



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 young priest was sent by his bishop to a parish that had a 'red light district' within its boundaries. On his first day in the parish a nun, who had worked in the area for many years, took him on a tour of her beat, the area where all the women-in-prostitution were plying their trade. As they went along Sister introduced the priest to her friends Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane. 'Sister it's fantastic that you know these women so well', he said. 'Don't worry', replied Sister, 'you'll know them in no time as well, and they'll know you by name too.'

Seized by panic, the young priest had visions of the bishop, the parish priest or, worse still, his mother coming to visit and walking with him down the street as Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane all wave and call out across the road, 'Hello Father'. Who would ever believe he only knew them pastorally? 'Truly I tell you that prostitutes and tax collectors are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God.'

The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written.

It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour. He went to where they were, as they were. And we do the same because this is precisely what God has done for us. God didn't wait for us to 'talk the talk' before we could 'walk his walk'. Jesus came to us when we were religiously dumb and immobile and showed us how to speak, what to say and where to walk. *(Cont'd)*

- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - September 25, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did:
because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will.
But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with
your unbounded kindness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I
know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9
Gospel: Mt 21:33-43



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:

Sept 19 - Bourke family, 24 Sycamore St; **Sept 26** - Hoare family, 21 Sycamore St; **Oct 3** - Baum family, 96 Heytesbury 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: Shirley Dervan, Antonio Del Giudice

ANNIVERSARIES: Anton Galinovic, Margaret Gartlan, Leopold Pockaj, Emil Nadoh, Les Kennedy, SalvatorePino & Family, Ivan Lukesic, Sebastino Pino, Agnes Tuddenham, Luigi & Etta Manzin, Santo, Domenico & Pierina Caccamo, Salvatore & Rosa Rao, Rade Ruzic, Maria Rappazzo, John O'Loughlin, Nobby DaCosta, Marko & Maria Brdar, Ilija & Matija Dzaja

BAPTISMS: Alexis Bodey, Oliver Chapman, Griffin Herceg, Ethan Johnstone, Cooper & Leo Stretton (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, Vonnie VanDootselar, Fred Williams, Philip Bates

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 3, 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

P Joyce, B Middleton

V Trinder, M Currie

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

❖ Cluster News ❖

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:

This weekend as part of all Masses, the Australian Catholics Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement - *Building Bridges, Not Walls - Prisons and the Justice System* will be introduced and highlighted. In Bishop Saunder's opening address in the Statement he says: *"Between 1984 and 2008, the number of Australians in prison per 100,000 people almost doubled. Over that time, however, rates of crime either stayed steady or fell. The majority of Australian prisoners come from the most disadvantaged sections of the community: Indigenous people, the underprivileged, those suffering from mental illness. Given these facts, we must ask if the justice system is truly delivering justice to our community. In raising these questions, we are in no way seeking to justify crimes or minimise the terrible impact they can have on innocent people. But we do ask whether so many people should be in Australian jails, whether there are constructive alternatives to imprisonment, and what is being done to help prisoners lead productive lives once they have served their time. Again and again in the Gospel, we read how Jesus reached out to the marginalised and rejected, and called on his followers to do the same. It is our hope that this Statement will help all Australians heed that call."* Copies of the Statement and a leaflet *"Ten Steps to Building Bridges, not Walls"* are available in each of the three Churches.

THE RIGHTS OF THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY TO THE SACRAMENTS:

Social Justice is basically about respecting people's rights. It is the right of every baptised person to be nourished spiritually by the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Therefore, when people are too sick to come to Mass, they should not be deprived of the Eucharist. Other family members or neighbours can be trained easily to take Holy Communion to the sick person from the Sunday Mass. Also Sacraments should be received by people who are conscious, so please do not delay in calling a priest to come to someone who is dying. In these days of privacy of information it is the obligation of a family member or someone with power of attorney, to notify the parish office when sick are housebound. - *Fr Mick*

FR MICK'S MATES:

1. **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**.
2. **Fr Mick's Mates Raffle:** Tickets \$1 each with prizes of a Quilted Throw, Cushions, Gourmet Basket (relishes, jams, chocolates). **Tickets will be sold at Sausage Sizzles on October 2nd, 9th and 16th.** Thankyou for your support!
3. **Official Launch:** You are invited to attend the Official Launch of the 2012 Geelong Relay for Life on **Tuesday 4th Oct 7pm at the Deakin Waterfront Cafe, The Esplanade, Geelong.** Find out how you can get involved, register your team, Andrew Bews MC and guest speakers from Cancer Council Vic and Dr Karen White. Entertainment and light refreshments. **RSVP by 23rd Sept** to Sam Santospirito on 0425 820 791 or email samsanto@iprimus.com.au. This event sponsored by Deakin University.
4. **Fr Mick's Mates - Melbourne Cup Day Chicken & Champagne Luncheon \$20:** Tuesday Nov 1, 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave, Manifold Hts. For tickets ph Ticket Secretary **Amy O'Brien 5229 9911**.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: (Sat Sept 24 - Sun Oct 9)

Fr Gerard will be away for two weeks and returning for the weekend of Oct 8/9. The Office will be open on Monday through to Wednesday and on Friday morning during this time.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO Masses at Vincentian Village on Monday Sept 26 and Monday Oct 3.

A VOCATION VIEW:

We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** Fr Mick's Mate's Sausage Sizzle, Craft Stall and selling of raffle tickets after 11am Mass next Sunday, Oct 2nd. Have your money ready to get a bargain!
- ◆ **HELP AT MASS NEEDED:** Can you read loudly and fluently and are prepared to read at Mass? We need a Reader for the 11am Mass each 1st Sunday of the month. Please consider. Also we require Special Ministers of the Eucharist for the 11am Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please give it a thought. A brief training session will be provided for each. Phone Frank at the Office on 5278 1343 or let Fr Gerard or Fr Mick know. Your help will be greatly appreciated by our Church community.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will be holding their Annual Meeting on **Wednesday Oct 5** in the Holy Spirit Hall. We will also celebrate our 35 years as a Branch. The day will commence with lunch at 12noon and Sr Ann Hill will be our guest speaker. Cluster ladies invited to attend. For catering RSVP to Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Community News:

- Oct 11... **SEEKING ASYLUM - Is there a Just Solution?** Rerum Novarum Oration 2011 features Orator Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFMConv, the first person of Vietnamese background to hold the position of Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and proudly the first asylum seeker elevated to such Office. Respondent is Hon Malcolm Fraser, AC,CH,CGL,PC. Since leaving parliament Mr Fraser has played an eminent role in international relations, appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia. **7.30pm in Central Hall, 20-22 Brunswick St Fitzroy.** Light refreshments from 7pm. Information Mark Clarke 9926 5727. **RSVP Oct 7 to justice@cam.org.au**
- Oct 13... **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH:** Christ Mackey, Clinical Psychologist, presents **Complex Trauma and Dissociation, 7.30-8.45pm in the Geelong West Town Hall - Supper Room.**
- Oct 16... **CATHOLICCARE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY** is for couples who are happy with their marriage and would like to spend a day together. This program explores the personalities that each person brings to their marriage and it challenges couples in a fun way to accept and appreciate the growth opportunities their differences offer. The cost is \$80/couple and includes lunch, morning and a'noon tea. 9.30am-4pm, for details ph Karin 9287 5516 or ccam.org.au
- Nov 10... **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH:** Christ Mackey, Clinical Psychologist, presents **Where is Positive Psychiatry?**, 7.30-8.45pm in the Geelong West Town Hall - Supper Room.

PRAISE THE LORD!

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Melbourne has launched its own YouTube channel. The idea is to present a series of short teaching excerpts to strengthen you in your faith and to provide a tool for evangelisation. Our account name is CCRinMelbourne!! Go to YouTube and search for CCR Melbourne.

THANKYOU:

CatholicCare would like to thank the community of the Cluster for its generous donation of \$2,975.45 to our recent Church Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare. We work on behalf of the Archdiocese in Melbourne and Geelong to fulfill the Church's mission of service to the community. CatholicCare provides programs and services that help families and individuals in the development of strong and healthy relationships, and encourage a sense of connectedness within their communities.

- Fr Joe Caddy, Chief Executive Officer CatholicCare

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today"
(Mt 21:28)

God does not just invite us to do His work. He clearly commands us, "Go out and work in the vineyard". How can we work in God's vineyard when we have job and family responsibilities? We can follow God's command through prayer, sharing some of our talents in parish ministry and donating some of the income we make at our jobs to support God's work in the world.

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The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

May this Eucharist give us the strength to not only 'look good', but to 'be good', to start over if we need to, and do our best to live out the faith we profess. May it strengthen us to find the Lord where he is, and not keep looking in the places where we would prefer him to be.