



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 read the other day a true story about a baby girl who was seriously ill in a Neonatal ICU. The paediatric specialist said there was very little hope. The baby's five-year-old brother, Michael, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. 'I want to sing to her', he kept saying. Children were not allowed in the ICU, but Michael's mother eventually insisted that he be able to see his sister.

When he got to the humidicrib he sang: 'You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey'. The nurse reported that as Michael sang, the baby's pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. 'Keep on singing, Michael', encouraged his mother with tears in her

eyes. 'You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.' The baby recovered and left the hospital three weeks later.

I am not pretending for a moment that Michael's song healed his sister, but we should never underestimate the power of human support and love. It helps us to be healed.

The Gospel story of the healing of the deaf mute is striking because it is one of the few stories where the crowd makes the request of healing from Jesus. This is understandable given that the man cannot speak for himself, but the scene, as Mark writes it, is very touching. Mark tells us that the crowd brought the man to Jesus. 'They' beg Jesus to heal him,

'they' are ordered not to tell anyone about the miracle, but 'they' go straight out and tell everyone about it.

What happens there is what happens here every Sunday. Coming to Mass is not a private affair. It is not my Mass, my prayer, my Church. The pronouns we use reveal a lot about our attitudes. It's our Eucharist, our prayer and our Church. Within the Mass there are opportunities for private prayer, but Eucharist is, essentially, an action of the assembled community. In our own way we bring the deaf and the mute to Jesus each time we gather. This is what the Prayers of the Faithful are all about. This is why they are so important. /Cont'd P4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - September 9, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 50:5-9

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35

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: Sept 10... Duggan family, 24 Sheridan 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: Karolina Rembisz, Maria Macokatic, Catherine Knowles

ANNIVERSARIES: Orlando DiCristoforo (1month), William Dempsey, Toos VanVeen, Maurice Glynn, Ron Sells, Angelo Guardiano, Dominic Duggan, Con Walsh

BAPTISMS: Samuel Ford, Avah Puglia (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, Jela Perse, Andrew Stocks, Veronica Duffy

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 16, 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 Scaddam

H Verdnik, T McMahan

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

D Maddalena

K Maddalena

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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:

Sept 12... **St Patrick's Class Mass** - Gr 5/6 10.15am at St Patrick's Chapel

Sept 15/16... **Columban Partnership Mass** - Our focus on each of the Masses over this weekend will be on our Partnership. As part of the celebration, after the Homily one of the teachers/Principals who visited Manila will offer reflections on their experiences. Also the school children from Gr 5/6 from each of the schools will be in attendance at some of the Masses.

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

BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: This program is run by the Cluster and Corio parishes twice a year. The second program will be at St Francis Xavier Parish on the following dates. **For enrolment contact Anna at St Francis on 5275 4120.**

Sun Oct 14... **Enrolment Sunday** - 10.30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church Corio

Sun Oct 28... **Blessing Sunday** - 10.30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church Corio

Wed Oct 31... **Family Workshop** - 7-8pm Parish House, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio

Thurs Nov 1... **1st Family Workshop** - 7-8pm Parish House, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio

Sun Nov 4... **Welcome Sunday** - 10.30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio

CATHOLIC-CARE ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL will be held at all Masses this weekend.

Cluster News:

- ◆ **OBE PARTY FOR THE CLUSTER TO CELEBRATE FR MICK'S AND OTHER 80 YEAR'OLDS BIRTHDAYS:** 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! As we want this to be a celebration for **ALL** parishioners and families of the octogenarians, would you please sign a Clipboard available at the back of each of our Churches this weekend.
- ◆ **BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING: Monday Sept 10** - 5pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre.
- ◆ **PRISON MINISTRY:** The Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement for 2011-12, *Building Bridges, Not Walls*, invites us to consider our prison system and how society treats those who offend in our communities. In reading the bishops' document we are challenged to ponder ways in which each of us can do our part in 'building bridges' to assist those who have been incarcerated to re-enter society as productive, responsible and caring citizens. **Do you want to be a bridge builder?** Would you be willing to give some of your time to make a difference? Is this the right time for you to help to be a bridge builder for a safer and better society? Opportunities for this ministry in Geelong are on Thursday afternoons and evenings. Frs Mick and Gerard regularly say Mass out of the two Geelong-based prisons. To express interest please see Fr Gerard.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** Manifold CWL will be holding their 2012 Annual Meeting on Wed 26th Sept. Lunch from 12noon in the Holy Spirit Church Hall with guest speaker David Lunn who will tell of his recent experience completing the 30-day 'Camino Trail' in Spain, complete with a powerpoint presentation. For catering RSVP to 5278 2063 by Sept 19th.
- ◆ **Ss PETER & PAUL'S LUNCHEON:** 12noon today in the Small Hall. All welcome!

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:

- Sept 12...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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 or by calling 5221 4211.
- Sept 19/20...** **FRUITS AND FUTURE OF VATICAN II:** A symposium to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Opening Mass Wed 19 Sept 5pm at 88 Nicholson St Fitzroy followed by two free public lectures at Christ Lecture Theatre, ACU Fitzroy: Archbishop Mark Coleridge: 'A Different Fire: Vatican II & the New Evangelisation' - Wed 19 Sept 7.30pm and Prof Alberto Melloni: 'Vatican II and its History: A Choice and a Challenge' - Thurs 20 Sept 7.30pm. Details admin@ytu.edu.au or ctc.edu.au/vatican-ii
- Oct 5-7...** **MOTHER & DAUGHTER CAMP 2012:** At the Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach. Open to all daughters 10-16 and all mothers/grandmothers/step mums/aunties, etc (of any age!) All welcome! For more information ph Emily on 5987 2692 or download a form from donboscocamp.org
- Oct 11...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE FASHION GALA EVENT:** Costa Centre for the Performing Arts, 7pm, Tickets \$30/bookings essential. Contact College Reception for bookings and further enquiries ph 5221 4211
- Oct 12-14...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Information/bookings ph 9733 0997 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

THE 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 ph Terry on 5221 7339.

RIO DE JANEIRO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013:

Are you interested in World Youth Day 2013 but have questions? Join us for one of our regional information sessions. We are coming to see you so check out at our website cam.org.au/youth for all the dates or join us on Facebook at Wyd Rio Victoria. For more information or any queries please ph Brendan Lindsay, World Youth Day Co-ordinator on 9412 3306 or email wyd2013@cam.org.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving:*

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (James 2:5)

What is more important - being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important; God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

When we visit another parish we can tell a lot about it by the care with which the intercessions are composed and compiled. If they only attend to the needs of the parish and never with the wider Church or the world, if they focus on the needs of the Catholic world and never with the plight of those in crisis, who may not share our faith or may hold to another or no faith, it says so much.

The Church has always believed in the

power of intercessory prayer. Not that God needs to be reminded what our world needs. God knows that better than we know it. But intercessory prayer sorts our priorities and establishes who has a claim on our affections and concerns. It also enables others to know that we stand in solidarity with them.

And miracles still happen when we are one with those for whom we hope and pray. Sometimes the first miracle that

occurs is that we notice the needs of some group beyond our immediate circle. Their suffering moves us and we choose to help them.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that Christ removes our blindness, opens our ears and loosens our tongues so that we speak up for those who are most in need of a healing word that brings them justice and peace.

