



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... By Fr Michael Tate

The Sowing of the Seed

In Australia, so far as I know, a farmer ploughs the land and *then* plants the seed. In Galilee, the farmer scattered the seed on the old field and therefore on tracks which people made walking across it after cropping, on thorny areas, and also on what he hoped was good soil. He *then* ploughed in the seed. It is a wonder that anything grew, and generally the return was about 7:1. In a previous parable Jesus had spoken of the Kingdom he was inaugurating as if it would turn out to be like a bumper harvest of up to a hundredfold.

What would such a harvest mean for a peasant tilling the rocky soil of Galilee? It would mean release from the endless servitude to a landlord, generation after generation. It would mean liberation, not only from hunger, but from the power structure which was quite content with a permanent underclass of subsistence farmers. In other words, Jesus was telling his listeners that God's Kingdom would turn the world as they knew it 'upside down'. As Mary sang in the Magnificat: 'The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.' Power structures would be shattered by the impulses of the Gospel to create a society where there was a just distribution of the world's resources.

Naturally, the peasant farmers of Galilee wanted to know 'when' and 'how'. We want to know the 'when' and the 'how' of the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God. Jesus' answer to them, and to us, is basically: 'It is not for you to know. Just get on with the sowing of the Gospel seed. Something will happen with the seed you sow, something out of all proportion to your part in the process.' Our Lord pictured this by contrasting the tiny mustard seed and the mustard bush which he even exaggerates into a tree in which birds could find shelter! In this parable Jesus says: 'Be patient, allow the creative power of God to work in the earth and the small seed will be "raised up".'

When did God's creative power work in the depths of the stony ground so that the Gospel Seed was raised up? The answer is, of course, in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. And what effect did this have? We read in the Acts of the Apostles concerning the early Christian community that 'The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.' (Acts 2:44)

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B- June 17, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

1st Reading: Is 49:1-6

2nd Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Lk 1:57-66,80



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 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: Margaret Dunn

ANNIVERSARIES: Carmelo Coppolino, Eileen Clarke, Colin & Charlotte Henderson, Ivan Jovic, Rachel Peso

BAPTISMS: Niamh Healy, Dustin McAninly, Charlotte & Tamiah Wakefield (HS), Keely Drayton, Brayden Hudynski, Sonny Pavic (HF)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Heidi Maguire, John Consedine, Florence Williams, Gillian Henry, Yvonne Seales, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Coppelino, Andrew Stocks, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Pat Baum

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012.

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

M Foley

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

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

LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER

We welcome Fr Peter Foley who will be our Supply Priest whilst Fr Mick is on leave with his family during June.

We thank Fr Peter for his generous support.

- June 17... **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit
- June 23/24... **PROPAGATION OF FAITH** - Collection at all Masses.
- " **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - 11am at Ss Peter & Paul's
- June 28... **CLASS MASS** - 9.15am at Holy Family Church for Preps



MASS OF THE ANOINTING:

At Ss Peter & Paul's with Luncheon to follow on Wednesday June 27 at 11.30am.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: The Winter Edition of Australian Catholics is available for free. The magazine focuses on Faith and Living for Contemporary Catholics - this quarter's edition is on the Church and Education and topics covered are: *My School, a Place of Possibility; how do schools open pathways for students and how do they bridge students' reality and dreams?* There is a variety of other interesting articles on this important topic.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL - HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH: The annual winter appeal collection will be held during the weekend of **June 16/17**. These funds will assist those people in our parish who face difficulties during the cold winter months.

FESTA DI SANT' ANTONIO: Domenica 17 Giugno 2012 nella chiesa di St Patrick in Geelong West - alle ore 9.30am, sara' celebrare la festa in onore di Sant' Antonio. S. Messa solenne celebrare da Mons James Murray. Dopo la Santa Messa ci sara' la processione all' aperto nel cortile della scuola. E distribuzione dei Panini. Tutti siete benvenuti.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: There will be a 2nd collection on **June 23/24** to support the Catholic Missions. The focus of this year's Mission Appeal is **"Feed My Body, Feed My Soul"**. Recent drought and famine have left thousands of people in remote southern Ethiopia vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition. With limited access to health, education and nutrition, the need for physical and spiritual support is greater than ever. With support through Catholic Mission, the local Catholic Church's health and emergency food program has already saved many lives across the region. By continuing to support missionaries and build churches in partnership with local communities, the Catholic Church is also feeding the spiritual hunger of the people.

COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP IN THE PHILIPPINES: As part of our engagement with the Columbans, we have also had a connection with the Kuya Centre (a home and place of education for street boys in Manila). Sr Kate O'Neill RNDM, the daughter of John and Ruth O'Neill from Holy Spirit Parish, has been engaged in this work for many years. A note from Br Paul Murphy FMS:

Dear Friends of Kuya, I'm happy to report that Kuya Centre is fully operational with Br Luc SC as Director, two social workers, two house parents and two full time volunteers. In addition Sr Bing, on her return from studies in October, will rejoin the staff and take up the important role of executive social worker. The full gamut of services to kids namely on/from the streets, in the centre, home/family assistance and parental training are fully restored. While services to the family and community were never suspended the others had been during construction so their restoration is very satisfying outcome. While in Manila in December I was dismayed by the big number of vagrant kids 'rabbiting' around aimlessly in Kuya's area of endeavour/mission. I trust that Kuya's reopening will impact on these kids, get them home, back to school, provide family support and training. Br Luc has done a magnificent job in setting things up and dealing with the last stages of the building. Staff training days have been provided to ensure a smooth re-start. The children have also taken part in leadership programs. (Br Paul)

Cluster News:

- ♦ **HOLIDAYS, HOLIDAYS!!!** Fr Mick will be away from June 11 till July 2 on annual leave. We wish him an enjoyable and relaxing time with his family.
- ♦ On July 3 through to July 8 Fr Gerard will be at the World Community for Christian Meditation National Silent Retreat at Newman College in Melbourne University. Fr Laurence Freeman OSB will be the Retreat Director.
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY LUNCHEON:** 12noon at the Pastoral Cluster Office today, Sunday June 17.

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$28. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington St. For more information and reservations please ph Terry on 5221 7330.

Community News:

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

June 19/26... THREE EVENINGS CENTERED ON THE GOSPEL OF ST JOHN: With Fr Frank Moloney at 7.30pm in the Wesley Church Hall, 100 Yarra St Geelong. For more information/enquiries ph 5222 4101.

July 22... ROMEO & JULIET: Geelong Repertory Theatre Company is presenting this much-loved Shakespeare classic at the Woodbin Theatre in Coronation St Geelong West. Tickets \$18/25 available from GPAC 5225 1200 or online.

July 27... OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE VICTORIAN PILGRIMAGE TO RIO 2013: 6.30pm Praise and Worship, 7.30pm Mass, 8.30pm Carnivale at St Mary of the Sea, 33 Howard St West Melbourne.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Would you like to join us but don't like night meetings? Why not come along on a Thursday afternoon at 2pm once a month to Ss Peter & Paul's in Geelong West and find out the many different things we do. Ph 5243 2870 if you are interested.

SPECIAL MINISTERS FOR HOLY COMMUNION are needed for the Multicultural Aged Centre - Bella Chara. There is no need to have any previous experience, this is a very fulfilling ministry and requires only ONE HOUR a month on a Sunday morning. The Catholic residents would greatly appreciate receiving Holy Communion as they are unable to go to Mass, so please contact Fr Gerard, Fr Mick or ring Sue O'Donoghue 5221 1584.

ANAM CARA HOUSE GEELONG: Anam Cara (a Gaelic name which means 'Soul Friends') House Geelong is a non-denominational community service providing care for people affected by life-limiting illness. The services provided are: a Day Hospice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, overnight respite and carer accommodation. The Day Hospice and overnight respite is staffed by experienced palliative care nurses who are supported by specially trained palliative care volunteers. Palliative care is an integrated system of care that "improves the quality of life of patients and their families who face life limiting illness, by providing pain- and system-relief, spiritual and psychological support from diagnosis to the end of life and bereavement. For more information about Anam Cara ph 5222 5831 or website www.achg.org.au.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: A note of thanks from the Artistic Director, Frank DeRosso to the parishioners of Ss Peter & Paul's community - **Sacred Encounters 'Windfire' Festival of Sacred Music:**

Dear Fr Keith, I am writing to thank you and Ss Peter & Paul's community for hosting a workshop on Eastern Chant, Eastern Sacred Music, with Symon Kohut, as part of our 'WindFire' Festival of Sacred Music in Geelong's Churches, and also for assisting us in bringing the Festival to the notice of your congregation. We were delighted to work in co-operation with your community and thank you sincerely. We plan to present more Festivals and concerts in the future and hope to be able to work with you again. (Frank DeRosso)

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In other words, the social system was being subverted by the power of the Gospel. A more just distribution of resources was taking place in the immediate aftermath of the proclamation of the Resurrection by Peter on the Feast of Pentecost.

I think it is very telling that a little further on in the Acts of the Apostles we read: 'The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no-one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.' (Acts 4:32-33)

There is a correlation between the commitment of Christians to a just distribution of the world's resources and the proclamation of the Lord's resurrection. Only if the commitment is authentic and real will the proclamation be powerful and effective.

So, let us lead lives with an authentic dimension of social justice, let us get on with sowing the seed of the Gospel whenever we get the opportunity, let God get on with germinating that seed with the power of the Resurrection so that the Tree of Life may grow to such a height that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade.'

A VOCATION VIEW:

A woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Hers is the most beautiful story of vocation, when Mary said "Let it be done unto me according to thy will."

Can you make the choice?