



# 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 Gregory Sunter

The first part of today's gospel passage is perhaps one of the most misunderstood of Jesus' teachings. The notion of turning the other cheek usually brings up notions of non-violence, submission, or even sometimes a victim mentality. It seems an odd teaching to tell someone who is being hit to simply stand there and present the other cheek to also be hit. It's odd because we generally fail to understand the cultural context that is the setting for this teaching.

In the first century, a master would discipline a slave or servant by striking them with the back of his hand. Assuming the master is right handed, a back-handed strike would be delivered to the right cheek of the person he faced. If the servant were to then present his left cheek to the master, it becomes impossible for the master to strike with the back of his hand and forces him into using an open-hand slap or a closed-fist punch to the left cheek. Not much of an improvement, you might think. However, servants were disciplined with the back of the hand and only equals fought in such a way that would deliver blows to the left side.

What Jesus is saying to those who are oppressed is to offer no resistance but at the same time stand up for yourself and make your oppressor recognise you and treat you as an equal, not an inferior. It is extremely dangerous advice! Its aim is to shame the oppressor.

The other two examples, surrendering your cloak when sued for your tunic and walking two miles when required to walk one are also examples of seeking to shame the one who would use their power and strength against you. That's not being a submissive wimp; that's staring the bully in the eye!

Roman soldiers were allowed by their own military laws to require any person to carry the soldier's pack along the road from one milestone marker to another. That is, they could order a man to walk one mile with their pack. If they made someone carry their pack for more than one mile, the soldier himself was subject to discipline and punishment. Jesus says, 'If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him.' Like turning the other cheek, it is turning the tables on the one who would oppress you and bringing shame upon them.

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## - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - February 20, 2011.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power.  
I will sing to the Lord, for his goodness to me.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
1st Reading: Is 49:14-15:1  
2nd Reading: 1Cor 4:1-5  
Gospel: Mt 6:24-34



### 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:

**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:** Dulcie Wiedner, Veronica Echter, Carmelo Todaro, Marta Poldermans

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francesco Ruggeri (one month since death), Marija, Stjepan & Ivan Davutovic, Heather Osborne, Bob Neeld, Les Moloney, Matija Kutia

**BAPTISMS:** Isla Topic, Maddison Birrell, Scarlett & Grace Langedyk (HF)

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

*(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, FEB 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 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 7.00pm
- . **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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## **Cluster News:**

### **GETTING THE BEST OUT OF LENT:**

Traditionally Lent is the season of the Church's Year to prepare adults for Baptism, and for those baptised in childhood to make it their own the commitment made for them at Baptism. That commitment is to live as a disciple of Jesus and to continue to act for Jesus in our world today.

The Second Vatican Council taught that the two main sources of our life in Jesus Christ are the Scriptures and the Eucharist. To enable ourselves to be better acquainted with and nourished by the gospels of the Sunday of Lent, the Cluster is offering opportunities for people to come together to reflect on and discuss the application of the gospel to their lives.

The suggested times are: After 9.15am on Tuesdays at Bell Park and after 9am Mass on Wednesdays at Manifold Heights. ***Please indicate on the clipboards provided your wish to attend at these times.***

Those interested in an evening group(s) are asked to sign up on the clipboard, indicating the evenings of the week suitable for you and the preferred time of meeting. The sessions will take approx 90 minutes. The day(s) of the week and the time(s) will be determined from your responses, **SO PLEASE SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND!**

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:**

The first edition for 2011 is available for free at each of the parishes. The focus of this edition is ***Sport and Healthy Living***. Articles include - Why we should take care of our bodies; Mind, body and spirit; Using sport to improve people's lives. Plus lessons from sports stars Justin Langer and Ashleigh Brennan - well worth the read!

### **COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2011:**

Four fabulous Ford cars to be won - supplied by Rex Gorrell, two prizes of \$1,000 each from Coles/Myer and nine prizes of \$500 from Coles/Myer. The tickets will be available for sale from next week. The tickets cost \$2 and there is a \$1.50 profit from the sale of each ticket. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to support our commitment to the Columban Partnership in the Philippines.

### **A MESSAGE FROM LEN MONK:**

***I have just completed a 3 year (9 hours per week the last two years) contract to call on every household within the parish boundaries of the Pastoral Cluster. In that time I called on every address in the Parish Census and made personal contact with approx three-quarters of parish households (over 1600 households). I brought greetings from the priests of the Cluster and was able to engage in a wide variety of conversations and to follow up where appropriate. A further benefit was that over 500 records were updated in the Parish Census.***

***Because I have commitments in the near future to study and travel, in addition to my responsibilities as Pastoral Associate at Corio-Lara parish, I have decided regretfully to leave a wonderful parish team of Fr Gerard, Fr Mick, Trish and Frank who have given me so much inspiration and support.***

***In regard to the many parishioners I have met, I have received a very warm welcome from all but two households. Given that 80% of my calls were to (seemingly) non-active parishioners, it is worth pondering the significance of this hospitality in the extended Catholic community.***

***Finally, I want to say that it has been a privilege working in the Pastoral Cluster - one that has filled me with hope.***

***- Len Monk***

## Liturgy in the Cluster in February:

Sat Feb 19...	Getting it Rite:	Liturgical Formation Day for some members of the Cluster Liturgy Team
"	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...		Mass at Barwon Prison

### Please Note:

- ◆ The Holy Family Women's Group first Monday evening of the month gathering has changed from 7.30pm to 7.00pm. All welcome!

### PARISH RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

The program begins on **Sunday Feb 27** at the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family. There will be a short service at the start that acknowledges that the candidates for the Sacrament are part of the parish community, and it is within this group that they will experience and express God's forgiveness.

Over three sessions on Wednesday Mar 16, 23 and 30, the children and their parents will look at:

- ◆ Sacraments; Hurt/Sorrow; Sinfulness; Godliness of all people
- ◆ New Testament and God's Forgiveness
- ◆ Commandments; Beatitudes; Last Judgement

The children also have lessons around the meaning and experience of the Sacrament, as well as becoming familiar with the rite of the Sacrament. Finally, they will receive the Sacrament in the context of the parish community on Wednesday Apr 6 as we approach Easter.

**ENROLMENTS CLOSE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22!**

## Community News:

- Feb 26...** **PRAYER FOR LIFE:** 9am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral followed by Rosary Procession in support of the Pro-Life Movement. Also there is an invitation to be part of *40 Days for Life*. Please visit [www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne)
- Mar 2...** **SISTERS OF HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon at the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave. **Please notice change of address and date!** Cost \$7.
- Mar 4...** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** To be held at Wesley Uniting Church, Yarra St Geelong at 11am followed by a light lunch. The theme is *How Many Loaves Have You?* prepared by the women of Chile. Guest speaker Mr Ron Ellis, everyone is invited. Enquiries ph 5221 1584
- Mar 13...** **GEELONG YOUNG VINNIES IN ACTION 2011 DEDICATION MASS:** 5.30pm at St Mary's Basilica - contact details Christina on 0425 886 833, [youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com](mailto:youngvinniesgeelong@gmail.com) or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)
- Mar 25...** **CONCERT FOR EAST TIMOR:** Gathathrie and William Patrick performing West End favourites, 1.30pm at White Eagle House, Fellmongers Rd Breakwater. \$10 concert and a/noon tea. Tickets from St Mary's Office or Wing and a Prayer. All proceeds to benefit Mary Immaculate Parish, Viqueque.
- Mar 29...** **ASHES TO EASTER:** Lenten reflection, songs and stories with Australia's leading Catholic songwriter, Peter Kearney. To be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 68 John Dory Dve, Ocean Grove at 7pm. \$5 admission, all welcome!

## RELAY FOR LIFE

- Feb 22...** **RADIO INTERVIEW:** Fr Mick and Trish Stickland have been invited to Pulse Radio 94.7 at 1.15pm to speak about 'Fr Mick's Mates' and Relay for Life.
- Feb 25...** **BOAT TRIP:** Departing 7pm from Cunningham Pier. Finger food provided, BYO drinks. To assist with catering ph Desma 5278 5712 or Amie 5229 9911. All aboard! (Note - all tickets sold)
- Mar 19/20...** **RELAY FOR LIFE WEEKEND:** At Deakin University beginning Sat noon until Sun noon. At 9pm Saturday night there will be a Service of Light and Hope and also there will be a BBQ dinner with members of Fr Mick's Mates team.

### RELAY FOR LIFE REGISTRATIONS:

Will be taken in February after each of the Masses. For Holy Family see Vicki Resciniti 5278 1363 or Bernadette Kline 5278 9316, for Holy Spirit - Amy O'Brien 5229 9911, and for Ss Peter & Paul's Desma Dougherty 5278 2712.

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This one is a little stranger to our modern cultural norms. In Jesus' time, it was not shameful or embarrassing for a person to be naked but it was shameful for the person who caused them to be naked. By law, if you were unable to repay a debt, the person to whom you owed money could literally take your clothes as payment of the debt. What Jesus says is, if someone demands your tunic as payment of a debt, give them everything you're wearing to shame them for making you naked to collect their debt.

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus