



# 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

Have you ever noticed that Jesus begins and ends his public ministry in the wilderness? These deserts are the geographical bookends of the greatest story ever told. In today's Gospel we have Jesus in the desert for forty days. Much later, when condemned to death, Jesus is led out of the city and crucified at Golgotha, another dry and desolate location. In both places Jesus is tempted. In Mark we are never told what Satan's temptations in the desert were about. Luke and Matthew fill in those details. On the cross, however, Mark tells us that the crowd tempts Jesus to work a miracle, come down from the cross and save himself. In the first desert Jesus is ministered to by the angels and emerges to proclaim that the kingdom of God is close at hand. In the later desert Jesus is ministered to by his women disciples and is put to death as a consequence for the way he lived out the Kingdom he proclaimed.

It's clear from all the Gospels that the desert and the temptations stayed with Jesus throughout his life. What a comfort this is to us. Many of us do not need to go out and find a physical desert to know its claim on our lives. Temptations do not know geographical limitations. Indeed, the greater the number of options, the more temptations we have to take a destructive path.

When we look at how the desert is used in the Bible, mythology, art, literature and the cinema two competing images emerge. The first is that the desert can be a place of loss and ruin where some great heroes have gone and not returned. In another equally venerable tradition journeys to the desert, while filled with a mixture of pleasure and pain, are abundant with revelation, transformation and recreation.

These two descriptions do not have to be contradictory. As we find in Jesus' example, we do not have to give in to the temptation that the desert is only about loss, but we need to find a path there to negotiate a way out of it so that we can emerge recreated, the richer for the experience.

It's important to remember in our own particular deserts that temptation is not sin. To be tempted by something is not the same as doing it. Temptations are the allures that make destructive choices look good. In one sense, the bad news is that we know from the lives of the saints that the closer we get to God, the more temptations increase. The good news is that we can learn how to deal with them. (Cont'd P4)

## - First Sunday of Lent -

(Year B- February 26, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth,  
To those who keep your covenant.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.



### OUR LENTEN SONG:

Receive the Light of Christ.  
May he shine within our hearts,  
May the Christ-Light fill us  
With joy and peace

### PENITENTIAL RESPONSE:

*Touch us with your Light of  
Conversion.*

### 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)

### 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

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd Sunday)

## 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 27:** Bongiorno family, 49 Calder St; **Mar 5:** Wilson family, 12 Gladstone 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:** Leon Kavenagh (Sunshine Coast)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Heather Osborne, Danuta Augustyn

**BAPTISMS:** Charles McWilliam, Levi Whelan (P&P)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Margaret Dunn, Heidi Maguire, Ljerka Lehpamer, Dympna Murray, John Consedine, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Joseph Escorse, Gillian Henry, Fr Tony Redden, Yvonne Feales

*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 4, 2012.**

(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

P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo

M&E Hoffman

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

E Cotter

D Boyle, M Abbott, D Torpy

V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

### 11.00AM

M Currie

P Joyce, B Middleton

V Trinder, M Currie, P Joyce

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

C O'Brien

D Woods

N Neeld, P McGlinchy

## 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)
- . **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:*

## LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER DURING LENT

*"The Lenten season has a two-fold character - it recalls Baptism or prepares for it, and it stresses a penitential spirit (s109). During Lent penance should not only be internal and individual but also external and social (s110)" Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Vatican II. To make the most of Lent is a time of prayer, eg Mass attendance, family prayer, reading the scriptures. Self denial, eg limiting food and drink, Project Compassion is a major means of expressing self denial in Australia. Helping others, eg giving special attention to someone who is sick, elderly or lonely.*

**Feb 25 (Sat)...** **Welcome to Preps and Teachers** - of St Patrick's School 5pm at Holy Family Church (Please Note: **NOT** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church)

**Feb 26 (Sun)...** **Welcome to Preps and Teachers** - of Holy Family School 9.30am at Holy Family Church

**Feb 25/26...** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Feb 26...** **2012 DEANERY MASS:** St Mary's Basilica 5.30pm (light refreshments to follow). Bishop Vincent Long, the Regional Bishop, will be the Principal Celebrant. The Mass is an opportunity to welcome Bishop Vincent and celebrate the many and various ministries in the Deanery.

**Mar 3/4 (Sat/Sun)...** **RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS** - for the children of Holy Spirit School, 6pm & 11am Holy Spirit Church

**Mar 4 (Sun)...** **RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS** - for children in the Catechetical Program, 9.30am Holy Family Church

**Mar 3,10,11...** **RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS** - for children of St Patrick's School, 5pm & 11am at Ss P&P's Church

**Mar 4,11...** **RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS** - for children of Holy Family School, 9.30am Holy Family Church

**Mar 8 (Thurs)...** **COMBINED SCHOOL MASS** - Columban Partnership, 12noon Holy Family Church. At this Mass we extend a warm welcome to Fr Garry Walker, a Columban and editor of 'The Far East'.

**"TOWARDS THE LIGHT" - Lenten Reflections:** Group meetings are being held on **10am Monday, 7.30pm Monday, 10.00am Wednesday and 7.30pm Thursday**. If you ordered but haven't collected your 'Towards the Light' booklet, they are available in the Sacristy.

**"YOUR FACE, O LORD, I SEEK" - Lectio Divina: *Praying the Scriptures in Lent and Holy Week Year B 2012*.** The invitation during Lent is to spend some time reading and praying the scriptures. To assist you in this we have made available for you this resource this weekend... **and it's free!**

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Our Catechumens - **Lisa Jones, Scott McLean, Lisa Sells** and our already baptised Candidates - **Janice Cumming, Marguerite Giles, Rachel McLean, Jenny Stublely and Jessica Wallace**, will take part in the **Rite of Election** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, this Sunday Feb 26 at 2.30pm. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to join us at the Easter vigil.

**ROSTERS - Lectors, Commentators, Special Ministers, Welcomers, Projectionists:** New 2012/13 Rosters for all our parishes are available for pickup in the Sacristies. If you are on the roster please pick up your addressed envelope in the Sacristy of the Church in which you carry out your ministry. Thankyou.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION:**



Your support for Project Compassion gives expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those suffering from poverty and disadvantage. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Flabiana, whose family lost everything in the 1999 conflict following Timor Leste's independence. Flabiana joined Caritas Australia's Integrated Rural Community Development trainings, learning techniques for fast-growing crops, processing food and traditional medicines and breeding animals. Thanks to your solidarity with the poor, thousands of conflict-affected families like Flabiana's in Timor Leste are working towards a more just, peaceful and prosperous future.

**Please donate to Project Compassion today.**

## Cluster News:

### **FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE: Mar 17/18**

You are invited to participate in this year's Relay for Life at Deakin University, Waurin Ponds Campus, beginning Saturday March 17 12noon and finishing Sunday March 18 12noon.

Registrations can be made at each of the three parishes on Feb 25/26 and Mar 3/4.

Please see -	Holy Spirit...	Amy O'Brien
	Holy Family...	Bernadette Klein and Vicki Resciniti
	Ss P&P...	Desma Dougherty

There are a variety of levels of involvement to support the team - through registration (\$20), donation, purchasing of merchandise, a few 'coins in the box' and if you wish to attend on the weekend of Mar 17/18 you will be made most welcome (stay for as short or as long as you like). More information in coming weeks.

The merchandise available includes - Fr Mick's Mates caps (purple or white \$10), perpetual calendars (\$10). Also there are several tops on hand from previous years and these are for sale at \$5 each. The tops will only be on sale at Holy Family as the sizes are limited.

**CANCER SURVIVORS AND CARERS:** You are warmly welcome to attend the Survivors and Carers Morning Tea - Saturday March 17 at 10.30am, followed by a Survivors and Carers Walk at 12noon. If you wish to attend this Morning Tea please contact Trish Stickland, Team Captain, at the Parish office 5278 1343.

**FR MICK'S MATES MINI RELAY FOR LIFE:** The children from Preps through to Grade 2 from the three parish schools of Holy Family, Holy Spirit and St Patrick's, will be holding a Mini Relay for Life event at St Patrick's school grounds on March 8 at 11am. The focus of this event will be on Health and Wellbeing. Thanks to Trish Stickland, the Team Captain, for initiating and development of this event. Also thanks to the staff of the three primary schools.

## Easter Mailout Working Bee:

Easter is soon upon us and as part of our outreach to all known Catholics in the Pastoral Cluster we are again inviting them to our Easter Ceremonies via the Easter Mailout. Once again I would like to call on your generosity to assist us with the preparation of the Easter invitations for delivery.

**When:** Tuesday March 6th at 2pm

**Where:** Pastoral Cluster Office, 147 Separation St Bell Park

## Community News:

**Mar 2... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD SUPPORT GROUP:** This morning session is a practical workshop for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word. 10.15am-12.30pm at the Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde East Melbourne. For more details ph Frank Kearney on 5278 1343 (Mon-Wed).

**“ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** To be held at Wesley Uniting Church, Yarra St at 11am. The Guest Speaker will be Mons James Murray and the service is prepared by WDP Committee of Malaysia 'Let Justice Prevail'. Everyone is most welcome and a light lunch will follow the service. For details ph Sue O'Donoghue 5221 1584.

**Mar 7... SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall - cost \$8.

**Mar 18... ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE 2012 OPEN DAY:** 11am-2pm at the College in Peninsula Dve in Drysdale. Applications close **Friday May 18**. Email [info@ignatius.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@ignatius.vic.edu.au) or website [www.ignatius.vic.edu.au](http://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au) for more details.

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Usually, temptations have a context and a history. They can come when we are feeling most deserted and vulnerable and they normally strike us at the most susceptible points in our character. To deal with them we need to be aware of their pattern, the way they con us into believing that the destructive behaviour is 'not that bad', will be 'just this once', or 'for the last time'. As well, it helps if we are aware of the danger signs in our lives that can weaken our defences. Tiredness, boredom, anger, alcohol and drug use, lack of good communication and a poor self-esteem are common realities that can leave us more exposed than usual.

This Lent, as we venture with Christ into our figurative deserts, let's do anything that helps our self-esteem, deal with our anger, attend to why we might work or drink too much, and ensure that we are less stressed. Contrary to what we might think, these activities could be the most helpful ways we can make sure we emerge from our desert the better for having been there.