



# 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

The crowds and the disciples in John's Gospel are always getting their wires crossed when they listen to Jesus. They rarely understand his deeper message.

They're like the couple who had been snowbound in Seattle for two weeks. Affectionately they used to call each other 'husband' and 'wife'. They planned to go down to Florida to get some sun. The husband got away from his work one day early and departed for Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day. They were looking forward to quality time together in the bright sunshine. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the husband was told he would have to wait for the overnight redeye special. He tried to

appeal to a supervisor, but to no avail.

Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an email, but in his haste he made an error in the email address.

His message arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before. When the grieving widow opened her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and died on the spot. Her family rushed to her room where

they saw this message on the screen:

'Dearest wife, departed yesterday as you know, but just now got checked in. Some confusion at the gate. Appeal was denied. Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow. Your loving husband. P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here.'

Following the feeding of the five thousand, the crowd thinks that when Jesus says he is the Bread of Life he is simply referring to the source of their next meal. If this were true it could put a new spin on what some might mean when they use the term 'cafeteria Catholicism'.

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## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - August 5, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.  
**Alleluia!**



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1Kg 19:4-8  
2nd Reading: Eph 4:30-5:2  
Gospel: Jn 6:41-51

### 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)

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd 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

## 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:** Fr Paul Kane, Giovanni Rondi

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim Cudmore, Kevn McFarlane, Francesco & Serafina Lecchino, Giuseppe Bottiglieri (1month), Peter Javni Jnr, Anton Topic

**BAPTISMS:** Max Atherton (HF), Lucy Anderson, Ellie D'Alessandro, Lily Harris, Noah McMahon (HS)

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

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 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 Verdrik, 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## **LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There will be NO weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Frs Gerard and Mick will be at the Annual Clergy Conference. There will, however, be a Communion Service on Wednesday at 9am at Holy Spirit Church.*

**Aug 8...** **St Mary MacKillop of the Cross**

**Aug 10...** **Holy Spirit School Mass** - Gr 5/6 plus Preps, 11am at Holy Spirit Church

**Aug 15...** **Feast of the Assumption** - Masses 9.15am Holy Family (all school children in attendance) & Holy Spirit (all school children in attendance), 12noon St Patricks (all school children in attendance) and 6pm Ss P&P

**Aug 23...** **Holy Family School Mass** - Gr 1/2 9.15am at Holy Family Church

**Aug 30...** **Holy Family School Mass** - Gr Preps 9.15am at Holy Family Church

## **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 Aug 5,12,19&26.

**Holy Spirit...** 11am Mass on 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):**

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. *(Fr Mick)*

## **MANILA TRIP:**

The recent trip to Manila by representatives of the school and parish communities was a great success! It was an opportunity to see many good people, indeed saintly people, living out the ideal of being the 'bread of life' for others through support, care and education of street families, the provision of health care, employment and accommodation. We also had the opportunity to see first-hand a Columban project that is committed to a sustainable living, which treats justly the environment. My hope is that we can reinvigorate and deepen our commitment to the partnership with the Columbans, the team at the Kuya Centre (a home and education centre for homeless boys) and Sr Kate O'Neill. I look forward to hearing about your ideas and ways that you can be supportive of the Partnership. *(Fr Gerard)*

**GEELONG CATHOLIC DEANERY CONCERT** will be held at Peter Cannon Performing Arts Centre, St Joseph's College (enter from Queens Rd) on **Wed 5th Sept at 7.30pm**. Supper will be served after the performance. Tickets are \$20 and are available from the Deanery Office, 150 Yarra St Geelong or if you like you can phone Jeanette Sheahan for tickets on 5278 2063. Please phone Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913 or 5222 1977 for further information. All proceeds to support Samaritan House Project.

**RELAY FOR LIFE:** The next of our fundraisers for Fr Mick's Mates will be the **BBQ at Bunnings in Corio on Saturday August 11th** from 9am until 4pm. The support team has been rostered for this event and we thank them in anticipation. Those who have kindly volunteered to assist with the BBQ's but were not rostered for this event will be asked to assist at the next BBQ. Thankyou once again.

## Cluster News:

- ◆ **GET TOGETHER:** After catching up briefly with so many of the Holy Family mothers from the 70s and 80s at the recent funeral of Ljerka Lehpaer, Lynn Meek and Vicki Smith thought it would be nice to try and organise a get-together. What if we meet at Lynne's Moorabool Valley Chocolate Tea Rooms at Ballarat Rd Batesford on **Thurs 23 August** at 10am for Morning Tea. Lynne's coffee is the best and she always has lots of cakes and slices at reasonable prices. So spread the word and RSVP to Vicki Smith 5243 4948 or [vismith48@gmail.com](mailto:vismith48@gmail.com)
- ◆ **THANKYOU** to the community for the way that you have been the *real presence* through your generous support of Caritas Australia. This year we raised \$4,450 and for Catholic Missions \$2,240.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving:*

*"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion;*

*thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not."* (Ex 16:4)

**God frowns upon it when we take or keep more than we need. When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, that which they hoarded away became wormy and rotten. In the same way, God calls us today to be content with a fair portion and to be willing to share the rest.**

## Community News:

- Aug 8...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Annual Branch Meeting and District Meeting combined, 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms. Guest speaker present. Please make every effort to attend.
- Aug 10-12...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Information/bookings ph 9733 0997 or email [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)
- Aug 11...** **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) REGIONAL SEMINAR:** St Bede's Church, 1 Severn St Balwyn North, 9am-3.30pm.
- " **FREE REFLECTION DAY:** The Legion of Mary (Geelong Curia) invites one and all to a free reflection day at Santa Casa Retreat Centre, 35 Flinders St Queenscliff from 10am-3pm. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Booking essential - ph Adela Buaya on 0409 135 589.
- Aug 15-19...** **GRACE FEST:** Beginning on the Feast of the Assumption you are invited to contemplate the face of Christ and explore the meaning of 'grace' in prayer, the arts, music, social justice and popular culture. For full details and more information visit [cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://cam.org.au/evangelisation)
- Aug 17...** **LETS TALK JUSTICE:** Free forum on Family Violence and Violence against Women and their Children - 7-9pm at Wesley Church Hall, 100 Yarra St. Light supper provided. Hosted by SVDP Society.
- Aug 19...** **CELEBRATE THE FEASTS OF OUR LADY IN AUGUST WITH 'ODES TO MARY'**, a concert of hymns and songs to honour Mary, sung by local operatic soprano **Wendy Grose** with **Len Vorster** on piano. 3pm at St Mary's Basilica. Tickets \$25, \$20conc at the door or online at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) Children 12 and under no charge.
- Aug 25...** **GEELONG IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS - MONGOLIAN FISHMONGER:** 7.30pm at Bell Park Sports Club, Midland Hwy Batesford. Details/bookings ph Julie on 0417 365 614. Members \$25, non-members \$30.
- Aug 31...** **ELVIS SPECIAL FILM NIGHT:** Plaza Theatre, St Mary's Parish Centre 150 Yarra St, featuring documentary "Elvis 56" followed by an hour of Elvis in 1970. Donation of \$3/head would be appreciated. Door prize, raffles, light supper, everyone welcome!
- Oct 12-14...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Information/bookings ph 9733 0997 or email [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)



**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 phone Terry on 5221 7339.

### A VOCATION VIEW:

**"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."**

**'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of Everlasting Life - your very self in the Eucharist.'**

**Consider a call to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.+**

Jesus, however, is referring to himself as the fulfilment of all appetites, where we will never be hungry or thirsty again. Appetites are important things. They demand regular attention. Physical appetites tell us that we need nourishment, hydration, exercise or sleep. We have learnt to read our body's signs and if we ignore them we die. We also have emotional appetites, where we need affection, acceptance and a listening ear. If we ignore these signs our mental health deteriorates and our quality of life is compromised. Jesus, however, also alerts us to our spiritual appetites. These are the

needs we have for Him, for meaning and purpose, for faith, hope and love. If we ignore these appetites we can lose sight of where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going.

As the sixth chapter of John's Gospel goes on, Jesus becomes clearer about the hunger and thirst he has come to fill. And as he does the crowd's wires get uncrossed and they're shocked. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is interested in us fulfilling our physical, emotional and spiritual appetites in this world as a way of

glimpsing the life to come in Him, where all our hungers and thirsts will be fulfilled.

May this Eucharist prepare us for the day when our confirmed departure from this world comes. May there be no confusion at the gate, no need for any appeals and may we be reunited with those we love as we bask in the warmth of the Son's love, as he shows us to our place at the Eternal Banquet.

