



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

One Sunday morning during Mass, the congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying submachine guns. One of the men proclaimed, 'Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are!'

Immediately, the choir fled, altar servers fled, and most of the congregation fled. Within a few minutes, out of the two hundred strong congregation only ten people remained where they were. The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the priest and said, 'OK Father, I got rid of all the fence sitters, how about we make a start'.

It's nice to see the priest in the story remained in the Church! I would like to think that faced with such an extreme moment like this I would have the courage of my

convictions, but I must admit I have my doubts.

Each Sunday by coming and celebrating the Eucharist we implicitly, and explicitly, state that we want to become like Christ. As the Gospels repeatedly tell us if we follow him in his saving love for the world then, like him, we must confront injustice, defend the rights of the poor and the oppressed to dignity, give and forgive, heal and reconcile. By saying this, we are clearly not looking for a smooth ride through life.

In concert with the whole Church what most of us have done is domesticate the hard edges of Jesus' teachings to suit our comfortable existences. And then we get a Gospel like today's. The sons of Zebedee want the best seats in the house without knowing what the admission price is going to

cost. They want the glory without the gore.

Jesus teaches them, and later all the other apostles, that for his Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, requires of us to drink a cup of suffering and be baptised in a river of sacrificial love. We can't dress this teaching up, or put a good spin on it. There is no resurrection without the cross. No gain without the pain.

For most of us this challenge means doing whatever we can politically and socially to bring the values of the Gospel to bear on our different spheres of influence. But Jesus also links this challenge to the act of service. And in this regard some leaders in the Church give us mixed messages and let us off the hook.

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - October 21, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9
2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 10:46-52



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 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: Mark Shaw (Adelaide), Rosa Nagy, Marica Mikin, Stanley Eccles, Geoff Hart

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick, Giovanni DiRocco, Ruza Boras, Thomas Nehill, Maria DePalma (1month), Ercole Iezzi, Hilda Holloway, Josephine & Antonio Puglia, Reg Doherty, Joseph (Snr), Zivka, Frank & Rudi (Snr) Vanjek, Andrew Sheahan, Kevin & Mary Chandley

BAPTISMS: Sienna Belshaw, Sienna Birrell (HF), Tom Christian, Isabel Chandler (HS)

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 28, 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

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

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.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Liturgy in the Pastoral Cluster:

- 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 27/28...** **Welcome to Catholic Super Fund Representatives** - At the 5pm Mass on Saturday and 11am Sunday at Ss Peter & Paul's there will be a short talk and presentation by Catholic Super Fund, the new tenants at 1 Malone St Geelong West. Afterwards there will be the Open House.
- Oct 31...** School Mass at St Patrick's - Gr1/2 at 10.15am
- Nov 3/4...** **Bereavement Masses** - At all the Masses on this weekend there will be an opportunity for the community to remember and pray for all deceased. There will be a special focus on those who have been buried from one of our three Churches in the last 12 months. The names of those people will be placed on a Powerpoint and shown at the start of each Mass. This year the names will not be read out. Small cards will be available next week for parishioners to fill in with names of deceased people they would like to be remembered in our Bereavement Masses. These small cards will then be placed at the foot of the Cross at each of the three Churches and remain there for the duration of November.
- Nov 10/11...** **Grandparents Mass** - Focus on the vocation and contribution of Grandparents. Schools involved in the 6pm Holy Spirit, 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Ss Peter & Paul's Masses.

At the Liturgy Meeting last Monday we spoke about our Advent Liturgies and Reconciliation Services.

The focus will be on the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement with the theme of FAMILY IN DIFFICULT TIMES. The Advent Liturgies and Reconciliation will be an opportunity to acknowledge and affirm those groups within our community, the St Vincent de Paul, Ministers to the Sick, those committed to the Columban Partnership in the Philippines, who support families who are experiencing difficulties.

Also in this Year of Grace at Advent we will show an image of Christ after Communion with a quote attached accompanied by one minute of **silent** contemplation. After the minute's silence we will recite the Year of Grace Prayer. Finally, there was conversation as to whether to retain the Christmas Eve Mass at Midnight or not. Soon there will be a survey throughout the Cluster to gauge people's response to the proposal to retain the Midnight Mass or, alternatively, introduce an 8am Mass on Christmas Day at Holy Family.

In the Cluster we want to provide a generous amount of service at Christmas time, but at the same time it needs to be sustainable, hence the survey.

Cluster News:

- ◆ **OPEN HOUSE AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PRESBYTERY:** After the Masses on Sat/Sun 27/28 at Ss Peter & Paul's Church people will be welcome to see the new renovations of the premises.
- ◆ **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. 2013 Membership \$20, Horizon \$20 and ordered Scripture Diary \$10 can be paid for at this meeting. 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.
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** From Colleen, Kevin and Kristen Battye and members of the Rowe Family for prayers at the time of the loss of Greg.
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday Nov 6 (Melbourne Cup Day)

Community News:

- Oct 27...** **BACK TO BROADWAY:** A Bayside Entertainment and Theatre Production on stage 1.30pm at Belmont Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St, featuring songs from those well loved Broadway shows (Musical Director Ron Sudden). Tickets \$10 incl refreshments - Ph 5241 1776.
- Oct 28...** **ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH NORLANE PARISH LUNCHEON:** 12-4pm at the Croatian Community Centre, Cox Rd. Entertainment provided, cost adults \$20, children u/12 \$5. For tickets and bookings ph Joan Snowdon 5278 5911 or Charmaine Nikolajenko 5274 9553.
- 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.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

- ◆ **MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON - Tues Nov 6:** 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 Spirit Oct 21** after 11am Mass and **Ss Peter & Paul's Oct 28** after 11am Mass.



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.

Also a special thanks to **Chickery Fish** (Cnr Separation & Thompsons Rd) and **IGA Foodstore** in Vines Rd who provided generous support to our function. The best way we can show our appreciation for their generosity is to support them.

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*

Whatever of the patrimony of the past, today's Gospel reminds us that bishops, priests and deacons should be excellent models of the humility of service. The leadership Jesus advocates is not monarchical or tyrannical, it is being the least, and being a servant.

The Second Vatican Council taught that leaders in the Church should be outstanding in humility, charity and simplicity of lifestyle. Some leaders are

just this. Others have domesticated the hard edge of the Gospel.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that we recover a love for the hard teachings of Jesus, even though they demand so much of us, and that we have the courage to call our leaders to do likewise. These teachings are, after all, what makes us different from the Gentiles, and sort out who is actually sitting on the fence.

