



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

Today's gospel makes me very pleased I'm a Catholic, and that we don't take the bible literally. Our Christian brothers and sisters who insist on the literal truth of the scriptures must have a tough time trying to avoid cutting off their hands and feet, plucking out their eyes and worrying about how hot hell is! I'm not sure about them, but I know my feet have taken me to places I wish I'd not gone, and when I got there my eyes saw things I wish I'd not seen. Still, in spite of the times I've let myself down, I am glad I'm still in one piece, and not all that worried about the worms and weather in hell!

As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and exaggeration to make his point. In Mark's

Gospel, Jesus takes evil very seriously. He is always conscious of it around him and is aware that it comes from within us, and without us. Jesus teaches us today to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves.

Sinful behaviour often falls into two categories of human activity: habitual and compulsive. Habits are unusual things. There are good habits, like saying 'please' and 'thank you'. There are habits that can start out well-intentioned enough, but end up being obsessions, like caring for one's physical fitness. And there are habits that bring moments of relief or let us off the hook – like lying, dishonesty and stealing – but always end up being destructive.

Compulsive behaviour, however, is of a very different order. Gambling, drinking, shopping,

smoking, violence, work, sex, eating, drugs, pornography, money and the Internet are fairly common modern manifestations of compulsive behaviour. As heart-breaking as these addictions are, they are the presenting problems of deeper issues related to self-esteem, personal history and even genetic disposition.

One of the comments I've heard people make about their compulsive behaviour is, 'I found myself doing it again and I am not sure how or why'. No doubt there are some people who feel so lonely and get so depressed about their habitual or compulsive behaviour, they contemplate severing an arm, a leg or gouging an eye.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - September 30, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done for us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Gen 2:18-24
2nd Reading: Heb 2:9-11
Gospel: Mk 10:2-16



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: 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: Giuseppe Saya

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Gartlan, Philip Bates, Norma Moody, Maria Donnellan, Romeo Mangas, Vera McGrath, Angela LaSpada, John O'Loughlin, Jenny McLaurin

BAPTISMS: Zoran Bumbak, Ava Jack, Audrey Mackus (HS)

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, OCT 7, 2012.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

A Vanjek

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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Liturgy in the Pastoral Cluster:

- 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**

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.**

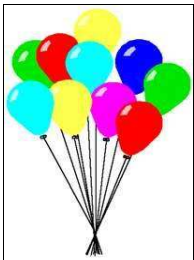
Please Note:

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.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

- ◆ **COMMITTEE MEETING** for Fr Mick's Mates this Wednesday Oct 3 at 7pm at the Cluster Office.
- ◆ **RAFFLE TICKETS:** The weekend of Sat/Sun 13/14 we will be distributing books of raffle tickets with all funds going to Fr Mick's Mates.
- ◆ **MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON:** Holy Spirit Hall for Fr Mick's Mates - \$20/head Chicken Luncheon provided with a glass of champagne. Please contact David Lunn 0408 378 982 or Amy O'Brien 5229 9911

OPEN DAY AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PRESBYTERY: The "plan" is that on the weekend of Sat/Sun 27/28 at Ss Peter & Paul's Church there will be a small ceremony with representatives from the Catholic Super Fund (the tenants of the ground floor of the Presbytery). After each Mass the Presbytery will be open for everyone to see the newly renovated premises.

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

Community News:

- Oct 1... **INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CHOIR** on stage 1.30pm at the Belmont Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St. Great start to the 2012 Seniors Festival - entry is free with tea/coffee afterwards.
- “ **OPENING CELEBRATION MASS of the National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Assembly.** 1pm at Sacred Heart Church, 322 Bell St Preston.
- Oct 2... **RETIRED OFFICERS KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Next meeting at the White Eagle, 12noon.
- 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
- “ **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR** presents **The Chichester Psalms** at 3pm. Tickets \$25/\$20 conc at the door on online at AusChoir.org. Enquiries Jeannette 5223 3554.
- 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

PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY:

The Catholic Church of Victoria has made their submission to the Parliamentary Enquiry with a document entitled **Facing the Truth**. If you wish to read information regarding the Parliamentary Enquiry, the Church’s submission and other helpful information, please visit the website facingthetruth.org.au

CONGRATULATIONS! Local Boys Make Good:

- ◆ **Australian elected as Columban Superior General:** “Fr Kevin O’Neill was elected as Superior General of the Missionary Society of St Columban at the Columban General Assembly in Los Angeles on Sept 20, 2012. Fr Kevin was born in Geelong on Nov 23 1962 and is one of six children, including a twin brother, Peter, who is also a Columban Priest. His parents, John and Ruth, reside in Geelong. He was educated at Our Lady’s, Manifold Hts and St Joseph’s CBC, Newtown and studied chemical engineering at RMIT before entering St Columbans Seminary, Turrumurra, NSW in 1984. He was ordained in 1992 by Bishop Peter Connors in Holy Spirit Church at Manifold Hts. Fr Kevin has worked in Taiwan and Ireland, and is currently working in China. In his new appointment he will reside in Hong Kong where the Columban headquarters are situated.” (*Media Release 21 Sept 2012*) **The parishioners of the Pastoral Cluster, especially from Holy Spirit parish, congratulate Fr Kevin and wish him every blessing and success in this important leadership role.**
- ◆ **A GREEN PARK FOR A MUCH-LOVED MORELAND PRIEST:** “A park where children can run and play has been renamed for a man who improved the lives of many in Moreland. The **Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick Reserve** in New Rd Oak Park, was unveiled last Monday. The parish priest at St Fidelis Catholic Church in Moreland for 23 years, Fr Fitzpatrick was also a priest at St Paul’s in Coburg. He was a keen sportsman, playing football for Coburg YCW until he was 46. Fr Fitzpatrick died in 2009 aged 83. He was the second of nine children and one of five who dedicated their lives to the church. His siblings Fr Mick, Bro Majella and Srs Genevieve and Paulina were at the reserve last week for the unveiling. Fr Fitzpatrick’s housekeeper, Lois Thompson, said he was “a wonderful human being” who deserved to have the park named after him. “He gave his heart and soul to the parish at St Fidelis, and all he met, he helped.” Moreland Mayor John Kavanagh said Fr Fitzpatrick was a man at ease with the young of the parish as well as the sick or dying.” (*The ‘Moreland Leader’ 17 Sept 2012*)

Jesus underlines that we have to stop our destructive behaviour and offers three pieces of practical advice so we can. Firstly, do whatever helps. For some people the most unusual solutions attend to the deeper issues and help us piece our lives back together. It doesn’t matter whether others approve of it, or it’s related to religious faith, for as long as it doesn’t lead to other destructive behaviour then, ‘whoever (or whatever) is not against us, is for us’.

Secondly, accept help. None of us can battle through life carrying all our burdens on our own. Steps four to six of Alcoholics Anonymous deal with sharing the exact nature of our burdens as a means to coming to terms with them. Our family and friends are not mind readers and we need to seek out wise counsel and follow it wisely. The help and support we receive could be like the cup of refreshing water Jesus tells us about today.

Finally, habitual and compulsive

behaviour always has a pattern. St Ignatius Loyola taught in the sixteenth century that it was only when we regularly examined ourselves to see where, when, how and with whom we are most likely to walk away from God’s love, that we can work out why we do it and change the pattern.

And when we really know ourselves as we are, and not as we would like to be, we have the chance to choose life over death more often than not.