



# 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

Around the world there are women's shelters run by the St Vincent de Paul Society called 'Manna House'. It's an inspired name for such an important work. Women and their children, in the midst of fear, and having suffered terrible abuse, are welcomed into a safe-haven where they can be loved and looked after. It's a temporary respite where broken families can piece their lives back together and be revived for the journey ahead.

What happens at 'Manna Houses' for women at risk happens for each of us when we come to the Eucharist. We receive manna from heaven. It's our stop on the journey of faith so that we can go out spiritually revived to be the face of Christ in the world. Sometimes we need this 'manna come down from heaven' when we are spiritually most at-risk.

I love the fact that as Catholics we believe that Christ is present in ordinary gifts of bread and wine blessed and offered at the Eucharist. We don't just believe that Christ is present in sunrises, sunsets and in natural beauty, we also believe that God comes to us in a special and unique way in the simple, ordinary things of life. And it is in what we do with these gifts of bread and wine that Christ is really present. The earliest Christians called the Eucharist 'the breaking of the bread'. It is the broken bread and the poured cup given into our hands to which we say 'Amen' and so affirm our belief that Christ is present here.

We often need to be reassured of Christ's presence when we are in the desert periods of our own life. We can feel we are wandering around in the wilderness looking

for some sign of God's life. For all of us who are broken in mind, body or spirit, or who are pouring ourselves out in love for other people, communion is precisely the time Jesus meets us where we are. Is it any wonder that the Eucharist means so much to us? May we never feel as though we are not good enough to be here, for Jesus has invited us to his table where we are loved and cared for.

As important as the Eucharist is, however, it is not 'ours', in the sense that we can selfishly hold on to the gifts we receive here. We are given Christ in Word and Sacrament, so we can become Christ.

In a sense Jesus says the same thing in today's Gospel when he talks about how the Father draws people to faith.

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## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - August 12, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

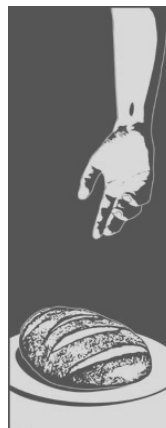
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Prov 9:1-6  
2nd Reading: Eph 5:15-20  
Gospel: Jn 6:51-58



### 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:** Statue will be at the home of Mrs Pat Washington, 10 Shannon Ave from Aug 13 - Aug 27

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:** Beryl McGonigal, Andrew Hegyesi, Orlando DiCristoforo, Fr Gerald Sullivan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bruno Nesci, Francesco Ierna, Luigi Fatone, Tindara Rao (1 month since death), Michele & Rosa Rao & family, Domenico Pierina, Rocco Resciniti, Bruno DiCristoforo, Santo Caecamo, Rade Ruzic, Fr W Durkin, Sr M Irmira Widdison, Bill Tomlinson, Julie DaCosta, Kate Dempsey, Cath Edwards

**BAPTISMS:** Sienna James, Emma Kelly, Joshua Nadile, Indigo & Marley Palamara (P&P)

**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, Andrew Stocks

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 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

A Scaddan

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:**

- 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 12, 19 & 26.  
**Holy Spirit...** 11am Mass on Aug 19 and 6pm Mass Aug 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.



**PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:** This program is for children attending non-Catholic schools who wish to be confirmed. Final enrolments from 7-8pm on **Wed Aug 15 in the Cluster Office, 147 Separation St Bell Park**. Contact Frank Kearney on 5278 1343 or email [frank.kearney@cam.org.au](mailto:frank.kearney@cam.org.au)

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults on **Thurs Oct 18 at 7pm at St Mary's Basilica Geelong**. Adult baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed but wish to receive the Sacrament are most welcome to be candidates. Proof of Catholic Baptism will be required. For more information or to commence this process please contact either Frs Gerard or Mick on 5278 1343. **Enrolments will close at the end of August.**

## **Cluster News:**

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY RAMP:** I'm delighted to announce that the building permit and all the other associated preparatory work for the building of the new ramp is almost complete. This means that construction will be able to take place very soon. The building program is expected to take approx six weeks. This will create obvious inconvenience during that time, primarily entrance to the Church will be via the side door. Also the front of the Church will be a building site and so there will be no access. Whilst this is an inconvenience in the short term, it will be most beneficial in the longer term. Again, on your behalf, we thank Councillors Stretch and Eddie Kontelj for their generous support. Without their support we would not be undertaking this project.
- ◆ **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 Lehpamer, 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)
- ◆ **LUNCHEON AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S SMALL HALL:** This Sunday you are welcome to attend the Ss P&P's monthly luncheon at 12noon.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY CASSEROLE LUNCH:** Next Sunday you are welcomed to attend the monthly Luncheon at Holy Family Community Centre from 12noon onwards. Please BYO to share.

## 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.

### DAFFODIL DAY: *Friday 24 August* -

With one in two Australians diagnosed with cancer by age 85, there's every chance your life will be affected. No matter who you are, Daffodil Day is for you. Call 1300 656 585 or visit [daffodilday.com.au](http://daffodilday.com.au)



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

*"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" (1Kg19:7)*

Jesus knew that the stewardship journey would be difficult, so he gave us the nourishment of the Eucharist. When we take time to join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength to give and joy in our giving.

## Community News:

- Aug 14...** **CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** 6.15pm pre-dinner drinks with dinner 6.45 at Dromoland House, 258 Pakington St Geelong West, cost \$28. Guest Speaker - Toni Van Hammond PSM, manager of Headspace Barwon and Preventative Health. Details ph 5221 7339 or [tjobrien2@bigpond.com](mailto:tjobrien2@bigpond.com)
- 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.
- " **BELMONT'S GRAND VARIETY CONCERT:** On stage Belmont Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St, 2pm. A Drop of a Hat Production with an all star cast of Geelong's finest performers. Tea/coffee after the show. Tickets \$10, ph 5241 1776 or Frank Khan 5243 4926. Net proceeds to support KSC charity work.
- Aug 24...** **FR BOB MAGUIRE** will be guest speaker at a fundraising dinner to support Samaritan House at the Wool Exchange Entertainment Complex, 44 Corio St **7pm for 7.30pm, \$70/head**. Organised by the Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller. Enquiries to Mary Lewis 0412 911 068.
- 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 26...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE/ST MARTIN IN THE PINES BALLARAT:** Old Collegians Reunion at 20 Downie Cres Hamlyn Hts, 2pm. All welcome! Enquiries Val Trinder ph 5278 4065.
- 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 DEANERY CONCERT:

This 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.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is only an intellectual exercise. As important as good thinking and the power of strong arguments might be, the truth of faith is best demonstrated on an emotional and intuitive level when others see the power of God's saving love active in the way we live our lives. This is what really captures people's attention, and draws them to ask what gives our

lives this quality, direction, purpose and meaning.

So may this respite from the journey of faith dispel our fears, revive us for the task ahead and enable us to live as though the only Bible others will read will be our lives, and the only Sacraments that will captivate them and draw them to Christ will be our justice and joy.



### A VOCATION VIEW:

To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God.

"Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you."

Be a presence of God's love in the world today. Do what you can to bring to life God's love.