



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 Catholics we have no problem with the time-bound nature of the Bible. In fact we appreciate it, believing that the scriptures deserve to be read within their context, and also need careful interpretation. And while the Catholic Feminist Association may not choose to have today's first reading as the opening text at their next convention, we would be mistaken to hear it only in terms of our world today.

The Book of Proverbs is a distillation of sayings and teachings which had grown up over hundreds of years, most probably from Rabbis and Scribes. Its world is a vastly different one to ours. This is clearly seen in the tasks of the 'capable wife'. She is praised for her work with wool, flax, in the vineyard and in real estate. It's only in the context of an agrarian society that the power of this text makes sense.

Until quite recently, women in Palestinian society, and in wider society for that matter, were considered the 'possessions' of their husbands. They could be bought, sold, divorced, or killed without any appeal to the law. Wives in this society had no legally recognised human rights. They were expected to serve and shut-up.

By contrast, then, this text from the Book of Proverbs, which can seem so old-fashioned to us, was a liberating text in its day. A woman's right to work is not only defended, but also extolled. She is praised for her creativity, wisdom, goodness, strength, sense of justice, generosity, joy and faith. In any age and for either gender this is not a bad list of virtues toward which we should all aspire. And these days of course, through the ongoing revelation of the Spirit, we believe that what the Book of Proverbs expects and praises in a capable wife, we should equally look for in a capable husband.

It is almost possible that Jesus had women in mind when he shared the parable of the talents in today's Gospel. What can often get lost in the debates about who should be ordained in today's Church, is that women have always and still 'lead' the Church in powerful and long-lasting ways.

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- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - November 13, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Christ the King

1st Reading: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17

2nd Reading: 1Cor 15:20-26,28

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46



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: Wendy Commons, Gerard Vella, Greg Spicer, Alan Hudgell, Marijana Burbula

ANNIVERSARIES: Zivka & Joseph Vanjek Snr, Frank & Rudi Vanjek Jnr, Giustino & Lorenzo Oddi, Sally Dulce, Teresa DeLuca, Dominic Fazio

BAPTISMS: Gretel Betts, Payton Davis, Madison McDonald, Samuel Thaus (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, 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 20, 2011.

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh

R&L Allum

9.30AM

L Lehpamer

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, E Glynn, M Fiorillo

E Dalton

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

Sr J McGonigal

J McKenzie

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

V Logan

11.00AM

J McCarthy

G Brown

V Trinder, L Fossey

I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

D Brown

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

D Maddalena

K Maddalena

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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:

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS:

Over the last several months the new translation for the congregation has been introduced. This week we formally begin using the new translation for the parts of the Mass prayed by the Priest. Whilst the language has been changed, the essence remains the same. No doubt it will take some time to become accustomed to the new translation. Special thanks to the **Catholic Development Fund** who have donated beautifully bound Roman Missals for each of the three parishes.

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. **Please note, the Knights of the Southern Cross will be our Readers and Special Ministers at this Mass.**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SENIORS PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:

A warm invitation is extended to all Senior parishioners to attend the Mass at Holy Family Church and Luncheon in the Community Centre 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. Thankyou all for your continuing generous support to the Parish.

CHRISTMAS INVITATION MAILOUT:

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to prepare the Christmas Invitation Mailout. We meet on **Tuesday Nov 22, 1.30pm in the Pastoral Cluster Office.**

LITURGY CALENDAR:

Nov 12... **Grandparents Mass** - 5pm Ss Peter & Paul's
Nov 17/24/29... **Holy Family School Class Masses** - 9.15am

Nov 26/27... **BEGINNING OF ADVENT** - A time to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas. As part of the preparation an Advent Calendar will be made available with each of the Bulletins. The focus of this Advent Calendar is:

Take a Moment - Discover Advent

"In advent, as the year comes to an end, many of us don't have time to do anything other than what we're already doing. This Advent Calendar is designed to help us deepen and add value to what we're already doing. If you take a moment with the reflection for each day you will discover Advent; and that will certainly add depth and delight to Christmas. See how you go."



Congratulations to Frank Kearney
who this week celebrated a significant milestone birthday.



Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** Will hold their final meeting for 2011 on **Wed Nov 23**. Day will commence with our meeting at 11.30am followed by catered lunch at a cost of \$10 at the home of Tricia Joyce, 21 Waterloo St Geelong West. Please bring along a wrapped gift to value of \$5. Membership \$20 and Horizon \$20 can be paid for on this day. For catering RSVP to Jeanette on 5278 2063 by **Nov 20**. If requiring transport please let us know.

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.
- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S CENTENARY MASS:** Sun Dec 11 at 2.30pm at **St Patrick's School**. Archbishop Denis Hart will be the Principal Celebrant - **ALL WELCOME!**

Community News:

- Nov 13... **MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** College Chapel, 2pm. All welcome!
- Dec 2... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** End of Year Social 6.30pm at the home of Alan and Louise Fossey. Open invitation to members, widows and families. BBQ meat and drinks supplied - just bring a salad or a sweet. Cost only \$5 per family. Ph Joe Lambert on 5229 8442 to confirm attendance. **Note - next branch meeting Feb 2012.**
- Dec 3... **LOURDES MASS:** Mass of hope and comfort the sick and fragile 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome!!!

Fr Mick's Mates News:

1. *A request for small baskets for Betty and Margaret for their Christmas hampers which will be available for sale in December.*
2. *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.*

MUSTER WITH THE CLUSTER

As part of our Partnership with the Columbans, we are again having a Movie Night.
This year the movie is **THE MUPPETS**.

Date:	Thursday December 1st
Time:	6pm for a 6.30pm start
Venue:	Village Cinemas Geelong
Cost:	\$12 per ticket



This movie won't be released for general exhibition until January next year. This would be a good fun movie for grandparents and parents to take the children to see. Tickets available for sale after Mass or at the Pastoral Cluster Community Centre. Tickets sold on a first come/first served basis.

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From the extraordinary abilities of religious and lay women in Catholic welfare, education, healthcare, overseas missions and theological reflections, to wives and mothers whose daily witness to the fidelity and goodness of God, this all reveals in innumerable ways the power of the parable of the talents. The reality is that if it were not for women's leadership, commitment and faith, it would be hard to see how the Church could survive. We would not be able to continue almost all of our ministries.

None of this minimises the pain and hurt some women have experienced at the hands of the Church. Some feel as though their particular contribution to the life of the Church has not been fully realised.

All we can hope and pray for is that we may find ways to use everyone's talents for the building up of the Kingdom of God, and that we may see that everyone's contribution, irrespective of gender, is precious and worthy of praise.