



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 Fr Michael Tate -

Subverting the Social Order - This is a story of subversion, subversion of the social order turned upside down by the healing presence of Jesus.

Jesus is approached by one of the local elite: a male, with a name [Jairus], prestige, an advocate for his twelve year old daughter, and he knows the correct procedure, adopting a deferential posture. Jesus hears his request to heal his daughter and sets off.

Jesus' progress is stopped in its tracks by a contrary figure: a woman, with no name, voiceless, because of her haemorrhaging blood had ostracised her from social and religious contacts, and she adopted the utterly wrong approach. She touched Jesus, or at least his clothing, which risked contaminating him with her 'uncleanness'. But she was immediately healed. This voiceless, marginalised woman was healed at every level of her person: physical, social and religious. She could now mix with people and attend the synagogue. All the woman needed to do was get close and have faith that Jesus would restore her to a life worthy of a human being.

By the way, that is the best way to approach confession - not coming to a judge or magistrate to plead guilty and receive a punishment, but taking Jesus at his word when he spoke of himself as a physician. You or I should come into the confessional conscious of whatever is making one ill-at-ease with God, with others or with creation because of something one has done or failed to do. Bring that dis-ease into close proximity to Jesus as the Divine Physician. The confessional is 'the hem of his cloak'. He sends you or I out as a healed person in all individual, social and religious dimensions of personality.

But to return to the gospel. Jesus stops and looks around: 'Who touched me?' The disciples are unreconstructed supporters of the social status quo. They regard stopping to find out who touched Jesus as an unfortunate and rather misguided interruption to the important task of continuing on to the house of the local leader, the male at the top of the social scale who had so properly pleaded on behalf of his daughter. But, Jesus does stop and one of the most beautiful moments in the Gospel ensues.

The woman gets her voice back, tells Jesus it was she who had broken all the taboos and touched him. He turns to her and says: 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B- July 1, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord,
For you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his Gospel.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 2:2-5
2nd Reading: 2Cor 12:7-10
Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

**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: Mileto family, 82 Sladen St.

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: Fr Thu Duc Nguyen SJ

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Radojevic, Alfredo Ciuffetelli, Osorio Almeida, Mary & Harry Callander, Vincenzo Pitaro, Alki & Dimmy DaCosta, Clifton Diniz, Louisa Rodrigues, Vincenzo Pitaro, Jean Allison, Antonio Fiorillo, Ernesto & Assunta DeLorenzo, Frank & Helen DeLorenzo, Zvonko Miocic

BAPTISMS: Orlando Bramely-Lombardo, Isaac Broadbent, Grace Grgic (HS)

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

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, JULY 8, 2012.

(2nd 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

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

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 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:

July 22... **First Communion of Parish Group** - 9.30am Holy Family
 Children's Liturgy - 11am Ss Peter & Paul's

July 29... **First Communion of Parish Group** - 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit

RELAY FOR LIFE 2012 - FR MICK'S MATES: A letter received from Linda Valentino, Community Relations and Fundraising, Cancer Council Victoria, to Trish Stickland, our team captain on June 22, 2012 -

*Thankyou for renewing your Research Award in 2012. We're delighted that your generous donation of \$16,716.85 has been allocated to the **Fr Mick's Mates Research Award**. However, the project you funded last year is now complete. This will now support the work of Associate Prof Paul Ekert and Prof Angel Lopez towards research into the treatment and causes of leukaemia.*

RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:

Lay Title - Translational and post-translational mechanisms regulating apoptosis in cytokine receptor signalling; **Tumour Type** - Leukaemia; **Field of Research** - Biochemistry and Cell Biology; **Focus of Research** - Research into the treatment and causes of leukaemia

Anticipated Outcome - This project explores the way in which molecules called growth factors keep cells alive. These mechanisms are often functioning abnormally in cancer cells, giving them a survival advantage over normal cells. This work explores this survival advantage in cancer cells and ways to treat it.

PASTORAL CLUSTER COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP: From July 15 to July 20 a group from the Pastoral Cluster (Principals of the three Primary Schools, three teachers, Trish Stickland and Fr Gerard) will be visiting the Philippines. The purpose of the visit is to regenerate our Partnership with the Columbans and the Kuya Centre. Over the coming weeks I will provide some insight into this Partnership and how together we can make a difference in the service of the poor.

Some detail and rationale of our Columban Partnership which also includes an association with the Religious Order 'Our Lady of the Missions' (an order which Sr Kate O'Neill, formerly of Holy Spirit Church, is a member. Sr Kate is working with the poor in the Philippines)

- ◆ The mission of the Church is to implement the teachings of Jesus in the world today. This includes affirmation of the human person, human dignity, the family (the vital cell of society), the promotion of the political and economic institutions to be at the service of the whole community, the stewardship of creation, the promotion of peace and justice.
- ◆ The Pastoral Cluster is endeavouring to be true to this Mission through the Columban Partnership Program.
- ◆ The Columban Partnership has three aims:
 1. To develop lasting relationships with a view to understanding, mutuality, friendship and mission in the global village and respect for diversity of individuals, cultures and beliefs.
 2. To engage Australians in a firsthand experience of mission in the developing world.
 3. To prompt program participants to engage in further mission activity of whatever kind.
- ◆ Furthermore, the Pastoral Cluster has these additional aims:
 1. Utilise this Partnership program to enhance the community spirit within the parishes and primary schools and between the parishes and the primary schools
 2. To fundraise for a variety of poverty-reducing programs
 3. Further develop amongst the people of Geelong, especially the young, an awareness, motivation and an opportunity to serve the poor.

Why the Columban Priests and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions?

They have a close integral relationship with the local communities that are the beneficiaries of the Partnership. They have local knowledge and an effective social infrastructure network in place. They have an impressive record of innovation and practice in addressing the causes of poverty.

Cluster News:

- ♦ **HOLIDAYS, HOLIDAYS!!!** During the school holidays the office will operate according to our holiday program. If no one is in attendance please leave a message on the answering machine or, alternatively, via our email cluster@cam.org.au
- ♦ We welcome Fr Mick back from holidays on Monday July 2nd.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday July 4**, 1.30pm in the old tennis room at the Parish Hall. Numbers for those attending our Communion Luncheon in Melbourne on July 31st will be required at this meeting. Cost is \$30. For transport or information to meeting please ph Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus said, "Do not fear, only believe."

Do we believe that God will answer our prayers for more priests and consecrated religious for our Church?

Pray, believing that your prayers will be answered.

THANKYOU, THANKYOU!! Firstly, thankyou to those who volunteered to be a Special Minister at the Bella Chara section of the Multicultural Centre. Secondly, thankyou to all those who assisted in the preparation of our Mass of Anointing at Ss Peter & Paul's last Wednesday, and a special thanks to those who provided the luncheon afterwards.

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.

The Holy Spirit branch would like to thank all parishioners for their generous support on the weekend of 2/3 June. An amount of \$1080 was raised and will help us considerably as we carry out our work for those in need.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving:*

"Your abundance at the present time should supply their needs" (2Cor 8:14)

Economic crisis can teach us many valuable stewardship lessons. We are quickly realising that as individuals and as a society, we really did not need everything that we wanted. We are also learning to count our blessings and to see that we have been abundantly blessed by God. And, hopefully, we are becoming more willing to share our gifts with those who truly are in need.

Community News:

- Jul1/5-7...** **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 2...** **SHIRLEY POWER IN CONCERT:** 1.30pm in the Belmont Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St. Entry \$3 - tea/coffee after.
- July 4...** **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$8.
- 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.

ANAM CARA HOUSE FURNITURE AND HOMEWARES SALE:

Downsizing? Moving? Trying to sell unwanted furniture or homewares? Sell them or display them for a "Silent Auction", and help Anam Cara House as well. The sale will be held at a central Geelong location (to be confirmed) on Friday Aug 3 (6-9pm), Sat Aug 4 (9am-3pm), Sun Aug 5 (10am-3pm). All items must be in very good condition. 25% of receipts to be retained by Anam Cara House to continue its important work of "caring for carers", and for those suffering a life-threatening illness. Max of 25 vendors, so interested sellers should contact Anam Cara House soon for full details - h.hunter@achg.org.au, or phone 5222 5831.

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.

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He, Our Lord Jesus Christ, calls the outcast who had endured social isolation for twelve years, 'Daughter'. This woman heard this term of relationship, this term of affection and care, 'Daughter', from the lips of Jesus. Can you imagine the liberating and joyful effect of hearing that title of honour and love from Our Lord? Yes, Jesus went on to heal the little girl. But unlike the disciples he did not regard stopping as an interruption. It was a priority which totally subverted the expectations and the power structures of that society.

We are not Hindus. A caste system within the church is utterly at odds with this gospel. The Church is distorted if power, prestige, pedigree or wealth give one special status. The saving and healing presence of Jesus must always be allowed to be radically egalitarian. This is good for you and for me when we need the presence of Jesus, the Divine Physician. You and I are a priority when we need that healing presence.

I want you to close your eyes for a moment. Bring to mind whatever it is that is making you ill-at-ease with God. Something you have done or failed to do that you now experience as a dis-ease in part of your personality. Then say with the woman of today's gospel: 'I will touch the outer garment of my Lord and Saviour. I believe he will forgive me and heal me.' Say it with her profound confidence in divine power.

Keep your eyes closed and hear Him say to you: 'My son [or] my daughter, my son [or] my daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your dis-ease.'