



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

Sometimes the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace. But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action.

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- 3rd Sunday of Easter -

(Year B- April 22, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

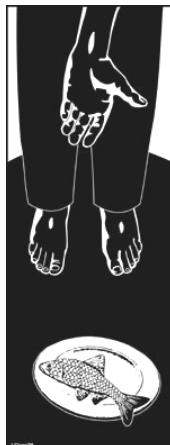
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**4th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12
2nd Reading: 1Jn 3:1-2
Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

**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: **Apr 23** - Iannuzzi family, 17 Roxby St; **Apr 30** - Iozzo family, 21 Manifold St;

May 7 - Kolotelo family, 23 Bostock Ave; **May 14** - Spitale family, 4 Marathon 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: Brodie Stead, Brian Hansen, Selifida Bvianco (Philippines), Clarice Canny, Bobby Jones, Benjamin Kerr

ANNIVERSARIES: Hannah Barr, Angela Zuclich, Giuseppe Ruggeri, John Haines, Joseph & Jack Brady, Maria Ivelja

BAPTISMS: Lucas, Oscar & Samuel Wealands, Hamish White, Eva Zajc (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Margaret Dunn, Heidi Maguire, Ljerka Lehpamer, Dympna Murray, John Consedine, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Joseph Escorse, Gillian Henry, Yvonne Seales, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Coppelino

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, APRIL 29, 2012.

(5th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

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

M Lacy

G Harrison

B Murphy, R O'Neill

M Brown, P Ryan

J Lynch

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

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

R&K Maddalena

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:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

THANKYOU!

We are a Eucharistic people. Eucharist means Thanksgiving. In the last few weeks there have been a number of things that as a community for which we give thanks.

Firstly, all those who have been involved in our Easter Ceremonies, especially Frank Kearney our Liturgy Co-Ordinator.

Secondly, last weekend at Holy Spirit Church we had the celebration of Divine Mercy. Special thanks to Bishop Vincent Long who presided over our Mass and to Roland Kolotelo who organized the Mass and who has done a great job in promoting this devotion in Geelong.

Thirdly, last Thursday evening there was the Deanery dinner and it was an opportunity for the various groups within the Geelong Catholic Church to gather. Thanks to Catherine Moon, the Deanery Co-Ordinator, and her team for organizing this event.

Fourthly, thankyou to those who generously supported Project Compassion.

LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER

This weekend at all the Masses the focus is on the Anzac Day tradition. It is an opportunity to give thanks for those who fought to ensure the freedoms we have today, as well as to reflect on issues on war and peace. We remember lest we forget.

- Apr 29...** **PRESENTATION OF COUNCILORS CHEQUES** for the upgrade of the Holy Family ramp. 8am and 9.30am at Holy Family Church.
- May 6...** **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD -** 9.30am Mass at Holy Family and 11am Mass at Holy Spirit
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- May 12/13...** **MOTHERS DAY MASSES -** The school children will be involved at 5pm Ss P&P, 6pm Holy Spirit and 9.30am Holy Family Masses. The focus of these Masses is to celebrate the important vocation of Motherhood.
- June 17...** **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD -** 9.30am Mass at Holy Family and 11am Mass at Holy Spirit
- June 24...** **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD -** 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's

HOLY FAMILY RAMP:

Just over 12 months ago we had the renovation of Holy Family Church. To complete the refurbishment we needed to undertake an upgrade of the ramp so that it could be more aesthetically pleasing and could provide good access for the elderly and those with disabilities. I'm delighted to announce that a new ramp will soon be erected. The drawings of the new ramp are on the noticeboard at Holy Family Church.

The payment of this new ramp will be made possible because of the generous support of Councilors Srechko (Stretch) and Eddy Kontelj, who together are allocating \$50,000 from their Council Ward funding. The Councilors have a discretion to allocate funds to a community organization that is making a valuable contribution to the wider community. Both Councilors, Eddy and Stretch, wanted to recognize Holy Family's contribution through this Ward funding. The wider City of Geelong councilors supported the proposal.

There will be a presentation of the cheques at the 8am and 9.30am Masses at Holy Family this Sunday.

Cluster News:

PLEASE NOTE:

- ♦ The luncheon at Ss Peter & Paul's Hall has been changed to **April 22**.
- ♦ **Catholic Women's League Health Awareness Committee** are holding a Brunch at RACV Club, Bourke St Melbourne from 11am to 1pm on **Tuesday May 8**. Cost \$45 and funds go to Ovarian Cancer. There will be a guest speaker. Coach will be running from Geelong at extra cost payable on day. For tickets and more details ph Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063 by April 23.

Holy Spirit:

- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** next meeting will be on **Wed May 2**. This will be held at Moorabool Valley Chocolate by Design, 320 Ballarat Rd Batesford, 11am and stay on for lunch. We do require definite numbers attending. To book and if you require transport please ph Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063. We also have suggested as it is close to Mothers Day that we come along with a memory or memento of our Mothers.

Community News:

- Apr 29...** **SPECIAL FUNDRAISING MOVIE FOR "THE MELANIE JEWSON FOUNDATION":** "The Way" will screen at the Village Cinema 1, 2.30pm to support the raising of funds to purchase specific medical equipment for the Port Vila Hospital in Vanuatu. Tickets \$20, please contact Debra Brown 0408 583 299.
- May 3...** **CHARITY GOLF DAY:** Run by the Southern Cross Golf Club with all proceeds to SVDP. Shotgun start 12noon at Torquay Golf Club VGA VLGA. Ph Ray Chapman 5243 3305.
- May 4...** **DEMENTIA AWARENESS for home and community care and aged care volunteers** - All volunteers working within Home & Community Care programs are encouraged to attend the McKellar Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm. Light refreshments, no charge, facilitator - Alzheimers Australia: Wendy Henderson. RSVP 20 April 12.
- May 10...** **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH:** Chris Mackey is offering free public lectures on mental health and wellbeing and the next meeting will be on **Positive Psychology** from individual to city-wide interventions. 7.30-8.45pm at Geelong West Town Hall, Supper Room.
- May 14...** **DEMENTIA AWARENESS for home and community care and aged care volunteers** - All volunteers working within Home & Community Care programs are encouraged to attend the McKellar Centre, 1-4pm. Light refreshments, no charge, facilitator - Alzheimers Australia: Wendy Henderson. RSVP 30 April 12.
- June 15-17...** **TABOR JOURNEY PROGRAM:** For separated, divorced or widowed people coping with the loss, grief, heartache and struggle that follows the end of a marriage/relationship. Ph CatholicCare 5221 7055 or email geelong@ccam.org.au

GEELONG CATHOLIC DEANERY:

- ♦ **MUSICIANS AND SINGERS WANTED FOR REGULAR DEANERY MASS:** The 5.30pm Sunday Mass at St Mary's is well attended by younger people. Music from younger people would add considerably to both the power and atmosphere of the Mass. Do we have musicians and singers who can help provide music - not every Sunday, unless they want to, but from time to time? Further information from Fr Kevin Dillon - frkd@stmarysgeelong.com.au

LANTERN PROCESSION: This Procession held on **Friday 25th May at St Mary's** Basilica, is part of the Sound and Light Event to mark the Feast of Pentecost and to open the Festival from 6-8pm. For further details contact Jeanette on 5223 3554.

SAMARITAN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS: Samaritan House Geelong is seeking two male volunteer supervisors for each night of operation, 7pm-8am. Volunteers will be rostered for max of one night per month. Also there is a need for daytime volunteers, male or female, for cleaning, gardening, food preparation etc. Please contact St Mary's Office on 5222 1977.

ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL: You would be aware that the Hospital is undergoing A major redevelopment. If you are interested in following this development you can go to their webpage: www.sjog.org.au/geelongredevelopment We wish the St John of God Hospital Community every good blessing in this project and we give thanks for the tremendous healthcare they offer the community of Geelong.

RIGHT TO LIFE is hosting a dinner on **April 28** to fundraise support for their Pregnancy Counselling 24-hour service which is a telephone service to assist pregnant mothers in crisis. The trained counsellors provide voluntary help Australia wide around the clock every day of the year and does not receive Govt funding. For details www.pregnancycounsellingaustralia.com.au or ph Mary Collier on 9385 0100.

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The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins. A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.