



# 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

### Being known by Jesus

This is a harder than usual Gospel to preach. Why? Because the first part is a very real warning to those in leadership in the Church and especially to those who, apparently, are doing great things in the name of Jesus Christ. Those who give riveting insights into the Scriptures, those who cast out evil spirits, those who perform miracles, are in danger of hearing these words: 'I have never known you: away from me, you evil men!'

Why such a fearful prospect? This passage occurs at the end of the Sermon on the Mount. Nowhere in the Sermon does Jesus command his followers to preach, to heal, to perform miracles. Rather he commands a very personal reorientation. As we have heard over the last few weeks, Jesus demands a vulnerability that comes from forsaking violence, from practising fidelity, from being simply truthful, from generosity to the poor. Do those things and one is doing the will of His Father. The rest is good, but surplus.

The leading practitioners of the art of preaching, healing, wonder-working are in danger of being all too loud and egotistical: 'Didn't we do this or that?' It is all cymbals clashing and gongs booming. They are all very cacophonous in showing that they know Jesus and can invoke His name. But they don't give Jesus a chance to really know them. "I have never known you". They never give Our Lord the opportunity to penetrate their hearts quietly and persistently. Rather, the next performance is required! They never give Our Lord the time to re-set their internal compass to walk according to the signposts of the Sermon on the Mount.

What should we, what should I, be doing? We, I, should be less doing and more listening. Jesus says 'Everyone who listens to these words of mine [the Sermon on the Mount] and does them will be like a sensible person who built his house on rock.' Will this spare us, me, from the storms of life? No, there will be rain, flood and gale force wind. But the house of our life will still be standing at the end. We all build our lives on some foundation or another: money, prestige, self-indulgence, or even preaching or healing or wonder-working in Christ's name. These are not the foundation for a life which will see us welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven. (Cont'd P4)

## - 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year A - March 6, 2011.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.  
See my hardship and my poverty, and pardon all my sins.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, be my rock of safety.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the vine and you are the branches,  
says the Lord; those who live in me, and I  
in them, will bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Sunday of Lent - Year A

1st Reading: Gen 2:7-9,3:1-7  
2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19  
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11



### 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:

**March 7:** Montalto family, 2 Graylea Ave.

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:** Marija Spiclin, Francesco & Eleohora Gulli (Italy), Giacinto Palombi, Giovanni Serra

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vjekostav Iskra, Danica Baf, Viktor Pockaj, Julie Craven, Emil Nadoh, Giuseppe Gulli, Joan Booth, Joe Trinder, William Dempsey Snr

**BAPTISMS:** Grace & Noah Healy, Chloe Jack, Alexis McMillan (HS)

**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 Bellew, 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 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

G Harrison

B Murphy, 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 BBQ lunch -** Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon a BBQ 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 -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Tuesdays in the month
- **Italian Mass -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- **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 Terry on 5221 7339

*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:**

#### **1. Ash Wednesday, March 9**

- Masses:** Holy Spirit... 9.15am (please note time change) - School children in attendance  
Holy Family... 9.15am - School children in attendance  
St Patrick's Chapel... 12noon - School children in attendance  
Ss Peter & Paul's... 7.30pm

#### **2. Lenten Calendar 2011 - *Take to Heart, Put into Practice***

This Lenten Calendar has a very brief reflection for each day, including a phrase from that day's scripture readings. The intent of the Calendar is that the person take a few minutes each day to reflect on the text and try and put a word from that text into action. These Calendars will be distributed at all Masses this weekend for free.

#### **3. Lenten Scripture Study Groups:**

- 10am... Wednesday at Holy Family Community Centre  
7.30pm... Thursday at Holy Family Community Centre

#### **4. The Reflection:**

As an initiative of the Australian Church the Australian Bishops would like to invite you to participate on the free online program *The Reflection*. Each week during Lent the Bishops of Australia will be sharing their thoughts and reflections in a *lectio* style, on the Sunday Gospels leading towards Easter. By simply logging onto the website each week (<http://thereflection.vividas.com>) you will be able to participate in a *lectio divina* for Lent, working with it at your own pace and in your own time over the week.

#### **5. Project Compassion:**

Project Compassion boxes are available at the back of each Church. Please take one. Over Lent there will be a brief reflection in the Bulletin on how your generosity is helping individuals and families break out of the vicious cycle of poverty.

### **RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Lent developed in the Church as the special time of spiritual preparation for adults to be baptised at Easter. It is also the time for those already baptised to deepen their commitment to living out their baptism by ongoing conversion to the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.

This year at the Easter Vigil we will baptise two adults: **Lisa Ford** and **Tiffany Burns**, welcome **Sam Ford**, baptised in the Anglican Church, into the Catholic Church and complete the christian initiation of **Donna Courtney**, a baptised Catholic, through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

The various ceremonies that will be celebrated during Lent as part of their spiritual preparation can help all of us hopefully in our Lenten journey of conversion. The first ceremony will be next Sunday, March 13, at 9.30am Mass at Holy Family - Rite of Acceptance and Welcome.

### **COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP:**

On Friday March 18 at Holy Family Church, 11.30am, there will be a Mass for the children from Grades 3-6 of our three Catholic Primary Schools. The focus of the Mass will be on the Columban Partnership.

### **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.

## Faith Education:

**BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN:** This program for children of Catholic parents begins this Sunday, March 6, with a welcome ceremony at 9.30am Mass at Holy Family. Parents and children attend three night sessions looking at *Who is Jesus; Sacraments; Being Church*. There are also some lessons for the children during the first part of 9.30am Mass during the program.

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

At the Masses for this weekend 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.

## 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
- ◆ **FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE:** Domenica 20 Marzo nella chiesa di St Patrick in Britannia St Geelong West - alle ore 9.30am. La messa sara celebrata da Mons James Murray. Tutti siete benvenuti..

## Holy Family:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY MONDAY WOMEN'S GROUP:** A Jewellery Party this Monday, March 7, at 7pm in the Cluster Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. All welcome to come along and join in!

## Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **MEMBERS OF MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** are pleased to be able to advise that we are now resuming catering in the Hall after a Funeral Mass of Holy Spirit parishioners. Sandwiches, cakes/slice and hot soup will be provided in colder months, with tea and coffee (we purchase pastries if requested). If you can help we would love to hear from you - the more names we have means you are not required to help too often as we share it around. Ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

## Community News:

- Mar 9... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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 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 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!

**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** Several pilgrimages are available for those wishing to travel to Madrid: *The Real Madrid \$4,850; Italian Roadtrip \$6,390; Footsteps of Jesus \$6,290*. Details can be found on flyers at back of Church or [www.wydtours.com](http://www.wydtours.com) Closing date **Fri April 15**.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

**FR MICK'S MATES REGISTRATIONS: FINAL DAY FOR REGISTRATIONS IS TODAY, MARCH 6, 2011.** If you would like to support the group, merchandise will be on sale - hats, calendars, etc after ALL Masses today. **Please note - Carers and survivors please register for morning tea. Forms available at the Registration Table today.**

**BOAT TRIP (Fr Mick's Bay Cruise):** Calm seas, good food and better company ensured that the annual Bay Cruise around Corio Bay was an enjoyable and pleasant one. The success of such an event is due to the good efforts and support of many. Thanks to those who organized the Cruise - the printers and sellers of tickets, caterers, those who provided raffle prizes, those who joined us on the Cruise, etc. Again, another good community event in the spirit of being Fr Mick's Mates.

**MINI RELAY FOR LIFE - FR MICK'S MATES:** Preps-Grade 2 at Holy Family, Holy Spirit and St Pat's will gather on Friday March 18 at St Pat's Primary School, 11.30am, for a shared lunch (byo) and a mini 'Relay for Life' event. Fr Mick will lead the children out on the first lap!

**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.

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Time for examination of conscience! 'These words of mine' refer to nothing but the Sermon on the Mount. Take quiet time to read these words. Take quiet time to understand them. This may be the only opportunity you will have for Jesus to really *know* you when the storms come, especially the final storm of Death. Building your life on any other foundation is to live by someone else's words, and it will all come crashing down: 'And its fall was great.'

There is a beautiful prayer composed for the Lambeth Conference of Bishops in 1948. Let us take it to heart as we attempt to listen to the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, and to do them.

Almighty God, give us grace to be not only hearers, but doers of thy holy word, not only to admire, but to obey thy doctrine, not only to profess, but to practise thy religion, not only to love, but to live thy gospel. So grant that what we learn of thy glory we may receive into our hearts, and show forth in our lives: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.