



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 Michael Tate

Get Clucking!

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- 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - February 27, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord has been my strength; he has led me into freedom. He saved me because he loves me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Rest in God alone, my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Deut 11:18,26-28

2nd Reading: Rom 3:21-25,28

Gospel: Mt 7:21-27



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: Mario Zanin-Bisinella (Italy), Roy Chrimes, Daryl Welsh, Domenico Mileto, Mary Pretlove

ANNIVERSARIES: Frederick Tuddenham Snr, Danuta Augustyn, Patrick Hogan, Mato Spiranovic

BAPTISMS: Christian Augello, Illyria McCormack, Tianna Pino, Angus Groves (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Iolanda Marruso, Wendy Commons, Giuseppa Resciniti, Margaret Donaghy, Patricia McMahon, Margaret Harris, Maria Law, Mary Smith, Peter Farrar, Doris Boyle, 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, MAR 6, 2011.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

A Vanjek

F Chrimes, J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane

U Guardiano, K McArthur

9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor

G&P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo

M&E Hoffman

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

Sr Sibberas

J O'Neill

D Boyle, M Abbott, D Torpy

V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

11.00AM

M Shilling

M Currie

V Trinder, M Currie

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien

D O'Brien

N Neeld, J Jess

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

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 Mass on Tuesdays at Bell Park, after 9am Mass on Wednesdays at Manifold Heights and 7.30pm on Thursdays at Holy Family. ***Please indicate on the clipboards provided your wish to attend at these times.***

Orders for booklets etc need to be made on Monday, **SO PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:

A few copies remaining - please take one. 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 this 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.

FOUND:

Keys in Holy Family Church - on black strap with a yellow 'smiley face' attached. Please contact the office.

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

THE SOUTHERN CROSS GOLF CLUB started by the Knights of the Southern Cross 50 years ago is looking for new members, both men and women, to join us on Sunday mornings once a month at some private clubs and some public golf courses. You don't have to have a handicap, or be an expert player, it is a very social event. Come and join us! Contact Dan Guiney on 5243 4276 or email dguiney@netspace.com.au

Liturgy in the Cluster in February:

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. There are three sessions on Wednesdays Mar 16, 23 & 30 with the children and their parents and they will celebrate the Sacrament in the parish community on Wednesday April 6.

WELCOME TO CHILDREN WHO ARE PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

At the Masses for this weekend and next, children from the three Cluster Primary Schools and the children in the Catechetical Program, will make a commitment to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We extend a warm welcome to the children and their families.

Holy Spirit News:

- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their monthly meeting 2pm Tuesday Mar 1 in the Holy Spirit Hall. New members most welcome. For transport or information ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Ss Peter & Paul's News:

- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S PAST PUPILS REUNION:** March 17, 6.30pm at the Sphinx Hotel, Thompson Rd North Geelong. RSVP to Shirley on 5248 3347.

Community News:

- 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 or www.vinnies.org.au
- Mar 18...** **UNDERSTANDING WILLS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY:** 10.30-11.30am at the St Vincent de Paul Society, 43 Prospect St Box Hill. Please ph 9895 5800 if you would like to attend.
- Mar 20...** **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE GEELONG OPEN DAY 2011:** 11am-2pm - Information session 11am. Also See *the College at Work* on Wed May 4 9am-12noon. Applications for Yr 7 enrolments 2012 close Friday May 20. Yr 7,9&11 Academic Scholarship applications close Friday Apr 29. Prospectus and applications available on the website and from the College.
- 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

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. **FINAL DAY FOR REGISTRATIONS IS MARCH 6, 2011.** If you would like to support the group, merchandise will be on sale - hats, calendars, etc after Mass.

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So, we can read this passage as a justified warning against the brainwashing by the advertising industry creating obsessive concern with what we are to eat, what we are to wear. We have to be free to hear the pleas of the poor here and abroad for decent nourishment, shelter, education and health care. But, do we, do I, *really* believe that I can rest secure knowing that my 'Heavenly Father' (the name Jesus uses), that this Heavenly Father knows what my basic needs are and will prompt others to provide for me?

We need to imitate Our Lord. Get clucking!