



# 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

As we come to the end of the Church's year it's good for us to do some soul-searching. It has been a tough year for the Church and today's Gospel does not let us off the hook. In fact, it names one of the challenges before us. The last line of today's Gospel sums up what it has been like for many of us to hear about how some priests betrayed our trust, many victims were disbelieved and a few of our bishops have tried to cover up criminal actions. The exalted have been humbled and the humble exalted.

Jesus tells the crowds to listen to what the Pharisees teach, but not to follow their appalling example. The behaviour of the Pharisees has a name: hypocrisy, and it's one of the reasons we have received such a public pasting in recent years. Some of it has been justified. We have been seen to be a community more interested in our good name and public standing than in the damage done to those brothers and sisters of ours who were given into our care and became victims of physical and sexual abuse. We have been exposed as not practising what we preach.

The Church is in a bind here. We are not like other groups who can simply expel their worst members and move on. If we are going to be faithful to all of Jesus' teaching and the entire Christian tradition, then we have to comfort and heal the victims of abuse and call the perpetrators to the demands of the law, treatment and reconciliation. St Augustine summed this up in the 5th century when he said that forgiveness has two daughters: justice and compassion. We believe that the only way to healing is through forgiveness. True forgiveness never runs from the truth or minimises our sinfulness. It confronts the human condition with justice and compassion for *all* concerned.

The media may not like it, the public may be baying for blood and we might want an instant fix, so we put this tragic chapter behind us quickly, but forgiveness which is just and compassionate is the only way we can practise what we preach. It's going to take time.

On the other hand while some in our Catholic community have been exposed as hypocrites, some other truths remain consoling, or at least provide a context within which we can confront the sins of our fathers and mothers. For example, though there should never have been one case of child abuse in the Church, less than two percent of all Catholic priests have been convicted of this dreadful crime. (*Cont'd P4*)

## - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - October 30, 2011.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Do not abandon me, Lord.  
My God, do not go away from me! Hurry to help me,  
Lord, my Saviour.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ!  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16  
2nd Reading: 1Thess 4:13-18  
Gospel: Mt 25:1-13



### 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:** George Guy, Dulcie Dacy (Mother of Diane Alsop), Rosina Luppino, Betty White, Fr Frank O'Loughlin (former PP of Pascoe Vale)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joe Conway, Margaret O'Dwyer, Francis Murphy, Franco Fanizza, Eileen Brady, Doreen Bellinger

**BAPTISMS:** -

**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, Vonnie VanDootselar, Fred Williams, Joy Crompton, Mary Smith

**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, NOV 6, 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

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, P Joyce

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 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)

## ❖ Cluster News ❖

### LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

**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.

### REMEMBRANCE MASSES:

The November Remembrance Masses will be celebrated on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November**. Each year you are invited to write the names of your loved ones to be remembered on a notelet that is taken up to the Altar when the Priest indicates the time to do so. Some parishioners have stated they would like to take the notelet home and bring with them on the day. So this year the notelets are available at the back of the Church and you can take one home, fill out and bring with you to the Remembrance Masses on 5th and 6th November. *(Margaret Ahern - Bereavement Team)*



### CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:

**This appeal will be held at Holy Family and Holy Spirit this weekend.**  
**There will be a second collection after Communion to support the great work of the Mission.**

### 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.**



**Congratulations to the winners of the Raffle:**  
**1st Katlin Blythe, 2nd Sofie Wanzron and 3rd Louise Fossey**



### Other Fr Mick's Mates News:

1. **On Nov 12 members of Fr Mick's Mates team will be hosting a BBQ from 9am till 4pm at Bunnings in Corio. Thanks to the volunteer "chefs" and Bunnings for their community support.**
2. **A request for small baskets for Betty and Margaret for their Christmas hampers which will be available for sale in December.**

## 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!
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** This Monday, Cup Eve. Chicken & Champagne - money for a sweep. Start 6.30pm. All welcome!

## 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:

- Nov 9... **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$8 - all welcome!
- 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.
- Nov 13... **MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** College Chapel, 2pm. All welcome!

### MARYVILLE HAS A VACANCY:

Please be advised there there is now a vacancy for a resident. For details ph 5221 5299.

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED NOW** for a 16 year old boy studying Year 10 at Western Hts Senior College. If you can help please contact Annette on 0438 844 107 or at work on 5336 2113 (9-5).

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - Faith and Living for Contemporary Catholics

This edition has a number of thought provoking articles about the issue that dominates our political landscape, namely Refugees. The articles include a special feature *Refugees - The Compassionate Solution (how Catholics are responding compassionately to refugees)*; *The Long Journey Home - a refugee shares his story*; *Busting the Myths*; *Facts about Refugees "Did you know that 95% of asylum seekers actually arrive in Australia by plane and developing countries like Pakistan host 1.78million refugees and Kenya 320,000?"* The copies of Australian Catholics are available for free.

### BINNAP PARTNERS INC:

This is a group of volunteers who support **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry** to extend Pastoral Care to the Aboriginal community. New members welcome. We are a friendly bunch from all walks of life who build awareness of Aboriginal culture and issues. We assist by office work, maintenance of buildings, fundraising projects, social gatherings, function attendance, monthly Binnap meetings. To learn more contact Sr Agnes Murphy, Binnap Partners, c/o Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, 434 St Georges Rd, PO Box 1088 Thornbury 3071 - Ph 9480 3849.

### A VOCATION VIEW:

**"Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice.**

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An accusation is not a conviction and even priests and religious deserve the presumption and rights of innocence before they are proven guilty. Even though the public perception may be otherwise, nearly all Catholic priests are faithful servants of the Gospel, doing what they can to practise what they preach.

Against a prevailing misconception, Church-run institutions are not the places where children are most at risk. Tragically, it's the family home. Over 80 percent of all child abuse occurs there. This does not excuse one case of abuse in the Church but it does suggest that, if our wider society really wants to tackle this problem, we are all going to have to start by looking in our own backyards.

Furthermore, against those who claim that the Church is hypocritical, they cannot take away from us the fact that our community, in the name of Christ, remains the largest provider of education, healthcare and welfare both here and overseas. This often-heroic work will rarely make it to the front pages of newspapers, but it's the backdrop against which we face up to the criminal actions of a few and those who try to protect them from public scrutiny.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that, as hard as this year has been for us all, we are converted again by the forgiving, just and compassionate example of Jesus who calls us to leave behind any trace of triumphalism and arrogance and recommit ourselves to what we should do best: the self-sacrificing love of one another and the world.