



# 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

John Calvin, one the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a means to salvation. 'If you keep the law, the law will keep you.' He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who. This was tough stuff!

Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behaviour was an indication of who belonged to those elected by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking,

swearing or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the benchmarks of the elect. Within a few generations of Calvin's death, it is easy to see that the observance of the strict, Protestant, moral code had replaced the seven Sacraments as the way of being assured of heaven.

The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him. Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to

live the best life we can, the fulfilment of any law, civil or moral, is a tyranny. We do not believe in a tyrannical God.

We do believe, however, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle. He could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him.

For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel. /Cont'd P4

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - October 14, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

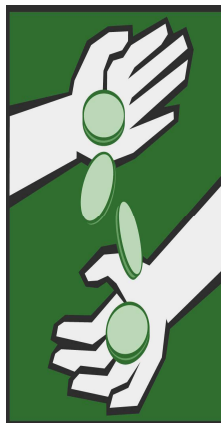
### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 53:10-11  
2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16  
Gospel: Mk 10:35-45



### 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 15/22 - Ramios family, 85 Sunderland Rd.

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:** Margaret Cody

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Len Callander (Canada), Salvatore & Antonietta Valentino, Maria & Antonio DeAngelis, Josipa Ribaric, Vincenza Catone, Patrick Cudmore, Joseph Gillett Snr, Salvatore Peralta

**BAPTISMS:** Emmerson Brooks, Lily DiBlasio, Charlie Grgic (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, Theo DaCosta, Jela Perse, Andrew Stocks, Veronica Duffy, Winifred Atkinson

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 21, 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

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

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

- Oct 13... **Confirmation St Patrick's/Parish Group** - 5pm - NB: **At Holy Family Church**
- Oct 17... **School Mass at St Patrick's** - Gr3/4 at 10.15am
- Oct 21... **Confirmation Holy Family School 2pm, Holy Spirit/Parish Group 5pm** - NB: **Both at Holy Family Church**
- Oct 26... **School Mass at Holy Spirit** - Gr3 at 11am
- Oct 31... **School Mass at St Patrick's** - Gr1/2 at 10.15am

### **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.**

## **Cluster News:**

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **THANKYOU - BERYL MCGONIGAL:** Jean, Dorothy and Margaret thank the parishioners of Holy Spirit for their prayers and expression of sympathy at the death of their mother.
- ◆ **THANKYOU** - The DiCristoforo family would like to thank the Holy Family parish for their kind thoughts and loving support during the sad time of the recent death of Orlando and Iole.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will be holding their monthly meeting in the Holy Spirit Hall, **1.30pm Wed 24th October**. This is to set the date and venue for our last meeting in 2012. Note for your Diary - **Blume's Fashion, Holy Spirit Hall Wed 28th Nov 1.30pm**. For information contact Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **HOLY SPIRIT TRIVIA NIGHT:** Saturday 27th Oct, \$15pp. Starts 7pm for 7.30pm kick-off. Clonard Hall - all welcome! Bookings essential - phone Carmen on 0408 294 415.

## **A VERY BIG THANKYOU!**

A very BIG thankyou to all involved in the Octogenerian Birthday Celebration last Sunday. It was a most enjoyable day.

Special thanks to the overall organisers - **Trish Stickland, Fr Gerard** and **Frank Kearney** and to **Desma Dougherty** and **Jeanette Sheahan** for organising the catering.

**Thanks** to those who set up the Hall and to all who supplied food or drink, put food on the tables and cleaned up afterwards.

**Thanks** to all involved in preparing the celebrating the Mass, especially the Choir.

**Thanks** to the Octogenerians for joining in the party and to all who attended and created a most enjoyable, happy gathering.

Personally I wish to thank all who congratulated me in person or through cards on reaching 80.

I am pleased to belong to you.

God bless all abundantly - *Fr Mick*

## Community News:

- Oct 14... **ANTI-POVERTY WEEK:** A workshop for *The Challenge of Poverty and St Vincent de Paul Society's Response* will be held at Vinnies Centre, 162 Fyans St 1.45 for 2pm start. RSVP 5229 0911 or email [geelong.centre@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:geelong.centre@svdp-vic.org.au) The program will be a brief history of the Society; local challenges and responses; Vinnies Centre - an integral part of the support; the way forward. Refreshments to follow.
- “ **AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR** will sing Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms with counter-tenor, organ, harp and percussion, directed by Douglas Lawrence. St Mary's Basilica at 3pm - tickets/details from [www.AusChoir.org/concerts/we-are-also-performing-in](http://www.AusChoir.org/concerts/we-are-also-performing-in)
- Oct 12-14... **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Information/bookings ph 9733 0997 or email [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)
- Oct 17... **PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT SEMINAR:** Ashby House (Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery) 1 Malone St Geelong, 4.30pm. Catholic Super invites you to attend a free Planning for Retirement Seminar. To Register go to [csf.com.au](http://csf.com.au) or ph 1300 655 002.
- Oct 18... **ANNUAL ST THERESE GOLF DAY:** RACV/Torquay Golf Club Mens & Ladies Individual Stableford, shot gun start 12.30pm, lunch 11.45am, entry \$20/player. To enter please ph Bob Darby 5261 9035. Entries close **Sunday Oct 13**. Proceeds go to SVDP Society.
- Nov 8... **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH: Where is Positive Psychiatry?** Come to Geelong West Town Hall, Supper Room, 7.30-8.45pm.

**SISTERS OF NAZARETH** offer an invitation to young women aged 18-35 open to discerning a vocation to religious life with the Sisters on Friday 2nd till the 4th November at Nazareth House, 16 Cornell St Camberwell Melb. Contact details Sr Rosalie O'Malley on 5329 5259 or 0450 355 014.

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:** Oct 14th 2012 - The theme for this year will be **Caring for those who have lost Unborn Children - Becoming a Good Samaritan**. There is a brochure prepared by the Life, Marriage and Family Office and they are available for free at the back of the Church.

## RELAY FOR LIFE:

- ◆ **DISTRIBUTION OF RAFFLE BOOKS:** The weekend of Sat/Sun 13/14 we will be distributing books of raffle tickets after all Masses with all funds going to Fr Mick's Mates.
- ◆ **MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON:** Holy Spirit Hall for Fr Mick's Mates at midday - \$20/head Chicken Luncheon provided with a glass of champagne. Please contact David Lunn 0408 378 982, Amy O'Brien 5229 9911 or Desma Dougherty 5278 2712.
- ◆ **LADIES CAKE AND HOME PRODUCE STALL AFTER Mass:** Holy Family Oct 14 after 8am and 9.30am Mass, Holy Spirit Oct 21 after 11am Mass and Ss Peter & Paul's Oct 28 after 11am Mass.



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We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then its moral authority over us is questionable.

In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and,

at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus.

The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of

all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality Jesus taught and lived.

Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people.