



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)

Doctors and dieticians would have some difficulty with the first part of today's Gospel. Jesus does not seem to know that salt is bad for hypertension and cholesterol! Just as health professionals are encouraging us to be careful in using salt, Jesus is telling us to keep it up. Salt in Jesus' day, and for centuries before and after, was the primary preserving agent for food. That day-to-day usage gives us a clue as to the challenge being laid before us.

We are told that if salt has lost its taste it's good for nothing. So the challenge is to keep it fresh so it can keep doing its job. Jesus suggests that, in the same way, we have to be on guard to make sure that our faith remains fresh so it's able to do its job as well.

The fifth and sixth chapters of Matthew's Gospel are devoted to describing the elements of Christian faith. At the start of the fifth chapter we have the Beatitudes that tell us that the presence of God can be discovered in all of life's situations. It reminds us that as Christians we can find God wherever we want to. The rest of these two chapters go on to give us specific directions about the dangers and aides to faith.

Jesus tells us that a hollow attachment to the letter of the law, unbridled anger, an inability to forgive, being unfaithful in marriage, seeking revenge on our enemies, not being true to our word and being enslaved by money are all examples of bad faith. Think for a moment of people you know who are trapped by any of these vicious forces. It's sad to see the energy it takes them to remain angry, greedy, legalistic, fraudulent and unforgiving.

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- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - February 6, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
2nd Reading: 1Cor 2:6-10
Gospel: Mt 5:17-37



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:** 11.15am Wed;

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:

Feb 7: Cleary family, 5 Parr St, **Feb 14:** Iozzo family, 21 Manifold St, **Feb 21:** Leonie family, 1 Elizabeth St

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: Giuseppe Marcantonio, Maria Baldasso-Zussa (Argentina)

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincent Fazio, Gaetano & Sebastiano Ravida, Mario & Pipino Ravida, Carmela Zanghi, Angelena DePalma, Michael Nagy

BAPTISMS: Abigail Smith (HS), Aldo Siketa P&P

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Iolanda Marruso, Wendy Commons, Giuseppa Resciniti, Margaret Donaghy, Patricia McMahan, Margaret Harris, Maria Law, Mary Smith, Peter Farrar, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Doris Boyle, Jenny Pegg, Heidi Maguire, Joseph Escorse, Joan Bellow, Kate Jennings



ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 13, 2011.

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

E Di Domenico, 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, M Willett, 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 Casserole lunch** - Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon a Casserole lunch BYO to share
- . **Holy Family Women's Group** - First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.30pm
- . **St Vincent de Paul** - Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre, 7.30pm
Ss Peter & Paul's meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays 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)
- . **Playgroup** - Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- . **Manifold CWL** - Pastoral Cluster Centre, First Tuesdays in the month
- . **Italian Mass** - First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- . **Geelong Stroke Support Group** - Survivors, partners, carers & families meet in the Ss Peter & Paul's Hall.
- . **Catholic Deanery Solo Group** - Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- . **Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon** - Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.
- . **Catholic Diners' Club** - Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Patti on 5229 9963

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:

FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE:

Outlined below is part of a note received from Linda Valentino, Officer Manager, Community Relations and Fundraising for the Cancer Council of Victoria.

*As per your request, your donations have been credited to the **Fr Mick's Mates Research Award** for 2010. However, the project you funded in 2009 is now complete. This will now 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. Below is a description of the research project we are funding. Your award will be acknowledged in the 2010 Annual Review to be published in 2011.*

Research Grants-in-Aid 2010 - New and Continuing Research Grants-in-Aid:

Researcher	Dr Christopher Slape, Dr David Curtis, Prof Stephen Jane
Institution	Bone Marrow Research Laboratories, Melbourne Health
Award/Duration	Research Grant: 2009-2011
Funding	\$100,000 per annum for three years
Scientific Title	Molecular analysis of myelodysplasia in the Nup98HoxD13 mouse model
Lay Title	Study of the preleukaemic condition myelodysplasia in a mouse model
Tumour Type	Leukaemia and myelodysplasia
Field of Research	Haematology
Focus of Research	Research into the causes and treatment of leukaemia and myelodysplasia in the adult population
Anticipated Outcome	This project characterises abnormal cell death and gene expression changes in myelodysplasia. The results will allow better understanding of current therapies and open new therapeutic avenues.



Boat Trip on the Bay

Fri Feb 25 departing at 7pm from Cunningham Pier with BYO drinks and a plate to share. Price \$20 per person.

Tickets limited to 60, so **BOOK EARLY!**

Phone David Lunn on 0408 378 982. **All Aboard!!!**



RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING: Thursday Feb 10, 4pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office

RELAY FOR LIFE WEEKEND OF MARCH 19/20 AT DEAKIN:

Registrations will be taken in February after each of the Masses.

For Holy Family see Vicki Resciniti 5278 1363 or Bernadette Kline 5278 9316;

Holy Spirit - Amy O'Brien 5229 9911 and Ss Peter & Paul's - Desma Dougherty 5278 2712.

Liturgy in the Cluster:

Fri Feb 11...	11am	Opening School Mass for Holy Spirit School at Holy Spirit Church
Sat Feb 12...	5pm	Welcome to St Pat's and Teacher Commitment at Holy Family Church
Mon Feb 14...	1pm	Opening School Mass for Clonard College at St Mary's Church
Thurs Feb 17...	9.15am	Opening School Mass for Holy Family School at Holy Family Church
Sat Feb 19...	6pm	Welcome to Preps and Teachers for Holy Spirit School at Holy Spirit Church
Sun Feb 20...	9.30am	Welcome to Preps and Teachers for Holy Family School at Holy Family Church
Thurs Feb 24...		Two Masses at Barwon Prison

Congratulations to
Kathleen Lancaster
who has been
awarded the Order of
Australia for her
service to Red Cross.



Holy Family:

- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP** will hold their first meeting for 2011 on Monday night, Feb 7 at 7.30pm. New members welcome.
- ♦ **SINCERE THANKS:**
 1. **From Pat Mee & family:** On behalf of my family and myself we wish to thank you for all who attended Allan's funeral. Also for your kind words and prayers at this time. Also special thanks to the Women's Group who provided afternoon tea.
 2. **From Catherine, Joe & Taylor family:** Catherine and Joe Taylor and family wish to thank George and Peggie Carmody and the women of the parish who were so generous in giving their time, support and love to us, and for providing food and refreshments on the occasion of our beloved son Damian's funeral. The response from the parish in general was overwhelming. Our thanks go out to Fr Mick, Fr Gerard, Fr Tom and Fr Gerry Spillane for their prayerful support and presence at the celebration of Damian's life, and for Mark Cooper and the musicians who assisted in making it a more memorable occasion. We give thanks for our special friends who have strengthened us with their love during this difficult time and we acknowledge and express our thanks for the many cards, floral tributes and telephone calls we received.

Community News:

- Feb 9... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday 7.30pm in Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Feb 12... **LOURDES DAY MASS:** At 9.30am at St Mary's Basilica the fifth Lourdes Day Mass will be held in association with the World Day of the Sick (the day after the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes). The Lourdes Day Mass will be a Mass of healing and hope for sick and infirm people, their carers and parishioners from all parishes in the Geelong region. Four of five priests will assist with administering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and there will be a blessing with Lourdes water at the conclusion of Mass. Lourdes water will also be available in small quantities for sick people to take home with them. All are welcome!
- Feb 15... **ST JOHN OF GOD PRESENTS:** *Four Funerals in One Day - a performance piece that explores the human reality for patients and professional carers living and dying in palliative care.* **7 for 7.30pm at Sacred Heart College. Cost \$20/\$10 Conc.** Tickets from St John of God Hospital, Patient Accounts 80 Myers St Geelong.

Geelong Young Vinnies in action - 2011 Dedication Mass:

As we commence this New Year let us gather in prayer to seek God's wisdom to love him, the patience to wait for him and a lifetime to serve him.

St Mary of the Angels Basilica, Yarra St Geelong - 5.30pm Sunday March 13.

Information, display and program introduction available at entrance. Light refreshment after Mass.

You are most welcome to meet fellow young people for caring sharing, growth and friendship. Please feel free to bring your friends.

For more details please contact Christina on 0425 886 833, youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com

www.vinnies.org.au

'Do not let people disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your purity.' (1Tim 4:12-13)

(Cont'd from P1)

Think for a moment of people you know who live lives like this. Their detachment, sense of generosity and ease with others stands out in our stress-ridden world.

My professor of liturgy used to say 'Good liturgy enlivens faith and bad liturgy deadens it.' This is the same message Jesus gives us today about faith in general. It's crazy for us to keep spending time with people and doing things that deaden our faith. We know the impact of these people or activities by the bad taste they leave in our mouths. After an encounter with them or it we usually tell ourselves that we must not go back for more, but the bad spirit seduces us into repeating the entire episode with frightening frequency. St Ignatius Loyola tells us that in these situations we have to deal with the bad spirit quickly and consistently and learn a new pattern of behaviour that will lead us away from darkness into the light.

The job of faith is to enable us to live out and build Christ's reign of justice and love in this world as a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven. May this Eucharist enable us to seek out the people and places that will see the saltiness of our faith remain fresh and interesting so that we will have every chance of preserving our faith in the dryer times, and of our faith in Jesus preserving us in the face of the trials and tests that come our way.