



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

It's hard to see what the disciples don't get when Jesus tells them in fairly plain language that because of the way he lives and what he says he will be put to death by the power barons of his day. The disciples seem to think the Passion is going to be an event out of *Boy's Own Annual*, where the ensuing campaign will see greatness thrust upon them. In this context, Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least.

This is a powerful lesson. Greatness in the world – power, connections, wealth, influence, reputation and learning – only counts for something in the Kingdom of God when put at the service of the most vulnerable of our society. Greed, riches and pride are so alluring, so seductive for us in the Church, as much as for those outside it,

that we need to regularly examine our consciences to assess the motivations and results of what we are doing, and why we are doing it. When I read today's Gospel, however, I also feel sad. I cannot help but reflect on how unintentionally prophetic Mark was being in linking the prediction of Jesus' passion with the status of a child.

The safeguards now needed in response to the criminal and scandalous behaviour of a very few leaders in the Church, means that many bishops, priests, religious and teachers can no longer follow Jesus' example and take children in our arms. I fully understand why this is the case, but the fact that we have to be so careful about the care of our children and have strict protocols and legislation that covers such behaviour toward children is a necessary and, nonetheless, tragic moment. It's also a moment for us to

remember the passion of those who have had to endure the trauma of destructive behaviour. As the Jews say of the Holocaust, 'to forget is to commit the same mistake again'. At its most basic level the latter part of today's Gospel reveals what we would expect of Jesus – he likes children and they like him.

It's amazing how a couple of pieces of information can sometimes change the way a scriptural story is read, and its importance for our lives today. We know from other documents of the same period as the New Testament that children in first century Palestine had no rights. They were possessions of their fathers, and they could be bought and sold, exploited and even killed without any recourse to the religious or civil law.

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - September 23, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them and I will be their Lord forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Num 11:25-29

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48



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 24:** Deluca family, 44 Fairy St; **Oct 1&8:** Baum family, 96 Heytesbury 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: Carmel Harmon, Maria DePalma, Allan Downie

ANNIVERSARIES: Agnes Tuddenham, Michele Marruso, Leopold Pockaj, Emil Nadoh, Nobby DaCosta, Patrick McGlinchey Snr (1month), Harry Gazenbeek, Nicanor Manalo, George Carmody

BAPTISMS: Maksim Jelcic (HF), Blake Kenzie (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, Winifred Atkinson

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 30, 2012.

(5th 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 McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

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

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

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 22/23...** **Social Justice Sunday** - The Gift of Family in Difficult Times
- Oct 7...** **Special 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's to begin our celebration for 80th birthday of Fr Mick and Friends.**
(There will still be normal 11am Mass at Holy Spirit.)
- 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:

This 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 or call (02) 8306 3499. In today's bulletin there is 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

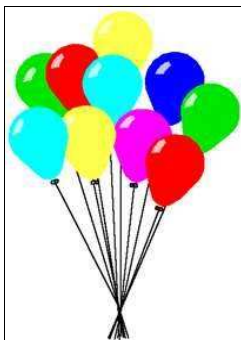
Please Note:

Third Term school holidays begin this week. The Parish Office will follow the customary school holiday program. If no one is in the office please leave message on the answering machine.

Cluster News:

PARISH CELEBRATION - FR MICK AND FRIENDS TURNING 80:

- Date...** Sunday October 7th
- Mass Time...** **The Celebration begins with a Mass at 11am at Ss Peter & Paul's Church. Please note, the normal 11am Mass at Holy Spirit will also be held that day.**
- Luncheon...** 12noon at Ss Peter & Paul's Church Hall. As part of the celebration, Ron Sudden will present good old-time music.



All parishioners are warmly welcomed to celebrate with our Octogenarians. If you wish to attend please sign the clipboards in the Church entrances. If you wish to help a sign-up board is also at the back of each Church to indicate whether you can provide cake, sponge or a slice.

Please note: Savoury food, tea, coffee and drinks will be supplied.
Fr Mick has indicated no PRESENTS but PRESENCE!

There will be a collection at the 11am Ss Peter & Paul's Mass to assist with the defraying of costs, and any extra will go towards supporting the Columban Partnership.

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP:** Group Tour of Anam Cara House, **Monday Oct 1, 7pm.** Ph Liz 0411 243 382

Community News:

- Sept 23...** **A GALA CONCERT IN AID OF SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG:** Featuring principal artists from the Savoy Opera Company - 3pm at The Playhouse Theatre, tickets \$25 from 50 Lt Malop St or ph 5225 1200, online gpac.org.au
- Sept 26...** **ARE WE RACIST OR ARE WE GULLIBLE?** Talk by Prof Linda Briskman at the Barking Dog Hotel 7-9pm.
- 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 or at 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
- 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
- " **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH:** 11am-12.15pm (note daytime talk) on Complex Trauma and Dissociation. Venue - Geelong West Town Hall Supper Room.
- Oct 12-14...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Information/bookings ph 9733 0997 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

- PRAYER FOR FAMILIES -

Sometimes in the rush of life the prayer which most often escapes our lips is: God help us!

So, God of creation, you who made the stars and the heavens, who created such wondrous gifts for this planet, and created women and men in your own image, help us!

Each time we utter that plea, aloud or in our hearts, in hope or in exasperation, know that we are opening ourselves to your unending love.

Help us to stop and take time: time to look deeply at the world you have created and give thanks.

Time to be with one another, in our families, long enough to appreciate each others' joys and sorrows, and know in the depths of our hearts, in the comfort of our kitchens, and in the serenity of our sheds and gardens, that we do not journey alone.

And from this strength, face calmly the turmoils that arise.

Help us to value the work of our hands, minds and hearts, as a way of participating in your ongoing creation, as a way of building relationships and building a more just society.

Give us the insight and courage to build a society where everyone shares the riches of the earth and the wealth of our endeavours.

Help us to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves: Indigenous families, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless or living in poverty, families struggling to meet the needs of those with a disability.

Jesus, your Son, knew the reality of living in a family.

Together they knew the harsh reality of a forced journey to Bethlehem and then to Egypt.

In Nazareth he learnt the grind and delight of daily work.

Through him we pray for all families, that all people may live life to the full and that we all, in our families, Church and society, work tirelessly to bring this about.

We make our prayer through Jesus your Son in the company of his family. God help us, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving:*

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35)

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us through His words and through His life that we are called to serve one another. We can serve through our sacrifices of time, talent and treasure.

A VOCATION VIEW:

When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all", many people could immediately turn and walk away.

Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

One way in which a child was publicly claimed in this society was that only their immediate family could touch them. The story, then, of Jesus embracing the child in public was in itself a social challenge to accepted customs. But it's much more than that. In taking the children in his

arms, Jesus declares that they are possessions of no one, but they belong to us all as gifts. In the family of God, children are accorded the dignity and respect we would give to God.

Today's Gospel tells us that those who deserve our attention and esteem are the

ones who are the least, the most at risk or those who put their talents and gifts at their service by making the world a better place for them. Just as he did in the market place of Galilee when he took the children in his arms, Jesus has a habit of turning our world's values upside down.