



# 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

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen until he was nearing the end. When he thought his death was imminent, and that he could probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received Holy Communion and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done. I think we should admit that this move has been a mixed blessing for the Church ever since.

On the positive side of the ledger it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. There is no question that Christianity moderated, cultivated and humanised some of the worst Roman excesses.

On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against Imperial Christianity in the 6th Century.

It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven. (Cont'd P4)

## - Christ the King -

(Year A - November 20, 2011.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour; to him be glory and power forever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

1st Reading: Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

2nd Reading: 1Cor 1:3-9

Gospel: Mk 13:33-37



### 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.

Nov 21: Martin family, 26 Honey Lane, Batesford

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Jillian Meehan, Mons John Murphy

**ANNIVERSARIES:** George Tothpal, Ramon Costoya, Pilar Garcia Brion, Santo Savron, Domenico Giovanni, Rosetta Santamaria, Ripalda Sicuro, Concetta Gangemi, Julie Brady, Kevin Craven, Maria Caruso

**BAPTISMS:** Eva Gamero, Chelsea Jardine, Ethan Wilcox, Tahlia Ryan, Aiden Blackney (HF), Findley Kendall, Daisy Biscan, Abigail, Lachlan & Phoebe Lester, Isla Payne (HS)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joan Jess, Theo Da Costa, Josipa Marinac, Vonnie VanDootselar, Fred Williams, Joy Crompton, Mary Smith, Margaret Barry, Margaret Dunn, Heidi Maguire

*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 27, 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 McMahon, 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 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:

#### 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.

**BREAK OPEN THE WORD:** Book for Readers Year B 2012 - Lectors please note, the Break Open the Word is available in the Sacristy of all three Churches. The book is free. I take this opportunity to thank our leaders in your ministry of proclaiming the Word and the Break Open the Word is made available to assist you in your preparation for this important ministry.

#### 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](mailto: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 20...** **Knights of the Southern Cross** - Annual Mass Holy Spirit Church 11am

**Nov 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."***

#### OUR CALL TO A YEAR OF GRACE:

This weekend Archbishop Philip Wilson, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has written to announce the forthcoming **Year of Grace - Starting Afresh from Christ.** We invite you to join us in the journey of prayer. For further details visit [www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au](http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au)

## 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.

## Holy Family:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY BBQ:** This will be held this Sunday (the third Sunday of the month), November 20 - 12noon. Please BYO to share.



## 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:

- 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.**
- " **ST MARY'S PLAZA THEATRE PRESENTS "ELVIS SPECIAL":** 7.30pm featuring "Elvis - One Night with You" from the 1968 Special, plus Elvis in the 70s and Christmas song highlights! Raffles, door prize, supper - all welcome! A suggested donation of \$3/head would be appreciated.
- 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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The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.

That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.