



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

I know very few people these days who work from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The eight-hour day seems to be a thing of the past. Where priests regularly encounter these new work patterns is when we see young people who are preparing for marriage in the Church. Sometimes to arrange a meeting we have to resort to a 6.30am or 10.00pm meeting. Some young people are working sixty hours a week. They take work home and work on the weekends. We know from surveys that they eat out most of the time, they party hard when they get the chance, and that Sunday is spent on the home front, going to the gym or sleeping. Then on Monday they start the process again.

Two things drive this obsessive work practice: competition in the job market, and the financial bonuses offered to the employees. The problem is that this practice cannot be a

long-term strategy. At the other end of the scale we all know people, only in their 30s and 40s, who are burnt out and feel used by a ruthless commercial market-place.

This culture of exhaustion is not confined to the young corporate raiders. Most people in our country have never worked as hard, with so many claims on our time and energies.

Excessive demands on one's time, no matter how great the needs and rewards, were issues for Jesus and the Apostles as well. The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys 'there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat'.

Jesus' call to 'come away t some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' is not just about good work practises and ethi-

cal employment policy. It is about humanising our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself.

The social teaching of the Church, especially in Pope John Paul's statements about labour and the rights of workers, repeatedly stresses three aspects to work:

- it gives us dignity. Governments and employers must not allow a work culture to develop where we lose our sense of personal importance, where we are treated like just another cog in the wheel;
- work enables us to improve the standard of living for us and our families;
- through working we develop our talents and gifts which builds up society as a whole. /Cont'd P4

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B- July 22, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Kg 4:42-44

2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-6

Gospel: Jn 6:1-15



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 23: Sheahan 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: Ivan Lynch, Sohja Lorbeck, Francesco Anello, Duro Tidlacka, Slavica Berek

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Zuclich, Ted Glab, Frank McCormack, Kath McCormack, Garry Dougherty

BAPTISMS: Madeline Cooke, Maggie Ingles, Piper Mazaraki, Tommie McAuliffe (P&P)

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 29, 2012.

(5th 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

M Currie

P Joyce, B Middleton

V Trinder, M Currie, P Joyce

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

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

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... **Feast of the Assumption -** Masses 9.15am Holy Family & Holy Spirit, 12noon St Patricks and 7.30pm Ss P&P

FIRST COMMUNION:

Over the coming weeks there will be several celebrations of First Communion in each parish. Small groups of about 12 will be present at these Parish Masses throughout the rest of July and August.

The Masses that will have these celebrations are:

- Holy Family...** 9.30am Mass on July 22,29 and Aug 5,12,19&26.
- Holy Spirit...** 11am Mass on July 29 and Aug 5,19 and 6pm Mass Aug 4,18.
- Ss P&P...** 5pm Mass Aug 11,25 and 11am Mass Aug 12&26.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

We begin again with a new group of 11 adults on this coming Wednesday, 25th July, at 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Bell Park.

The first phase of the RCIA is the time of Enquiry. In this period the focus is upon the enquirers' questions and concerns. In response, the Church opens up these questions - questions about the Church, and the life questions that lie behind these questions - to allow the enquirers to discern God's call to salvation as a personal call to each of them.

Some of our enquirers are already baptized in other Christian churches and others are not baptized. Please keep them in your prayers, for faith is a gift of God, and please welcome them if ever introduced to them, as they need to belong to the faith community.

CLERGY CONFERENCE 2012: *The Parable in the Year of Grace* -Monday-Thursday Aug 6-9

Both Frs Mick and Gerard will be attending this annual Clergy Conference. The theme is **The Parable in the Year of Grace**. It will continue the broad theme of past Clergy Conferences, in that we are asked by the Church to focus on ways to constantly transmit the Good News in our contemporary situation.

Guest speakers will be Denis McBride, a Redemptorist Priest who has directed courses of study and personal renewal for priests, religious and lay people in England and has lectured widely throughout the world. The other guest speaker is Fr Paul Murray OP, a Irish Dominican priest, a poet and professor of Spirituality in Rome. He was also the Spiritual Director for Mother Teresa of Calcutta for a number of years. The Conference Dinner Speaker will be Prof Allan Fells.

This will be an enriching experience and Fr Mick and I will share some of the insights with you over time.

Cluster News:

- ♦ **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:*

"Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31)

Do you spend time listening to the Lord? Most of the time he speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. You can give generously when you trust the Lord will provide all that you need.

A VOCATION VIEW:

When the Apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

Community News:

- 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 5...** **HONOURING GOD THE FATHER:** You are invited to honour God the Father in a special way at St Benedict's Church, 295 Warrigal Rd Burwood, 1.30pm Adoration and Prayers and 2.30pm Mass, or 3.30pm at St Macartan's Church, 4 Drake St Mornington with 3.30pm Prayers to God the Father and 4pm Mass.
- 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend on Aug 10-12 and Oct 12-14 in Melbourne. Further information/bookings ph 9733 0997 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au.

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.

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.

Rest from work is a key factor in the success of all three aspects being achieved in any community. A culture of exhaustion militates against them. The bottom line in all this is appropriate boundaries.

Mark tells us today that though Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were

not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home.

So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical message for the modern world. Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They

are rights defended by Christ and protect our human dignity.

I hope today you have a well-earned break.

