



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

Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - October 2, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 25:6-10
2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14,19-20
Gospel: Mt 22:1-14



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: George Carmody, Anna Barretta, Philip Ward, Philip Bates, Sabina Goralski

ANNIVERSARIES: Norma Moody, Mary Dacre, Salvatore Peralta, Angela LaSpada, Marjorie & Irene Dempsey, Marie Donnellan, Ernest, Ellen & Gregory Thompson, Joseph Gillett Snr, Joan Hiscock, Francis, Mary Ellen & Leo Glynn, Jennifer McLaurin

BAPTISMS: Anthony Cavallo, Oliver Chapman, Violet Smith (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, Dianne Rickey, Liam Shay, Joseph Escorse, Gillian Henry, Anthony Dunn, Joan Jess, Theo Da Costa, Rosalie Gilbert, Josipa Marinac, Vonnie VanDootselar, Fred Williams

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 9, 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

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AN EXCERPT FROM SOCIALJUSTICE STATEMENT "BUILDING BRIDGES, NOT WALLS":

Prisons and the Justice System - (A prison chaplain)

I'd first met 'Jason' as an angry, aggressive 17-year-old who'd just been sentenced to ten years for a violent assault. In his seven years in prison, Jason has taken advantage of every opportunity. He learned leatherwork, eventually becoming an instructor in it; he learned card making; he improved his literacy skills and is an avid reader. Now he's working on a prison farm, he's learned to work with horses and cattle.

He's made huge progress, but he's never received any counselling - the rules don't allow it until he's eligible for parole. He's a boy who's grown to manhood in a violent environment, and he's grown up by himself. Prisoners have a saying: 'If you're going to be rehabilitated, you have to rehabilitate yourself'.

But Jason's an exception - almost unique. Compare him to another inmate I spoke to the other day. I said to him: 'I hope I'm alive to see you living as a normal man outside'. He answered: 'I don't know what a normal man would look like'.

Copies of the Social Statement are available in each church.

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 Oct 3.

A VOCATION VIEW:

An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** Fr Mick's Mate's Sausage Sizzle, Craft Stall and selling of raffle tickets after 11am Mass this 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. Members can pay their 2012 Membership \$20, Horizon \$20 and purchase a Scripture Diary for \$10 at Wednesday's AGM.

Community News:

- Oct 3...** **INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CHOIR:** Performing on stage 1.30pm at Belmont Seniors Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St. Entry is free, no need to book - just come early to get a seat! Tea and coffee after the show. A great start to 2011 Seniors Festival.
- Oct 4...** **RETIRED OFFICER'S KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Next meeting will be held at the White Eagle (Fellmongers Rd) at 12noon. Enquiries to Malcolm Carnie 5244 2367.
- 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 14...** **LETS TALK JUSTICE:** Asylum Seekers and Refugees Free Forum - 6.45-9.30pm at Geelong Trades Hall, 127 Myers St. Light supper provided with a guest speaker from Amnesty International and a Q&A. Our panel includes refugees and those involved with the issue **It is legal to seek asylum by boat** (under international and domestic law) Organised by Geelong Young Vinnies - youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com
- 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruits." (Mt 21:43)

Consider this week exactly what you are doing in your life to produce fruit for the kingdom of God.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING - FOR THE 'CATS'

In the happy event of a Geelong victory in the Grand Final Premiership, there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Basilica on Wednesday Oct 5 at 7.30pm. The service will include an address by Club President Colin Carter and an opportunity to see up close the Premiership Cup. In both 2007 and 2009 the Grand Final wins brought great happiness to many people throughout the Geelong region, including many who were sick, struggling or challenged on many fronts. Similar ecumenical services were held in both years, and they reflected the sense of genuine thanksgiving to God for all that had been received and achieved. Everyone welcome!

In the event of the "unthinkable", kindly disregard this notice!

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The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.