



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

There are people inside and outside the Church who think that Christ did not give the Church a mandate to speak about political matters. They regularly quote the Gospel we have just heard to support their case. But if one knows and understands the context and meaning within which this text was written it provides no ammunition for those who want the Church to stay indoors, reflect on things 'spiritual', preach the eternal verities, and sing hymns more ancient than modern.

In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. Zealots were a well-organised group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things Zealots did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot.

Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's' is followed by 'And give to God, what is God's', which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states. The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it's dangerous.

We only have to think of some of the darkest chapters last century to see what happens when good, church-going people, like us, do not put their Sunday devotion in touch with their Monday politics. Evil can reign.

Christian leaders, who are charged to proclaim and defend the Gospel, are obliged to use whatever forum necessary to declare that God's personal love encompasses everyone and everything under heaven. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us today, God calls each one of us by name. (Cont'd P4)

- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - October 16, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 22L29-26
2nd Reading: 1Thess 1:5-10
Gospel: Mt 22:34-40



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**

Grace McKellar Centre: 10.15am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Tues; **Maryville Nursing Home:** 11am Tues;

Multicultural Centre: 1.30pm - 1st Fri **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:

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: Joyce Kristiansen, Francesca Marafioti, Russell Zampatti

ANNIVERSARIES: Giovanni DiRocco, Josephine Topolov, Josipa Ribaric, Andrew Owens, Ruza Boras, Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick, Salvatore Peralta, Iezzi Ercole, Mick Kristiansen, Leonardo Boccassini

BAPTISMS: Mitchell Prince (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, Joy Crompton

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, OCT 23, 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 McMahan, 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 ❖

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday Oct 20**. The parish staff will be attending a gathering in Melbourne with the focus on parishes which have been clustered, partnered or amalgamated.

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

- Oct 15/16... Respect Life Sunday** - "To Love...To the End" The focus of this Sunday is that every human being has a special dignity, regardless of age, sickness or disability.
- Oct 22... Getting it Rite** - Liturgy Seminar to prepare for Advent and Christmas. 9.30am-3.15pm Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde East Melbourne. If you're interested please ph Frank Kearney on 5278 1343.
- Oct 22/23... Grandparents Mass** - At the Sat 5pm at Ss P&P, 6pm Holy Spirit and 9.30am Holy Family. The focus of the Mass will be to celebrate the vocation of Grandparenting. The children from the respective parish schools will assist in this celebration.
- Oct 27... Liturgy Meeting** - 7.30pm in the Pastoral Cluster Office.
- Oct 29/30... Catholic Mission Sunday** - At all the Masses there will be a second collection so that people can have the opportunity of supporting the good works of the Catholic Missions.
- " **Preparation for Remembrance Mass** - Each year at the start of the November Remembrance Mass people have had the opportunity to write the names of deceased loved ones on a card which is placed at the foot of the Cross. This year, to allow people more time to write on the cards, they will be available in all Churches from this weekend.
- Nov 5/6... Remembrance Mass** - As in previous years this Mass is our opportunity as a community to remember and pray for those who have died.

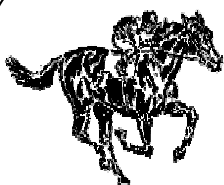


FR MICK'S MATES:

I would like to formally recognise the outstanding fundraising efforts of Fr Mick's Mates 2011 RLGE - Relay for Life - Geelong Venue in Relay for Life 2011. A Research Award has been established in recognition of the donation, and will be known as Fr Mick's Mates Research Award. This will help fund the work of Dr Christopher Slape, Dr David Curtis, Prof Stephen Jane towards Research into the causes and treatment of leukaemia and myelodysplasia in the adult population.
- Denise Baldock, Office Manager - Community Relations and Fundraising.

To continue our ongoing support for cancer research and the perpetuation of the Fr Mick's Mates Research Award, the following activities have been organised...

1. **Craft/Produce Stalls** will be held at Holy Family 8am and 9.30am today, **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 the Sausage Sizzle at Holy Family on October 16th.**
3. **Major Raffle:** There are 100 books of ten tickets at \$2 a ticket to be distributed by David Lunn after all Masses this weekend, with all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates. This is a major communal raffle and prizes include a Holden Cruz Car, Jayco Campervan and a Holden Barina.



Fr Mick's Mates
Melbourne Cup Day Chicken & Champagne Luncheon \$20



Tuesday Nov 1, 12noon
Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave, Manifold Hts.
For tickets ph Ticket Secretary **Amy O'Brien 5229 9911.**

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **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.

Holy Family:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** Fr Mick's Mate's Sausage Sizzle, Craft Stall and selling of raffle tickets after the 8am and 9.30am Masses this Sunday, Oct 16th. Have your money ready to get a bargain!
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY LUNCHEON:** 12noon at the Pastoral Cluster Centre.

Community News:

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.

COMMENTARIES ON THE REVISED MISSAL TEXTS (by Fr Tony McSweeney SSS)

2. "Consubstantial with the Father"

One of the most disconcerting changes in the new translation is the replacement, in the Nicene Creed, of "one in being" by the technical term, "consubstantial". The first thing to remember is that this word belongs with a set of terms expressing much the same thing in a variety of ways. They include metaphors drawn from ordinary experience, such as human generation (Father-Son) or the radiation of light (light from light), unexplained statements that echo these (God from God), and also one unfamiliar word, *consubstantial*.

These terms need to be read in relation to each other; they are meant to nuance, correct and reinforce each other mutually. It would hardly be logical for us to rule out the occasional use of a technical term in religion, since we have recourse to technical language every day of the week. Scanning the financial pages we won't get far without some idea of what "hedge funds" are, or reading about health-spending we need a certain rudimentary knowledge of what is meant by schizophrenia, for example, while we will surely be quite lost without some literacy in the language of electronics.

Was Jesus Christ simply a human being like us, even if a very extraordinary one? Or was he, as the New Testament seems to say, also in some way divine? Was he, at the deepest level of his being, one with God or was he not? If he was, how is this to be thought? Here we are dealing with something that we could never have discovered for ourselves - the divinity of Christ, the inner nature of God; these are truths *revealed* to us by God. It took Christians centuries of effort to forge a language in which these things could be spoken about intelligibly and without error.

A VOCATION VIEW:

We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.

The problem was that the biblical words and images proved insufficient to resolve the new questions. To answer them convincingly, Church thinkers looked for suitable words, especially from philosophy. "One in being" is the standard translation of one of these, the Greek term, *homoousios*. The Latin Church translated it by "consubstantial," meaning - crudely - that Jesus was "made of the same substance or stuff" as God. This earthy way of talking had then to be transposed on to the highest spiritual level. There it meant that whatever God is, Jesus is too - in everything except the relation of Father-Son.

Once we have some idea of what "consubstantial" means, is it really any more difficult than "one in being?" Maybe the simple everyday words of the latter give an impression of intelligibility that is a bit deceptive. In any case, "consubstantial" has stood the test of time right up to our own day.

One truly astonishing thing for us today is that, in ancient times, the discussions involved everyone, even the common people. St Gregory of Nyssa recounts, "In the public squares, at crossroads, on the streets and lanes, people would stop you and discourse at random about the Trinity". Hardly thinkable today!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Mt 22:21)

In reality, everything belongs to God. We would have nothing if God had not given us the skills, talents and opportunities to accomplish what we accomplish. Therefore, we have an obligation to return a portion of our gifts to God, for all gifts come from Him and belong to Him.

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At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed; we may even think they have overstepped the mark. If this is the case we should tell them, enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments. But we should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community.

If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.