



# 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

At the morning parade in Dachau on 22nd July 1943, six prisoners were found to have escaped. Retribution was swift and brutal. Randomly selected, 12 people were hanged. As the other prisoners watched their 12 fellow inmates gasp for breath, someone in the crowd cried out, 'Where is God?' Silence descended on the yard. The 12 bodies were now in spasm, jerking and struggling for breath. As everyone watched, the voice came again, this time more urgently, 'Where is God now?' 'My God', another voice yelled back, 'My God is hanging there'.

This sort of faith is what today's Gospel is all about. Christianity is the only world religion that holds that God took our flesh, suffered, died and was raised to life. It is certainly true that we have domesticated the scandal of the cross, even to the point that, these days, it dangles from various parts of people's anatomies. I often wonder, had Jesus been electrocuted to death, whether we would have little golden chairs around our necks? But while we have tried to tame the reality of Jesus' tortured hours in Jerusalem, the reality of the cross in each of our lives cannot be so commercially soothed.

Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. We are not meant to be lovers of pain – just bearers of it. We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world. This is easier said than done. When we suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

We are encouraged to see that suffering can be an opportunity to grow in love. If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well. Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing physical, personal, sexual, spiritual or emotional pain; it can also be in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. In every gift there is a burden. Following Christ's example, we are called to share our gifts heroically with anyone in need, even to the end.

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## - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - August 28, 2011.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 35:4-7  
 2nd Reading: James 2:1-5  
 Gospel: Mk 7:31-37



## 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 29** - McMahon family, 24 Douglas St;

**Sept 12** - Wright family, 42 Logan St;

**Sept 19** - Bourke family, 24 Sycamore St;

**Sept 5** - Spitale family, 4 Marathon Ave;

**Sept 26** - Hoare family, 21 Sycamore St.

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Felix Capicchiano, Don Kernot, Gaetano Sparta, Veronica Beros

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Alec Middleton, Jose Mairos, Judite Darosa, Carlos Mairos, Kathleen & Olly McDonald, Joan Cudmore, Francesco Altieri, Francesco Matarazzo

**BAPTISMS:** Ryley Bumbak, Blake Gellion, Miles Kroon (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, Dianne Rickey, Liam Shay, Joseph Escorse, Gillian Henry, Anthony Dunn, George Carmody, Joan Jess, Theo Da Costa, Rosalie Gilbert, Josipa Marinac

*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, SEPT 4, 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 ❖

### 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 27/28...** Sat 5pm Ss Peter & Paul's, Sun 9.30am Holy Family, 11am Ss Peter & Paul's

#### **Confirmation** -

The Catholic children from our three Primary Schools and Catechetical Program will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation over the next two weeks.

**Sept 3...** Sat 5pm Holy Family Church

**Sept 10...** Sat 3pm Holy Family Church, Sat 5pm Holy Family Church

**Please note:** *All the Confirmation ceremonies are at Holy Family Church and are NOT part of the normal weekend Masses this year.*

We congratulate the children on this important milestone in their lives and we thank Bishops Les Tomlinson and Peter Elliott who will preside over the Confirmation ceremonies.

#### **Father's Day** -

The weekend of Sept 3/4 is Father's Day. To honour the vocation of fatherhood the children from our schools will be involved in the Masses at 6pm Holy Spirit and 9.30am Holy Family.

This weekend is also dedicated to the Archdiocesan appeal to support Retired Priests. There will be a second collection after Holy Communion.

**COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP MASS:** On the weekend of Sept 17/18 at the 5pm Mass Ss Peter & Paul's, 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit, the Grade 5/6 children will be present. The focus of the Mass will be our Columban Partnership and amongst other things the Columbans will be presented with a cheque from the schools and parishes as part of our ongoing commitment to our Partnership with the Columbans. The money will be used to support to Grameen Bank in the Philippines, a micro credit scheme which helps people in poverty to take out small loans so they can start their own business and so take steps to break out of the poverty cycle.

#### **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.

#### **A VOCATION VIEW:**

**Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"**

## 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.

## Community News:

- 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!
- Sept 7...** **LUNCHEON FOR SISTERS OF HOLY ANGELS:** To be held 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. All welcome - cost \$8.
- Sept 8...** **GEELONG REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL MEETING AND MASS, SVDP:** You are invited to attend our annual Festival Mass which will include the commissioning of Regional Council President, Conference Presidents and members; Guest speaker Gerald Wilson SVDP Geelong Prison Visitation, followed by a light supper. To be held 7.30pm at St Frances Xavier Church, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio. RSVP to Peter Chiang by Sept 1 on 5221 0388 or emailing [peterchiang30@yahoo.com.au](mailto:peterchiang30@yahoo.com.au). We look forward to seeing you on the evening.
- Sept 11...** **OF GODS AND MEN:** Your only chance to see this award winning film in Geelong, this film tells the true story of a group of monks and priests who live inside a monastery in Algeria. They were missionaries, residing there to give medical and religious assistance to the peasant community of Tibhirine. **Reading Cinema, Wauran Ponds, 6.30pm.** Surf Coast Rural Australians for Refugees fundraiser. Tickets from St Mary's Parish Office, 150 Yarra St, Wing and a Prayer Bookshop, Malop St or Carmel 5261 4274 or Jan 5261 3284. **Ticket sales close 4pm Wed Sept 7!**
- Sept 15-16...** **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE:** St Ignatius College are holding our School Musical Production 7pm in the Playhouse Theatre. Adults \$25, Conc \$15, Family \$70 (2 adults, 2 chn). For information/tickets please ph 5251 1136 or [info@ignatius.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@ignatius.vic.edu.au)

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:

The spring edition is available for free. This edition is entitled "Facing up to Injustice - Youth 4 Justice". In the magazine there are articles about a faith that does justice, as well as a number of articles written by young people about the good things their age group is doing to address issues of social injustice.

### 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*

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Mt 16:26)*

St Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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Some people complain these days that God is often presented as a big marshmallow, all sweet and soft. Today's Gospel shows the 'edge' involved in being a follower of Christ. I don't know of a more demanding vocation in our world than that of taking up the cross of being faithful, loving and selfless. And while we are invited to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it alone. If we have the eyes to see it and the humility to accept it, Christ, literally, hangs in there with us every step of the way.

So let's recall the first cross from which we take comfort as we bear our own crosses. 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'