



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

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come as a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we.

Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus

does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life.

This story teaches a similar lesson.

Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave.

The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had

nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled out an apple.

The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - November 11, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Dan 12:1-3
2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14,18
Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

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 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.

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: Jozo (Ivan) Resic, Caterina Quaranta, Sr Philomene Carroll RSM

ANNIVERSARIES: Dzida & Akmacic Family, Nicola, Maria-Grazia & Concetta Servello, Wendy Commons (1st Anniv), Robert Johnson, Dominic Fazio, Teresa DeLuca, Maria Consolacion deGuzman

BAPTISMS: Victoria Benkotic, Mia Ciola, Ethan McCutcheon, Macy Sgambaro, Ella Casanelia, Reyne Vincec (P&P)

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, Provvidenza Rinella

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 18, 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

Liturgy in the Pastoral Cluster:

- 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: Unlike the US election, the choice between a midnight Christmas Eve Mass and an 8am Mass at Holy Family was too close to call. This year both Masses will be provided with a view that the numbers will be counted to better inform our plan for next year.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

A warm invitation is extended to all senior parishioners to attend the Mass and Luncheon on **Saturday December 1st** commencing with **Mass at 10.30am and Luncheon at 12noon**. If you wish to attend please place your name on the sign up board (white form) in the Narthex and indicate if you require transport on the day.

Catering for the Function: Please place your name on the sign up board (pink form) in the Narthex if you can assist with the catering. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.

THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN - Sharing of Time, Talents and Treasures:

Everyone who contributes to Thanksgiving has a letter to collect today.

◆ The receipt is for 11 months, Nov 2011-Oct 2012.

◆ Letters are laid out alphabetically by STREET, regardless of suburb.

◆ If you would like to contribute using envelopes or credit card, please take a pink slip.

If your pledge information needs to be updated, please leave a message for Helen at the parish office, or email helen.brislane@cam.org.au.

Thank you all for your continuing generous support.

"RESTORE HOPE, SHARE GRACE" is the motto for **2012 World Mission Appeal**.

We will observe World Mission Sunday across our three parishes at all Masses next weekend. A second collection with envelopes provided will be taken up at all Masses Nov 17/18th.

Cluster News:

- ◆ **FR GERARD IS AWAY ON ANNUAL LEAVE** from Nov 12 and returning Dec 7.
- ◆ **THANKYOU TO THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** Many thanks to the Bereavement Group who organized last weekend's Masses to remember and pray for those family and friends who have died. Also special thanks for the way that they outreach to people in this time of sadness and loss.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

- ◆ **MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON** - Many thanks to all the volunteers who, in a whole variety of ways, made this year's Melbourne Cup function again an enjoyable as well as effective fundraiser for Fr Mick's Mates. Your efforts and generosity is very much appreciated. The amount raised was \$2,113.05. Also, special thanks to the local businesses who supported the day through offering vouchers for a whole variety of things. We thank especially **St George Hotel, Petrel, Argyle, Dragon's Bistro (Bell Park FC), Carrington, Lord of the Isles, Sphinx, Yardz, Sawyer's Arms, Cats Bistro, Moorabool Valley Chocolates, IGA Vines Rd and Jumping Jelly Beans Jumping Castle.**
- ◆ **HOME PRODUCT SALES** - After the Sunday Masses at:
Holy Spirit... 2nd Dec
Ss Peter & Paul's... 9th Dec
Holy Family... 16th Dec
If you would like to order a Christmas Hamper please ph Margaret on 5229 1280

Community News:

- 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.
- ◆ **CAN YOU HELP???** Wanted for Vincentian Village golf putters for residents' activities. Drop off at Vincentian Village or phone G Phelan-Dixon 5278 5948.
 - ◆ **SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG** urgently needs volunteers for overnight supervision 8pm-7am for one night each month. Contact Samaritan House Co-Ordinator Josephine Barnes on 0413 426 716 for further details.
 - ◆ **MARYVILLE NURSING HOME** has vacant beds for either respite or long term accommodation. For further details contact Cheryl Conder 5221 5299 (fax 5221 4024)
 - ◆ **ANAM CARA GEELONG** is looking for more volunteers to assist in their Op Shop at 141 Moorabool St Geelong. For further details contact Sherylyn or Anne on 5222 5831.
 - ◆ **THE COTTON ON FOUNDATION FUN RUN GEELONG** - The organisers of this Fun Run wish to advise residents and parishioners of Ss Peter & Paul's of changed traffic conditions whilst this event is taking place on **Sunday Nov 18, 7.45am-10am**. This event will mean road closures and if you are affected your support and patience is appreciated. 100% of the event's fees is donated to the Geelong Hospital's Children's Ward re-development.

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both our faiths. Then I waved my finger around me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to

remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their scholars had insisted was impossible!

'What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe, 'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we

were staying right here.' And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.'

May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing, and then leaving here and doing the very opposite.