



# 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

In recent years the Ten Commandments have become an unusual staging ground for various groups within the Church. Some people complain that young Catholics don't know them off by heart. This position is countered by those who say that rather than being able to recite them we should live them, though it's hard to see how we can do one without the other. Still, others rightly claim that Jesus summarised them in his new commandments, 'To love God with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.'

The problem with teaching the Ten Commandments is not what they say, but how they say it. The idea of 'coveting' anything, but especially 'wives, slaves, ox and ass' are all a bit dated these days.

In an article entitled 'Preaching to the Modern Pagans' journalist Bryan Appleyard tells how he interviewed a person who kept quoting them at length. Later he decided to read them for the first time since childhood and he was struck by their insightfulness into the human character. Appleyard thought all the Ten Commandments needed was a makeover so that we can reclaim the power of them.

'You shall have no other gods beside me.' Be serious!

'You shall not carve idols for yourselves ...nor bow down before them.' Get real!

'You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.' Be humble!

'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day ...' Be quiet!

'Honour your father and your mother ...' Respect age!

'You shall not kill.' Do not kill, for all murder is suicide!

'You shall not commit adultery.' Mean what you say!

'You shall not steal.' Do not steal, or all the world will die!

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.' Honour others, their frailties are usually your own!

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house or wife ... Be kind, be generous and don't play around!

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## - Third Sunday of Lent -

(Year B- March 11, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.



### OUR LENTEN SONG:

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

### PENITENTIAL RESPONSE:

Strengthen us with the  
Light of Wisdom

### 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:

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.

**MASS AT 'WING AND A PRAYER':** Mass is held Mon-Fri 1.05pm in Malop St (next door to Darrel Lea). All welcome!

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Maxwell Peart, Phyllis Eckel, Paul Matthews, Yvonne O'Donnell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Giovanni & Teresa Cito, Rita & Giuseppi Vivian, Aldo Scarpetti, Marcella Conti, Reg McFarlane, Robert Batna

**BAPTISMS:** Harry Allum, Pa;ris Hobbs, Patrick McCaughley (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 Seales, Margaret Donaghy

*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 18, 2012.**

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### 8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh

R&L Allum

### 9.30AM

L Lehpamer

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, E Glynn, M Fiorillo

E Dalton

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

Sr J McGonigal

J McKenzie

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

V Logan

B Stocks

### 11.00AM

J McCarthy

G Brown, M Kroger

V Trinder, L Fossey

I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

D Brown

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

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## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- . **Holy Family Luncheon -** Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO food and 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 Wednesday 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. An important element in the life of the Church to assist this two-fold character of the Lenten season, we have the **RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults...***

An integral part of the RCIA program is the **Scrutinies** which are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in our hearts, and to bring out then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. **The First Scrutiny** will be held at 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit this weekend for our Elect to be baptised; **Lisa Jones, Scott McLean** and **Lisa Sells** and for our baptised Candidates preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep these good people in your prayers.

- Mar 10,11...** **RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS** - for children of St Patrick's School, 5pm & 11am at Ss P&P's Church
- Mar 10...** **FIRST SCRUTINY RCIA** - 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit (readings from Year A)
- Mar 11...** **RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS** - for children of Holy Family School, 9.30am Holy Family Church
- Mar 16...** **ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS** - 9.15am at St Patrick's Chapel
- Mar 17...** **SECOND SCRUTINY RCIA** - 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's (readings from Year A)
- Mar 18...** **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** - 9.30am at Holy Family and 11am at Holy Spirit
- Mar 25...** **THIRD SCRUTINY RCIA** - 9.30am Mass Holy Family (readings from Year A)
- Mar 25...** **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** - 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's

### **EASTER MAILOUT:**

Invitations to our Easter Ceremonies to all known Catholics are available in the backs of our Churches. They are organized according to alphabetical street order. If you are able to take a couple of streets and place them in people's letter boxes, that would be much appreciated.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION:**



Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps create the just and compassionate world that God desires. Zimbabwe was once known as the 'breadbasket of Africa', yet enduring conflict and prolonged drought reversed this prosperity. This week we meet Colletta, once bed ridden with life-threatening illnesses. Throughout Zimbabwe's crises, thanks to the strength of Caritas Australia's local church partnerships, your support continues building the resilience of vulnerable families by supplying seedlings, gardening equipment, rehabilitating boreholes and training volunteers to provide home-based care for seriously ill people. Colletta is now able to work to support her elderly mother and children.

**Please donate to Project Compassion today to allow such partnerships to continue and expand to others in need.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!!**

This week there have been three good and positive experiences of community and outreach. **Firstly**, many thanks for the generosity of effort and time to those who came to prepare the Easter Mailouts for delivery. **Secondly**, at St Patrick's the Preps through to Grade 2's came together for an enjoyable Mini Relay for Life event. The morning included prayer, a fun input on health and wellbeing and a piper and Fr Mick led the children out for a couple of laps of the oval. Many thanks to the staff, students and parents for their participation. Special thanks to Trish Stickland who organized this successful event. **Thirdly**, at Holy Family the children from Grade 3 through to Grade 6 participated at a Mass which focused on awareness and their contribution to the Columban Partnership. Again, many thanks to the staff and students for their thought provoking and prayerful involvement. Also special thanks to Fr Garry Walker, a Columban Priest who gave the Homily and words of encouragement to our young people.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 12 March**. Also, there will be **NO MASS AT VINCENTIAN VILLAGE**.

## Cluster News:

**FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE: Mar 17/18 (Deakin University Campus, Waurin Ponds)**

**CANCER SURVIVORS AND CARERS MORNING TEA:** Saturday March 17 at 10.30am. If you wish to attend this Morning Tea please contact Trish Stickland, Team Captain, at the Parish office 5278 1343. **NB:** The Registrations for this event close **Wed Mar 14.**

**CANCER SURVIVORS AND CARERS WALK:** Saturday March 17, 12noon.

**PARISH BBQ:** Saturday March 17, 7.30pm at Deakin University. BYO meat and drink with salad to share. Please go to Fr Mick's Mates tent.

**CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY:** Saturday March 17, 9pm.

*Also assistance is required for the setup of the tent at 10am on Saturday morning. If you are able to assist please give David Lunn a ring on 0408 378 982.*

### HOLY FAMILY:

- ♦ **REFURBISHMENT DONORS BOOK:** In the Narthex there are a couple of copies of names of people who made a formal donation to the refurbishment for Holy Family Church. If you are one such person please check to see if we have the correct spelling of your name. Sorry for the late response - *Fr Gerard*
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY LUNCHEON:** This luncheon is held every third Sunday of the month. You are welcome to attend - please bring food and drink to share. (Cold meat, salad, drinks etc rather than BBQ food)

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

- ♦ **IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:** 11am-4pm **Sunday March 18** at St Patrick's Primary School, Britannia St Geelong West. A great fun day for family - rides, bric-a-brac, food stalls, entertainment as well as the 'Leprechaun Drop' (a chance to win \$1,000 cash). All welcome!
- ♦ **ST PATRICK'S PAST PUPILS REUNION:** Sphinx Hotel, Thomson Rd North Geelong at 6.30pm. RSVP Shirley 5248 3347.
- ♦ **FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE:** Domenica 18 Marzo 2012 nella chiesa di St Patrick in Britannia St Geelong West - alle ore 9.30am. La messa sarà celebrata da Mons James Murray. Tutti siete benvenuti.
- ♦ Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 15th March at 7.30pm for **Vincenza Scarola**, who died in Italy a month ago. Anyone can come to this Mass.

### HOLY SPIRIT:

- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** We will be having our trip to Barwon Park Winchelsea on **Wed 21 March**. Information/transport ph Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.

## Community News:

**Mar 14... KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm Clairvaux Meeting Room. **Deputy State Chairman** will be present. Please make every effort to attend. Bring a plate of supper.

**GEELONG HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:** We welcome Mrs Maria Gill who will be the Catholic Chaplain to Geelong Hospital and Geelong Private Hospital. We wish her every blessing for this important ministry to the Geelong Catholic community.

**SAMARITAN HOUSE CO-ORDINATOR:** The Geelong Region is soon to establish an Overnight Shelter for homeless men. If you are interested in being employed as a Co-ordinator, please forward your application to

[lisa.dalla-zuana@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:lisa.dalla-zuana@aus.salvationarmy.org) or ph 5244 9500.

**Applications close 4pm Monday March 19.**

### **OPEN DAYS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS:**

#### **St Ignatius College:**

Sunday March 18, 11am-2pm, Information Session 11am

*See the College at Work - Wed May 2, 9am-12noon*

Ph 5251 1136, email [info@ignatius.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@ignatius.vic.edu.au)

Web: [www.ignatius.vic.edu.au](http://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au)

#### **Sacred Heart College:**

Option 1: Tour 1 - 3.45pm, Information Session 5-5.45pm

Option 2: Tour 2 - 5.30pm, Information Session 7-7.45pm

Ph 5221 4211, email [reception@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:reception@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)

Web: [www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)

#### **Clonard College:**

Friday March 23, Tours 1pm & 4pm

*See the College at Work - Mon March 26, 9.15am*

Ph 5278 2155, email [office@clonard.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@clonard.catholic.edu.au)

Web: [www.clonard.catholic.edu.au](http://www.clonard.catholic.edu.au)

#### **St Joseph's College:**

Friday April 20, 9am-12noon Student Guided Tours,

4pm-6.30pm Staff Guided Tours

Ph 5226 8100, email [sjcoffice@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:sjcoffice@sjc.vic.edu.au)

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So by putting some ancient words into the modern vernacular we are exhorted this Sunday to seriousness, facing reality, humility, creating space, respecting age, honesty, and fidelity, and we are bluntly told to stop killing and stealing. There is nothing old fashioned about these challenges. As in other instances, we can see that it's not what our tradition has to say but the way we say it that can be the problem.

And today's Gospel tells us of the consequences of moving away from these guiding principles. I think we need to take Jesus' anger very seriously. Rightly we have emphasised the love and compassion of Jesus over recent decades because for far too long the steadfast love of Christ was under-emphasised. We should never think, however, that it cancels out the anger God feels when he sees an unjust world filled with people who know better and do nothing.

God has given us the Ten Commandments, the Law, the Prophets and Jesus his Son, so that we might know the Way, the Truth and the Life. When we are called to account for how we spent our lives, whom we loved and how we made the world a better place for all, most of us will not be able to plead ignorance. May our Eucharist this Sunday enable us to be mindful of what the Ten Commandments say, but even more may it give us the courage and strength to live them out in a world that needs witnesses to them more than ever.