Aug 29** - McMahon family, 24 Douglas St;

Sept 5 - Spitale family, 4 Marathon Ave;

Sept 12 - Wright family, 42 Logan St; **Sept 19** - Bourke family, 24 Sycamore St;

Sept 26 - Hoare family, 21 Sycamore St.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Fr Mark Nugent CP, Fr John Carnie CSSR, Fr Kevin Sweeney, Blago Jelcic, Guerrino Jerman, Donald Kernot, Sheila Hill

ANNIVERSARIES: John DaCosta, Vendel Sr, Maria & Vendel Jnr Detelic, Wilma Geiser, Rosalyn Connolly, Michael Degoldi, Mary Hogan, Francesco Pardo, Carmelo DeLuca, Francesco Matarazzo

BAPTISMS: Rose Heffernan (HS)

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 28, 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

M Lacy

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

❖ Cluster News ❖

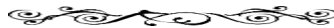
LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:



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 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



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:

1. **Relay for Life Meeting** - Wednesday **August 31** at 7pm in the Pastoral Cluster Centre.
2. **Sausage Sizzle** will be held at Bunnings Corio, **Saturday Sept 24**, (hopefully the Cats will play on Sunday). Volunteers required to help with cooking and serving, one or two hour duration, between 8am and 4pm. Please ph David Lunn if available on 0408 378 982. Thankyou.
3. **Craft/Produce Stalls** will be held at Holy Spirit 11am **October 2**, Ss Peter & Paul's 11am **Oct 9**, and Holy Family 8am and 9.30am **October 16**.

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA - "Working for a just, equitable and compassionate Victoria"

This is what God asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8)

The Mission of Catholic Social Services Victoria is to "assist the Catholic Church in following the teachings of Jesus Christ to stand with and serve those who are poor, disadvantaged and marginalised, and to work for a just, equitable and compassionate society. As a peak body for Catholic community services in Victoria we support and enhance the work of service and justice of our member organisations. In this work we are responsive to the Bishops, our member organisations and the leaders of Religious Congregations, and we draw on the gospel values enshrined in Catholic Social Teaching".

The services provide and include Aged Care and Support, Chaplaincy - Prisons, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health and Youth Welfare, Employee Assistance Programs, Pregnancy Counselling, Women's Support Programs, etc.

As Catholics we can be very proud of the great service that Catholic Social Services provide to Victorians.

For further details visit www.css.org.au/services.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

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:** This Sunday August 21, 12noon in the Parish Community Centre. All welcome!

Community News:

- 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Rom 11:35)

St Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to him. The good steward does this with gratitude.

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