



# 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

If ever we needed convincing just how fickle a home town crowd can be, all we have to do is recall what happened around the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Only two weeks before she died, London papers sold out with headlines which read, 'Diana, say No to Dodi', or 'Soap-opera queen flees England to be with Muslim lover', and 'Diana: a national disgrace'. We were told that Diana was mentally ill, spoilt and a scheming temptress.

The death of a 36-year-old mother of two is always an immense tragedy. But who could have predicted that we could change our minds, literally over one Paris night, and come to see that Diana was in fact the 'queen of hearts' and a modern icon. How could we have missed that two weeks earlier?

What happened to the memory of Diana is not far from what happened to the memory of Jesus in the earliest Church. In today's wonderful reading from Mark's Gospel we would expect to find Jesus' home town accepting and welcoming him with open arms. Jesus' ability to teach so well, his wisdom, and deeds of power, however, cause so much offence that the hometown crowd turn on him because he claims too much for himself. Jesus, literally, gets the hell out of there.

The Gospel of Mark, written at the beginning of the persecution of the Christians, finds great consolation in these stories of Jesus' suffering and rejection. And is it any wonder? The first generation of Christians were being expelled from the synagogue and, no doubt, many of them were experiencing similar rejection from their families and friends. Maybe some of them had to leave town as well. In this context their fate was an

identification with that of Jesus. It gave meaning and direction to their plight. It gave them hope.

The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having Christian faith these days can see us derided as fools or pushed out of certain circles. In this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that has always sustained the Christian community.

On a more worrying level, however, as a community we can run the risk of acting like the residents of Nazareth. No matter how much wisdom, authority or goodness some people demonstrate in our Christian community, it seems some people are told they are not acceptable, we take offence at them and drive them away. /Cont'd P4

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B- July 8, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
Pleading for his mercy.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-14

Gospel: Mk 6:7-13



## 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:

**July 9:** Lynch family, 13 Criton Cres; **July 16:** Johnson family, 63 Ruhama Ave; **July 23:** Shean family, 76 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.*

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Fr Ronald Poulsen PE, Fr Peter Steele SJ, Jo Hennessy-Law, Beryl Warren, Maureen Green, Ruza Zivkovic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Giuseppe Cantone (1month), Anne Gallagher, Connie Horan, Jack O'Brien, Catherine, William, John & Samuel Smith, Darko Vuckovic, Chiara & Antonio Tino, Mario Ruscito, Laurie Brady, Fr Pat Bohan

**BAPTISMS:** Max Smilovic (HF), Thomas Lockwood, Giulia Paino, Savannah Selig, Kobe Wright (P&P)

**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 15, 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

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

C Laffy, L Fossey, L Stalio

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:*

**[www.pastoralclustergeelong.org](http://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
- Aug 8...**        **St Mary MacKillop of the Cross**
- Aug 15...**      **Assumption**

**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:

- ◆ This week we welcome **Fr Vincent Jewell**, the new Parish Priest of Belmont, who will be filling in whilst Fr Gerard is away on retreat.
- ◆ **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](mailto:cluster@cam.org.au)
- ◆ On **Tuesday July 17** the Parish office will be closed.
- ◆ **Melbourne Archdiocese CWL Annual Communion Luncheon** will be held at the Pumphouse Hotel, Nicholson St Fitzroy, on **Tues July 31**. Mass is at 11.30am in the Conservatory Room at the Hotel followed by a 2-course lunch, cost \$30. Entertainment this year will be by John Caddy, former Cantor at St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets/information ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

### A VOCATION VIEW:

**There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in.**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, he has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.**

**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 recent SVDP Winter Appeal has once again received tremendous support from the Holy Spirit Primary School. The students donated lots of food etc and \$460 in cash. This great effort from these young people will help the needy of our parish area during the cold winter months. Sincere thanks to all concerned!*

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Thoughts on Giving:

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" (Ezekiel 2:2-3)*

God sends each of us to do some special work for Him. And He gives us all the talents that we need to do that work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our time to do the work God asks of us? This is the basis for good stewardship.

## Community News:

- July 11...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Membership Drive - brochures and contact members - all Masses - St Bernard's Belmont this weekend. Official information evening for all existing members and prospective new members and ladies. Next Wed 11th July, 7.30pm in St Bernard's Parish Meeting Room, light supper will be served. Ph Frank Khan 5243 4926 and advise numbers attending. **There will be NO normal branch meeting this month.**
- July 21...** **FREE ACTING WORKSHOP** run by the makers of musical **Call of Guadalupe** will be held 3pm at St Roch School Hall, intersection Burke & Glenvale Rd Glen Iris. All welcome! More information ph 0413 398 528.
- 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](mailto: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.

Some Catholics have simply walked away from us because our community disbelieves that Christ's gifts can be manifest through them as well. Nazareth did not value what was in its midst because it thought it knew better.

Today's Gospel also has a practical impact in our homes, where we don't get away with very much, and affirmation can be sparingly given. This can be taken to unhealthy extremes when parents and siblings speak highly of their spouse, children, brothers or

sisters to everyone except to the person being praised. We are often so worried about a family member 'getting a big head' that they never hear from us the encouragement they deserve. As Christians we should look for opportunities to build up and praise those we know and love.

When Diana died it was a bit late for the world to decide she did worthwhile things. It was too late for Nazareth after it rejected Jesus as well. In Mark's Gospel he never returns there. But it's not too late for us. May it never be said that we despised wise people who have something to teach us, and that we

dragged down those whose gifts and talents reflected the power of God.

This Sunday Jesus reminds us that it's never too late to stop our disbelieving.

