



# 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

Many centuries ago the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was an uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews had to leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. Problem was that no one wanted to debate the Pope. The only volunteer was a poor, simple, old man named Moishe who opened the door to the synagogue each Friday night. Not being used to words Moishe asked for only one addition to the debate – that neither side be allowed to talk. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moishe and the Pope sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moishe looked back at him and

raised one finger. The Pope waved his hand in a circle around his head. Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moishe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

Later, the Pope explained what happened: 'I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that we believe in the same one God. Then I waved my hand around my head to show that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was present right here. I pulled out the bread and wine to show that God has given us the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.

What could I do?'

Meanwhile, Moishe explained to the Jewish scholars how he won the unwinnable debate. 'Well', said Moishe, 'First he said that the Jews had three days to get out of Rome. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' 'And then what clinched the debate?' asked the Rabbi. 'I don't know', said Moishe. 'It was strange. He took out his lunch, and I took out mine!'

Life always depends on how we read the signs!

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality. /Cont'd P4

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B- July 15, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
And grant us your salvation.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope to  
which we are called.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 23:1-6

2nd Reading: Eph 2:13-18

Gospel: Mk 6:30-34



## 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 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.

**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:** Ernesto Letizia, Tindara Rao, Damian Fernandes, Steven Whitby, Terry Heyward

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Martin & Elizabeth Kenny, Cosimo Nadile, Luey Murphy, Hilda Smith

**BAPTISMS:** Amelie & Owen Bock (HF), Zac Barsby, Creed Evans, Marley Sedgman (HS)

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

**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 22, 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](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**

**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.

#### **The Itinerary for the Team Visiting the Malate Parish:**

- Sunday:**      Arrive in Manila late evening
- Monday:**    Meet with Sr Kate O'Neill to be taken to the Little Sisters of the Assumption to visit the community where the recycled library bags are made. These bags have been presented to the Prep students at the beginning of the Mass for the last three years. Later in the afternoon and evening - meet with the Columban Priests.
- Tuesday:**    The focus will be on the different elements of the Malate Education Assistance Program. We will visit the nursery schools in the parish and later in the morning visit the Social and Health Clinic Programs. We then visit the Prep school and the School for Street Children and then meet with various co-ordinators of the Malate Parish to discuss and see the different elements of each of the programs. Subject to timing a visit to the Night High School.
- Wednesday:** Visit to CELL (Centre for Ecozoic Living and Learning). This is a Columban project with the focus on sustainable food production for the rural poor.
- Thursday:**   Visit the Grameen Bank (the Micro Credit Scheme we have been supporting for the last six years) and to see first hand the projects that have been supported through Micro-Credit. Later in the afternoon visit the Kuya Centre with Sr Kate O'Neill. This Centre is a home and educational facility for homeless boys.
- Friday:**      In light of the experience the travellers to meet and plan how the Partnership Program can look forward for our parishes and schools. Return to Australia.

**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.

## Cluster News:

- ♦ 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.

**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:*

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6:8)*

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

## Community News:

- Jul 17/24...** **MINISTERING COMMUNION: An Amazing Grace...** Formation Seminars on Liturgical Ministries presented by Fr McSweeney SSS, St Francis' Pastoral Centre, cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Sts, 7-8.45pm.
- 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.
- July 29...** **ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS - LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY OFFICE:** Focus on couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries - 25th, 40th, 50th, etc. at St Patrick's Cathedral 11am.
- Aug 6...** **FALLING TOWARDS GOD: Simple Prayer/Complicated Life** with Fr Paul Murray OP at The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St Parkville at 5.30pm.
- Aug 11...** **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) REGIONAL SEMINAR:** St Bede's Church, 1 Severn St Balwyn North, 9am-3.30pm.

### 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.

### WINE AID:

An initiative of Catholic Mission and Cork Pty Ltd that allows wine lovers to enjoy a selection of quality wines at very affordable prices - delivered to your door. Each case of wine purchased through *Wine Aid* generates a **\$12 donation** to Catholic Mission which is directed towards such programs as health hygiene, nutrition and literacy for adults and children in over 160 developing countries. To date over \$273,311 has been donated through the program which proves its huge popularity. All wines purchased through *Wine Aid* carry a 100% money back guarantee on quality, meaning you can buy with confidence. There are no membership or joining fees and no hidden charges. The price you see is the price you pay. Also *Wine Aid* offers **FREE DELIVERY** within Australia - call 1800 800 837 to order.

### A VOCATION VIEW:

**In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him.**

**Maybe God is asking you to reconsider what you are doing and do His work instead.**

These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders.

For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which reveals

whether our wealth possesses us or not.

For Jesus, being 'a rock and an island' was not a sign of strength but one of fear and despair. A strong Christian is the one who rejoices in our dependence on each other, and is always grateful for the inter-connectedness of life.

For Jesus, making room for others, especially toward those in legitimate need and even when it makes a large claim on us, is

a pre-eminent sign of his Kingdom.

The Christian life is about reading the signs of the times. May our Eucharistic signs of his presence amongst us, the bread and wine, change us today, to match it with the best in being simple in lifestyle, happily dependent and extravagantly hospitable with our time, talent and energy for the sake of the Kingdom of God.