



# 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 have some sympathy for the response of the Jews to Jesus' hard teaching in today's Gospel! For a Jew to be asked to drink blood is as abhorrent as it gets. It is the same as demanding that an ultra Orthodox Jew eat pork!

In almost all the stories in the Gospel of John there are insiders and outsiders, those who understand the message and those who take Jesus too literally and are offended or confused. The flesh and blood given for the life of the world is at one and the same time the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus celebrated in the Eucharist. Jesus was not, literally, offering his arm for his followers to chew! He was referring to the gift he was soon going to give his followers: the example of utter fidelity to God's Kingdom even unto death, and the meal of that Kingdom, the Eucharist. We are the recipients of both gifts

and the commission to live them out. The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation is given to us for our mission in the world today and for our journey toward the World to come.

The other response in today's Gospel gives us great hope. In spite of being confused and deserted by his friends Peter hangs in there with Jesus. He holds on to faith when all the signs show that a hasty retreat may be a better course of action. We all know people who remain faithful in the most extraordinary of circumstances. Some of these we can understand – parents with sick children or spouses with ill partners. It's heroic, but understandable. But sometimes fidelity is heroic and inexplicable: when a spouse welcomes back his or her partner after an adulterous affair; when a foreign-born priest or religious will not abandon an

oppressed community; when a person will fight a just cause and be persecuted all the way to the end. These are powerful signs of faithful love at work too. It's a fine line to know when fidelity is 'dying to self' not 'killing self'. We are called to the former and often seduced by the latter.

James Keenan in his excellent book, 'Virtues for ordinary Christians' says that fidelity is the bottom line of the Christian life. He argues that the Church has spent too much time preaching about 'infidelities' and too little time teaching about those things that strengthen fidelity. 'Each person', he says, 'has two major moral goals in life: to be just and to be faithful'. Being faithful to his Father, and to us, sums up what Jesus does for our salvation and is exactly what He calls forth from the disciples in today's Gospel. /Cont'd P4

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - August 26, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

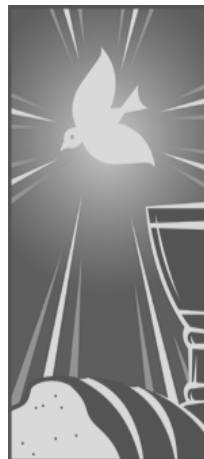
### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2,6-8  
2nd Reading: James 1:17-18,21-22,27  
Gospel: Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



### 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 until 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:** Patricia O'Donnell, Margaret Webb, Kathleen Robertson, Patrick McGlinchy Snr (Ireland), Theresa Brain

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John DaCosta, Bruno Nolic, Kathleen & Olly McDonald, Joseph Gillett, Francesca Altieri, Marianna Boccassini, Caterina Iannuzzi, Francesco Pardo, Francesco Matarazzo, Marcello, Giovanni & Antonia Carpenetti, Giovanni & Maria Grus, Bruno & Aldo Polla, Michael Degoldi

**BAPTISMS:** Ava & Lily Carr, Jack Davies, Evie Lockwood, Olivia Merry (P&P)

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

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 2, 2012.**

(1st Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### 8.00AM

R Allum

A Vanjek

**F Chrimes, J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane**

U Guardiano, K McArthur

### 9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo

M&E Hoffman

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

E Cotter

D Boyle, M Abbott, D Torpy

V Logan, P Ryan

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

C O'Brien

D Woods

N Neeld, P McGlinchy

## 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 29...** St Patrick's Class Mass - Gr 2 10.15am at St Patrick's Chapel
- Aug 30...** Holy Family Class Mass - Gr Preps 9.15am at Holy Family Church
- Sept 6...** Holy Family Class Mass - Gr 3/4 9.15am at Holy Family Church
- Sept 7...** St Patrick's School Mass - Whole school 11am at St Patrick's Chapel (Mass will include prayers in Italian)
- Sept 12...** St Patrick's Class Mass - Gr 5/6 10.15am at St Patrick's Chapel

### **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 26.
- Ss P&P...** 5pm Mass Aug 25 and 11am Mass Aug 26.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** This service is on **Sunday Sept 9th at 11am Mass** at Ss Peter & Paul's.

**FATHER'S DAY MASS:** Next weekend 1/2 Sept we will recognize the privilege of Fatherhood and the great impact fathers have on our society. The children from our three schools will lead the Cluster Masses at 5pm Ss Peter & Paul's, 6pm Holy Spirit and 9.30am Holy Family. We wish all fathers a great day with their families. Also there will be the customary collection for the Retired Priests Foundation. There will be a second collection at all Masses to support retired Priests.

**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.**

### **OBE PARTY FOR THE CLUSTER:**

I have been feted for other significant birthdays - 50, 60 and 70. As my 80th approaches, I think it is time that I heeded the words of St Augustine *"With you I am a Christian and for you I am a Priest"*. I would like to celebrate this birthday with due recognition to all my fellow Christians who were born in 1932. Those who wish to celebrate their 80th birthday with me, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343. So please keep **Sunday October 7th** free! Clipboards will be available at the back of each of our Churches this weekend for all other parishioners wishing to attend.

## **Cluster News:**

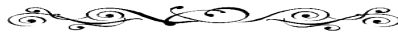
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE** - The Parish office will be closed on **WEDNESDAY AUG 29TH from 11am onwards** for a Planning Session for the upcoming Liturgies.
- ◆ **COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP MEETING:** Thursday Aug 30th 4pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre.
- ◆ **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - YOU'VE GOT TALENT:** Friday Aug 31st 9.15am. This is a student initiative to raise awareness and funds for the Columban Partnership.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: Movie Night - Monday Sept 3** at Readings, Waurn Ponds. Time to be announced (around 6.30pm). Viewing of **"HOPE SPRINGS"** All welcome! Contact Liz on 0411 243 382.
- ◆ **TRAMBOAT CRUISE: CWL Day Out - Monday Sept 10** - \$45 incl cruise, morning tea and lunch. Leaves from Victor Harbour, Docklands, 10.15am. We will travel by train from Geelong, bookings required - ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING: Monday Sept 10** - 5pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre.

## 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 now complete. This means that construction is **now under way**. 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 it will be **off limits** during the construction time. During this time it may be necessary to relocate the Tuesday and Thursday morning Masses to the Community Centre (to be confirmed by the builders at a later date). 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

## Community News:

- 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!
- Sept 2...** **SONGS OF PRAISE:** Music at the Basilica and the Geelong Community Orchestra invites everyone to Songs of Praise at 3pm. Tickets \$25/20 at the door.
- Sept 5...** **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave. Cost \$8. All welcome!
- Sept 13...** **AVAN YU**, winner of 2012 Sydney International Piano Competition and regarded as one of the finest young musicians in the world, is performing at **McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College Newtown**, at 7.30pm. Tickets \$45 adult and \$20 students/conc and available online at [shcmusic.com.au](http://shcmusic.com.au) or by calling 5221 4211.
- 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:

Featuring the Dave Gardner Quartet, Bert LaBonte, a vocal ensemble, outstanding soloists and ballroom dancing. Concert will be held at Peter Cannon Performing Arts Centre, St Joseph's College (enter from Queens Rd) on **Wednesday 5th September at 7.30pm**. Supper will be served after the performance. Tickets are \$20 and are available from the Deanery Office, 150 Yarra St Geelong. Please phone Catherine on 0409 007 913 or 5222 1977 for further information. All proceeds to support **Samaritan House Project**. Please see your Deanery Representative outside the Church today for tickets.

## PASTORAL LETTER:

**On the Victorian Government Inquiry into the handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations.**

The Bishops of Victoria together with the leaders of Catholic Religious Australia and Catholic Religious Victoria, have issued a Pastoral letter about the Parliamentary Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations. In the letter the Church Leaders state that they respect the parliamentary process and will co-operate fully with the Inquiry. The letter includes a Prayer of Healing which can be used for individual or group prayer. Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available for you to take home.

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

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24:15)  
**When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord.**  
**A partner is a person who invests time, talent and treasure.**  
**If we say we serve God, we must actually do something.**

### A VOCATION VIEW:

**Jesus teaches us about life everlasting. "Your words Lord are spirit and life." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way.**

**"The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life." It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life.**

**Pray for vocations.**

Perhaps because we too easily think it is something difficult, we presume that being faithful to our friends is hardly a moral issue. Yet once we see that friendship is the key to the moral life then we can come to see that living the moral life is about the ordinary interactions of our day.

James Keenan writes, 'To this end we may need to make more calls, write more

letters, cook more dinners, take more strolls, linger a little longer with a friend. We may also need to disengage ourselves from the habit of counting or measuring what the other does or does not do or say'.

May this Eucharist enable us to respond to the invitation of the Holy One of God to

place fidelity and friendship at the centre of our moral life and attend to the everyday activities that will see us live it out.

