



# 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

*Homily from Richard Leonard is not available today. Instead, we have a Creative Ministry Resources monologue on the altercation between Jesus and Peter described in today's Gospel.*

### PETER'S MONOLOGUE – GET BEHIND ME SATAN!

What does he expect of me? One moment my word is law, in heaven and on earth. The underworld cannot stand up against me. The next, I'm Satan and I am getting in his way. Then to get anywhere we all have to die. I simply don't understand.

Things have been going fine, up 'til now. The people have been really responding to what he says and does. There have been miracles of course, but it's been what the people see in him that really makes you think. They have so much hope. In him, they see God reaching out to them; in their poverty, in their disbelief, in their

sinfulness. And so do I.

So when he asked us, 'Who do people say I am?' we gave him the standard answers: Elijah, Jeremiah, one of the prophets, even John the Baptist.

When he asked us who we thought he was, the answer was clear. He was the hope of the poor, forgiveness for sinners, justice for all people. He is the Christ. He is the Son of the living God. I was only saying what everyone else was thinking. You couldn't travel with him and share his life, like we did, and not come to really know him.

He seemed happy at first. I don't really understand what he said next, but it was pretty full on. The Father revealing; me being a rock, changing my name, the power to bind and loose... He was very

excited. But then suddenly his mood changed.

He said he was planning to go to Jerusalem. I could not believe it. The people loved him. But because of this the Chief Priest, Scribes and most of Pharisees saw him as a threat. Jerusalem. The Roman are bad enough, but with all the others, Jerusalem is the last place he needs to be. He knows that, we know that, so why do it? It makes no sense.

So took him aside and I told him: He can't let this happen! We were sitting by the road a little further along than the others. He was looking tired and worried.

He looked up at me and said it. I'll never forget it. 'Get behind me! Satan.'  
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## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - September 16, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 2:12,17-20  
2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3  
Gospel: Mk 9:30-37



### 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:** John Cumming, Jovakin Ivetac, Iole DiCristoforo, Kathleen Cullen, Natasha Papst, John Gerdtz

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Valli Glynn, Teresa Valitutti Tony Balkin, Giuseppe & Gietino Pino, Walter Booth, Karlo Berginc, Ines Moreira Duarte, Jack Hickey, Michele Marruso, Imelda Wood, Stoja, Blaz & Ivan Mrkogaca

**BAPTISMS:** Xavier Cleary (HF)

**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 23, 2012.**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

### 9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahan, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

M Lacy

P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown

T McShanag

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

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R&K Maddalena

### 11.00AM

M Foley

J Fraatz

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

## 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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org](http://www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org)**

## **Liturgy in the Pastoral Cluster:**

- 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.
- Sept 22/23...** **Social Justice Sunday** - The Gift of Family in Difficult Times
- Oct 13...** **Confirmation St Patrick's/Parish Group** - 5pm - **NB: At Holy Family Church**
- Oct 21...** **Confirmation Holy Family School 2pm, Holy Spirit/Parish Group 5pm** - **NB: Both at Holy Family Church**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - The Gift of Family in Difficult Times:**

Next week at all our Masses there will be a focus on this year's Social Justice Statement. The Statement celebrates the vital role of family in our society and examines the pressures that threaten its stability. Work demands, living costs and forces of consumerism are some aspects of our society that impact on families. As Christians we are called to be supportive of all families, especially those in crisis and greatest need. For further details visit [socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499. In next week's bulletin there will be a Flyer entitled **Ten Steps to Strengthen and Support Families** that has been prepared by the Australian Catholics Social Justice Council.

### **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

## **Cluster News:**

- ◆ **PARISH CELEBRATION - OCT 7TH AT Ss PETER 7 PAUL'S HALL - FR MICK AND FRIENDS TURNING 80:**  
All are welcomed to come along and join this notable group as they celebrate being Octogenarians. If you wish to attend, please sign up on clipboards at the Church entrances. If you are able to help, please bring either a cake, sponge or slice. A sign-up board is at the back of each of the Churches. Savoury food, tea, coffee and drink will be supplied. Come join the party! Special guest will be **Ron Sudden** who will present good old time music. **NO PRESENTS BUT PRESENCE, PLEASE! The collection at the 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's on Oct 7th will go towards defraying the costs of the party, with any excess going to the Columban Partnership.** (Fr Mick)
- ◆ **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 Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063 by Sept 19th.
- ◆ **SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY:** The Director of Development Office for the Archdiocese forwarded a note of thanks to the members of the Pastoral Cluster for their generous support of the Archdiocesan Chaplaincy Services. We raised \$1365.25. The Catholic Chaplaincies work in our hospitals, prisons, youth justice and with seafarers. They are a tangible sign of God's presence of care in moments of great suffering and vulnerability.



## THANKYOU!

On behalf of my Mum Eileen, my sisters Loretta and Bernadette and brothers Ian, Paul and Damien, I thank all those who have offered their prayers, condolences and cards on the passing of Norm. (Fr Gerard)

### Community News:

- Sept 17...** **INQUIRY FORUM:** For people considering making a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry on the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other non-government organisations. **'Captains Room', Premiership Stand, Geelong Football Club, 4-9pm (break for tea in Bistro 5.45-7pm).** Why has the Government set up this Inquiry? Submission writing made easy (closing date now Sept 21). Geelong police assistance, counselling services, proactive church response. Ian Trezise MP will open the Forum. RSVP [victims.forum.victoria@gmail.com](mailto:victims.forum.victoria@gmail.com) or ph convenors Helen Last and Glenn Davies on 9326 5991.
- 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@vtu.edu.au](mailto:admin@vtu.edu.au) or [ctc.edu.au/vatican-ii](http://ctc.edu.au/vatican-ii)
- Oct 4...** **SAMARITAN HOUSE 'SLEEP-OUT':** The first annual 'Samaritan House Sleep-Out' at Geelong Racecourse from 8pm Thurs to 8am Fri. An experience of what a nightly challenge it is for up to 100 people who "sleep rough" in Geelong every night. Participation by donation or sponsor support, registration forms available from [samaritanhousegeelong.com.au](http://samaritanhousegeelong.com.au) or at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)
- 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](http://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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)
- Oct 19-21...** **PENOLA ROAD TRIP FOR 18-35s:** MacKillop Young Adult Community (MacYAC) - for details/enquiries ph 9306 8903 or [macyac@sosi.org.au](mailto:macyac@sosi.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.

### 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.

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

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mk 8:34)*

**When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to deny ourselves some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended them to be shared.**

I must've looked shocked, but he kept on. 'You are an obstacle in my path. Your way of thinking is not God's way.'

I was so angry. He turned and walked back to the others. Slowly I walked back.

He was sitting, eating some bread, and as he ate he began to speak. 'If you want to follow me, forget yourself,

your life, your fear, and follow me. Even to death.'

What does he expect of us? We have all given up so much for him. We believe in him. We know him to be the Christ. Yet he wants more! Do we follow him to death in Jerusalem?

What does he expect of me?

