



# 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

One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1000 cheque on the plate.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate. A very quiet, elderly, saintly spinster at the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to altar. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and, in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the congregation and said, 'OK Father, I'll take him, him, and him.' Now that's a modern take on a wise virgin!

In one sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the east. It is, however, about planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy. In Christian theology this is called 'discernment'. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it.

Think for a moment of the times when we are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have. We play out in our mind how the interaction will run. It rarely happens how we imagine and we find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion we go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future that they try and control it and everyone associated with it. It's always a disaster.

St Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood today's Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting.

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## - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - November 6, 2011.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come before you, Lord;  
Listen, and answer me.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready;  
you know not when the Son of Man is  
coming.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2nd Reading: 1Thess 5:1-6

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30



### 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:** Connie Cottrell, Giuseppina Palmieri, Leon Grace, Terry Walsh (brother of Michael)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mate Dzida, John Kennedy, Luigi Vannata, Klara Van Slooten, Dennis (Bob) Feldman, Madge King, Robert Johnson

**BAPTISMS:** Jensen Neivandt, Archie Trotter, Miley Trotter, Oscar Wall (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, Josipa Marinac, Vonnie VanDootselar, Fred Williams, Joy Crompton, Mary Smith, Margaret Barry

**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 13, 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 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 ❖

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Pastoral Cluster Office will be closed this Tuesday for our Annual Planning Day.

### LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:



#### REMEMBRANCE MASSES:

The focus at all the Masses this weekend in the Pastoral Cluster is to remember and pray for the deceased. In doing this we are honouring an ancient Catholic tradition. At the start of the Mass there will be a Powerpoint presentation with the names of people who have been buried from our Pastoral Cluster Churches in the last twelve months. After this initial prayer and presentation people are then invited to come forward and place at the foot of the Cross their notelets of people they would like remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.

#### GRANDPARENTS MASS:

5pm Saturday evening at Ss Peter & Paul's.

#### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISMS:

This year we have invited all babies baptised during the year (with their families) who live in the Cluster, to a special Mass of Celebration at Holy Family Church at **9.30am on Sunday Nov 20th**. Baptism is not only a personal start to a journey of faith, but a treasure of our Cluster community. It is our chance to extend the welcome made at Baptism. A cuppa and nibbles will follow the Mass.

#### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF GEELONG AND BELLARINE DISTRICTS:

The Knights hold their Annual Mass at Holy Spirit on Sunday Nov 20. The State Chairman of the KSC of Victoria, Maurice Skehan and his wife will be in attendance. We extend a warm welcome to them and we thank the Knights for their generous support of the local Catholic communities.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SENIORS PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

A warm invitation is extended to all Senior parishioners to attend the Mass and Luncheon on **Saturday Nov 26** commencing with Mass at 10.30am and Luncheon at 12noon. If you wish to attend please place your name on the sign-up board (white form) in the Narthex and indicate if you require transport on the day.

**Catering for the Function** - Please place your name on the sign-up board (pink form) in the Narthex if you can assist with the catering. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.

#### THANKSGIVING:

The new Thanksgiving envelopes are ready to collect today. **Everyone who contributes** has a letter to collect (including credit card and direct debit givers). **Letters are alphabetical by street, regardless of suburb**. Please take any near your house, only if you can deliver this week. If you would like to begin contributing regularly, by envelopes or credit card, please take a pink sheet.

If the pledge information showing on your receipt needs to be updated, please leave a message for Helen at the Parish Office, or email [helen.brislane@cam.org.au](mailto:helen.brislane@cam.org.au). Thankyou all for your continuing generous support to the Parish.

## HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS INVITATION MAILOUT

**As part of our outreach to all known Catholics, Fr Mick and I are again inviting them to attend our Christmas Ceremonies. We need your help to make this happen.**

**On Tuesday Nov 22 - 1.30pm at the Cluster Office we will be folding the invitations.**

**If you can spend an hour or two to help that would be much appreciated.**

## 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.
- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS & COLUMBAN CALENDARS** (90th Anniversary edition) are available for purchase from the Piety Stall in Holy Spirit Church from **Saturday Nov 12 until early January 2012**. Cards - Pkts of 10 \$8, Single \$1, Calendars \$8 each. All proceeds support St Vincent de Paul Society.



## St Patrick's:

- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S CENTENARY GALA:** All former and current students, parents and staff of St Patrick's are invited to the fabulous Centenary Gala Cocktail Evening on **Saturday December 10**, 7pm at The Pier, Geelong. Music by 2Tone, Jazz Odyssey and Madhouse. Tickets \$85 include canapés, mini-meals and drinks. Contact Lucy on 0417 161 388 or St Patrick's on 5229 4412.

## Community News:

- Nov 9... **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$8 - all welcome!
- " **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Nov 13... **MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** College Chapel, 2pm. All welcome!
- Dec 3... **LOURDES MASS:** Mass of hope and comfort the sick and fragile 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome!!!

**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).

## 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.*
3. *Christmas Stalls to be held at Ss Peter & Paul's Sat 3rd Dec, 5pm Mass; Holy Spirit Sun Dec 4, 11am Mass; Holy Family Sun Dec 18, 8am and 9.30am Masses. If you would like to order a Christmas Hamper, please contact Margaret Brown re content and price on 5229 1280.*

## MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON:



**A VERY BIG THANKYOU** to all who patronised a very tasty and enjoyable luncheon, which raised over \$2,000 for our Relay for Life Team, Fr Mick's Mates. Special thanks to the Committee who organised the day and those who did all the work associated with making the day a great success. God bless you all!  
(Fr Mick)

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Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times.

St Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is necessary for tomorrow. This is such simple and sound advice and yet many of us don't heed it. For some of us it takes nothing to feel the hurt and pain of our past or to be consumed by the future.

Alcoholics Anonymous sums it up neatly when it tells us to take life 'one day at a time' which is another way of saying what Matthew's community came to see, 'keep awake because you know not the time or place'.

### A VOCATION VIEW:

**We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!**

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving*

*"...but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps". (Mt 25:4)*

We might think that the wise virgins are selfish for not sharing their oil. Yet, the wise were the ones who brought all they had for the Lord. They did not keep anything back, like the foolish virgins who only brought the least that they could. Reflecting on these virgins we must ask ourselves if we are bringing God all that we can or are we holding things back from God, expecting others to cover for us?