



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 is amazing to note how leaving out just one half of one verse of the Gospel can affect the Christian life for centuries.

All of us know by rote the command of Jesus that we must love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and we must love our neighbour.

But the second half of verse 31 is not usually quoted because, sadly, it is not as imbedded in our memory. It reads: 'You shall love your neighbour AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF.'

There are very clear historical reasons why the second part of Jesus' summary of the commandments was quietly forgotten. Given the chequered personal experience he had of his own body, St Augustine, in the fifth century, had very ambivalent feelings about the human body. He thought that, generally, it was to be feared as the instrument through

which we would sin. He encouraged us to tame it through prayer, mortification and penance. Augustine's ideas about the body held sway until Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century and the Jesuit Theologians of the 15th century argued that while the body can lead us to sin, it is also a temple of the Holy Spirit and a vehicle of God's love and grace.

In the 16th century Cornelius Jansen denounced Aquinas and the Jesuits and argued that Augustine held the correct Christian view. No matter what the Church did to denounce Jansen at the time, his thinking took deep root in Europe, the USA and missionary countries throughout the world. Jansenism, the belief that our body and its desires are evil and that we need to harshly mortify ourselves, is, tragically, still active in Christian thought today.

Jansenism is irreconcilable with today's Gospel where Jesus tells us that the love of God, the love of neighbour and the love of self are the cornerstones of the Christian law. And the opposite must be true too. We CANNOT call ourselves Christian if we hate God, hate our neighbour or hate ourselves.

Some people argue that Western society has already gone too far in the direction of self-love. They maintain that the lengths some people go to achieve a sculptured body, the use of steroids, the growing frequency of eating disorders, the adoration of sportsmen and women, the cult of the gym and of the sex industry all point to a culture too much in love with itself. Some argue what we need is a good dose of self-control. They are only half-right. /Cont'd P4

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - November 4, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1Kg 17:10-16
2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28
Gospel: Mk 12:38-44



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: **Nov 5:** Trinder family, 20 Downie Place; **Nov 12:** Montalto family, 2 Graylea Ave

Nov 19/26: Martin family, 26 Honey Lane

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.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Dorica Broz, Jozo Brdar, Eddie Pavuna

ANNIVERSARIES: William McHugh, Klara Vanslooten, Eileen Brady, Margaret O'Dwyer, Salvatore Rotiroti, Vincenzo & Elisabetta Pitaro, Kathleen Allen, Francis Murphy, Madge King, Domenico, Ripalda, Giovanni & Rosetta Santamaria, Vincenzo & Giuseppa Salvo, Maria Salvo, Concetta Gangemi, Terry Walsh, Joe Conway

BAPTISMS: Matilda Fitzgerald, Kelly Hose, Gabrielle Iannelli, Jack Iannuzzi, Tas Lymer

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Heidi Maguire, 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, NOV 11, 2012.

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Sheahan

V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

G Harrison

B Murphy, R O'Neill

M Brown, P Ryan

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

L Strzelecki, A/L Fossey, M Sleeman

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

T Martin

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:

- 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 8...** **School Mass at Holy Family** - Gr5/6 at 9.15am
- 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.
- Nov 18...** **Remembrance Mass for Past Members of Knights of Southern Cross** - 11am Holy Spirit
- Nov 29...** **School Mass at Holy Family** - Gr1/2 at 9.15am

Preparation for 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.

Christmas Mass Timetable:

At the recent Liturgy Committee meeting it was recommended that for Christmas we have either the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at Holy Family, **OR** the 8am Mass on Christmas Day at Holy Family, but not both.

This weekend there will be a survey to gauge people's response to the above proposal. Please fill in the clipboard **only if you would like to attend one of these Masses.**

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be offered for the rest of the year at:

Ss Peter & Paul's - 11,25 Nov & 9 Dec - 11am Mass

Holy Family and Holy Spirit - 18 Nov, 2,16 Dec - 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit

We encourage families to make use of this service.

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS: Since the new Liturgical Year will begin with Advent (Dec 1/2), copies of *Break Open the Word* with the next year's liturgical readings, are available for collection in the Sacristies. Please pick up your copy. Thankyou.

VCE STUDENTS: Over the coming weeks we have many young people in our parish families preparing for VCE examinations. This is a stressful time for the students (and their families) and we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Cluster News:

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday Nov 6 (Melbourne Cup Day)
- ◆ **FR GERARD IS AWAY ON ANNUAL LEAVE** from Nov 12 and returning Dec 7.
- ◆ **CUP EVE SUPPER:** This week on Monday night at 6.30pm, the Holy Family Women's Group are holding their annual Cup Eve Supper. Food will be supplied but please bring something to drink, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. We will organize Melbourne Cup sweeps during the evening, so bring lists of horses and jockeys if you happen to have them. \$2/ticket to enter, we look forward to seeing you there. The event will be at the Parish Centre.
- ◆ **THANKYOU** to the children, the teaching staff, Frank Kearney our Sacramental Co-ordinator for Catholic Children outside Catholic Schools, parents, choirs and all those engaged in the Confirmation ceremonies. This year they were again a great celebration of the Holy Spirit working in our young children's lives.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC CARE** would like to thank you for contributing \$1,000 to our annual Church Appeal. In addition, some parishioners would have taken envelopes home and donated directly to the appeal. The assistance provided by your parish community means that we can continue to help vulnerable and disadvantaged families.
- ◆ **CAN YOU HELP???** Wanted for Vincentian Village golf putters for residents' activities. Drop off at Vincentian Village or phone G Phelan-Dixon 5278 5948.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: *Where on earth is God?*

This week the Summer edition of Australian Catholics is available at the back of all Churches. This fine magazine which focuses on Faith and Living for Contemporary Catholics focuses in this edition on **Faith as a Journey**. The latest edition of *Australian Catholics* magazine explores the places where God resides in the world, and the pilgrimage journeys we take to get there. It includes a special 9-day Pilgrimage with St Francis Xavier, providing a unique resource related to the Year of Faith and the visit of the famous missionary's relic to Australia. The edition also features an exclusive interview with Hollywood actor Martin Sheen, on his recent film *The Way*. The magazine is free!

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.



Community News:

- Nov 7... **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall, cost \$8. All welcome!
- Nov 8... **FREE TALKS ON MENTAL HEALTH: Where is Positive Psychiatry?** Come to Geelong West Town Hall, Supper Room, 7.30-8.45pm.
- Nov 11... **MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS & STAFF OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE** will be held in the College Chapel at 2pm. All welcome!
- Nov 13... **2012 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION: *Labouring for the Common Good*** by Senator John Madigan and Dr Matthew Tan - Lecture Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building Australian Catholic University, 15 Young St Fitzroy (off Victoria Pde). 7pm for 7.30pm, light refreshments from 7pm. RSVP to Mark Clarke on 9926 5727 or justice@cam.org.au All welcome!
- Nov 28... **BLUME'S FASHION PARADE:** Manifold CWL invites you to Holy Spirit Hall, 1.30pm. For information ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- Dec 1... **THE ORDER OF MALTA INVITES YOU TO LOURDES DAY MASS 2012:** 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. Principal Celebrant Most Rev Denis Hart DD. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes.

A VOCATION VIEW:

"You should love the Lord your God with all your heart... (and) your neighbour as yourself". Pray that we may live these 'great' commandments more fully and pray for vocations!

The problem with the term 'love of self' is that we often hear in it an encouragement to 'adore self'. Nothing could be further from what Jesus is saying. We are called to love our body, not worship it. Jesus is not calling us to a narcissistic love, like we see in the sex industry and the gym cults, where the only thing we love is ourself. If we have no sense of our own self worth, our own dignity and the personal love of God for each of us, it is impossible for us to give the same to others and to claim

from others the dignity we deserve. We will either treat others as our inferiors on the one hand, or allow others to walk all over us, on the other.

Love of self is not about canonising a loss of self-control. Jesus shows us by the way he loved his Father, us and himself that true love always involves sacrifice. If we love our self in the right way, we have the self control to forgo those things that are most destructive in our life and we have

the generosity to do for others the things that will enrich their lives. Jesus knew, that we can never love others if we hate ourselves.

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, that we will develop our mind, heart, soul and strength to love the One who has created us in love and love those given into our care with the same love we lavish on ourselves. The Gospel of Jesus Christ demands nothing less!