



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

Nguyen Van Mah is one of eight sons. In 1978 his poor farming parents had to decide which one of their 12 children would be sent on a boat from Vietnam. They knew there was a great risk that they would be sending their son to his death on the South China Sea. At 4.00 am a knock on the door of the family home came and Mah said his goodbyes. He has not seen his parents since. Mah was blindfolded and travelled in the back of a truck for eight hours. He was led through the jungle to a beach where the blindfold was removed. Mah told me that sometimes at this moment people are shot by evil traders who collect the money without any intention of dispatching a boat. That families never hear from their children is no surprise.

Mah told me, 'We were lucky, we made it off the beach.' There were 29 adults in a boat built for 10. Inadequately prepared for the two week trip, all the boat people were sick, hungry and exposed. Thai pirates attacked their boat, executed three men and raped all the women on board. They were to bury another six people at sea who died from the effects of the journey.

On sighting land, the remaining 20 people in Mah's boat thought hope had arrived. But the Malaysian Navy, under orders to fire on all Vietnamese boats, forced it to return to international waters. Mah told me, 'At this point I almost lost my faith in God and human beings. I was going to die.' The boat began to take water and was noticed by a Dutch trading ship which rescued them and deposited them in the Philippines. Mah migrated to Australia 12 months later and is now the local doctor in an outback community that could not get a doctor for two years.

Isaiah tells us today 'You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.' Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the love of God is fulfilled precisely in as much as we love our neighbour.

No pressing issue in the Western World, it seems to me, invites such hysteria as does immigration. Until recently, most western countries have been good in offering hospitality to people who have chosen to leave, or have had to flee their country of birth. Given our comparative wealth this hospitality is entirely appropriate. And it is also appropriate for our countries to have a threshold number for the sake of the common good.

- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - October 23, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

2nd Reading: 1Thess 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Mt 23:1-12



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)

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd 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

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: Rosalie Gilbert, Elena Cianci, Emmie Stevenson, Gordon Carnegie, John-Peter White, Fr Roger Ryan, Tom Cleary

ANNIVERSARIES: Jozef Kot, Michael, Eileen, Basil & Bernie Haberman, Giovanni & Raffaele Gulli, Reg Doherty, Patrick Cudmore, Tony Patti, Josephine & Antonio Puglia, Frank Marafioti, Andrew & Katherine Sheahan, Kevin & Mary Chandley

BAPTISMS: Orlando Ciola, Byron Henry, Layla Kenny, Tiffany Wojcik (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, Joan Jess, Theo Da Costa, Josipa Marinac, Vonnice 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 30, 2011.

(5th 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

M Lacy

E Cotter, P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown, D McFarlane

T McShanag

11.00AM

J McCarthy

G Brown

V Trinder

I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

D Brown

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

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- **Holy Family BBQ -** Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO meat, salad, drink 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)
 - Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- **Playgroup -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Tuesdays in the month
- **Manifold CWL -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- **Italian Mass -** Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- **Catholic Deanery Solo Group -** Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.
- **Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon -** Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Terry on 5221 7339
- **Catholic Diners' Club -**



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:

- Oct 22/23... Grandparents Mass** - At the 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... Grandparents Mass** - At the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's; the focus will be to celebrate the vocation of Grandparenting and the children from St Patrick's will assist in this celebration.
- Oct 29/30... 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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:

**This appeal will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's this weekend
and next weekend at Holy Family and Holy Spirit.**

There will be a second collection after Communion to support the great work of the Mission.

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.



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.**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday Oct 26 at the Cluster Office at 7pm to confirm arrangements for Melbourne Cup Day and the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday Nov 12.

The winners of the Raffle will be published in next week's bulletin.

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **HOLY SPIRIT SHOOL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR SCHOOL FETE:** Saturday Nov 12 from 11am to 3pm - the Fete will have all the fun of the fair with entertainment, sideshow alley, a fantastic silent auction, plants, flowers, craft, rides, books, bric-n-brac, fantastic food and homemade produce and much more. We invite you to join us for a day of fun at 83 Minerva Rd, Manifold Hts.



Holy Family:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY BBQ:** The third Sunday of the month is the Holy Family BBQ at 12noon in the Community Centre. Bring your own meat, salad and drink to share. All welcome!
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** Peggie and family would like to thank the church community for their prayers, thoughts, food, flowers and cards. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity, love and support shown to us by this community during George's ill health and recent death. George will be missed as a main player at many of our community functions. "To know him was to love him".

Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S CENTENARY MASS:** Dec 11, 2.30pm at St Patrick's Primary School. Calling all talented past and present staff, students, parents and friends of St Patrick's, to be part of a specially formed orchestra and choir to celebrate our Centenary Mass. For rehearsal times and more information ph Lisa Zarb on 5222 1741 by Oct 31.

Community News:

- Oct 29... **ST MARY'S DERBY DAY FETE:** 9am to 4pm at St Mary's Primary School, cnr Yarra & Lt Myers St. See brochure enclosed.
- 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)

3. "Invitation to Communion: The Supper of the Lamb"

The invitation to communion is an important moment of the liturgy. Presenting the consecrated bread to the people, the priest invites them to "behold the Lamb of God ... who takes away the sins of the world." The text focuses attention on the gift of communion, fruit of Jesus' Paschal Mystery, as already announced at the beginning of John's Gospel (Jn1,29). The second sentence of the priest's invitation sketches a vast horizon: that of the triumphant end of history, pictured in the Book of Revelation (19,9) as a great feast celebrating the wedding of the Lamb and his bride (redeemed humanity). Our Eucharist is thus set within the sweep of world history; it is a foretaste of the final state of joy.

As regards the people's response, the new translation helps us detect the scriptural stories behind our liturgical texts: here the episode of the centurion who humbly demurs before Jesus' offer to come to his house and cure his sick servant (Mt8,9). It will be enough, he says, for Jesus simply to pronounce a word of healing. The communicant is invited to make the centurion's words his own. Lest the word "soul" set us on the wrong path, it is important to recall that in scriptural parlance the term *refers to the person*. We are asking that we be healed of all sickness of soul that might threaten our total wellbeing in God's sight.

From earliest times healing power was attributed to the Eucharist. The agent of such healing is God's incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, the risen Lord acting through the Spirit. Indeed, St Augustine used to call sacraments "visible words". This healing power reaches every level of our being, from the inwardness evoked by "soul" to the emotions and the body. Though no longer employed in everyday English, the word "behold" still features in some modern translations of the New Testament, notably in Luke's infancy scenes (2,10) and the Annunciation (1,31).

The new translation may help us to appreciate the rich and full dimension of this invitation and response. The liturgy deliberately uses symbolic language here, not the personal name of Jesus; it does *not* say, as some celebrants unfortunately do, "This is Jesus..." Our attention at this moment is on his Paschal Mystery, source of healing, that is celebrated in the Eucharist and now brought to its fruitfulness through sacramental communion. To change the formula, as some do, to "Blessed are we...", is likewise to narrow the vast sweep of meaning intended by the liturgy. For it is not about *us*, this little privileged in-group gathered today, but about *all* who, throughout history, have been invited to the great final banquet.

We are reminded, with classical theology, that the deepest reality of the Eucharist is not just the real presence of Jesus, but the plenitude of the Body of Christ - Head and members. At this moment we are being more deeply *incorporated* into him, personally and collectively, made one with him.

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In today's Gospel, however, Jesus does not promise us that the love of God and neighbour is going to cost us nothing. Jesus' law of love involves sacrifice for us individually and as a nation. Through the acceptance of this teaching we are committing ourselves to being our neighbour's keeper. In another part of the same Gospel, Jesus tells us that 'those to whom much has been given, much will be required.' Sadly, many of us want the good life for ourselves, while doing very little to help other countries become more liveable, and then we can reject people who want to share in the blessings we have worked for and inherited.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus being forced to flee Israel for Egypt as refugees. If the Holy Family were coming our way these days, they might be sent back to King Herod. May this Eucharist see in us a change of heart that enables our faith to act justly toward all people everywhere. May our goodness and hospitality mirror on earth the welcome we hope to enjoy from Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the kingdom which is promised to all, irrespective of where any of us has been born.