



# 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

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting.

This is not to say that the reign of God

doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way.

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - November 18, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said:  
I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Be watchful, pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before  
the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### Christ the King

1st Reading: Dan 7:13-14  
2nd Reading: Apoc 1:5-8  
Gospel: Jn 18:33-37



### 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 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:** Paola Ierna

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Culo, Christine Whiteley, Ivka Mrkogaca, Santo & Assunta Savron, Francesco Amato

**BAPTISMS:** Evie Townsing, Clara Gardiner (HF), Eadie Chandley, Evie Dando, Joshua Myers, Olivia Nolan (HS)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Heidi Maguire, Gillian Henry, Yvonne Seales, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Theo DaCosta, Jela Perse, Andrew Stocks, Veronica Duffy, Winifred Atkinson, Providenza Rinella

**Please note:** After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list - please phone the office if you wish names reinserted.

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 25, 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 McMahon, 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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org](http://www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org)**

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

- Nov 17/18...** "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 this weekend. A second collection with envelopes provided will be taken up at all Masses Nov 17/18th.
- Nov 18...** **Remembrance Mass for Past Members of Knights of Southern Cross** - 11am Holy Spirit
- Nov 24/25...** **Feast of Christ the King**
- Nov 29...** **School Mass at Holy Family** - Gr1/2 at 9.15am
- Dec 1/2...** **First Week of Advent**

### **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** - 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:**

The pledged amount from Thanksgiving contributors is considered by the Parish Finance Committee, when planning for the future. This year there has been no formal Campaign, so this information has not been updated.

Some people's circumstances have changed. Thankyou to those who are regularly giving more than pledged. **It is helpful if we have notification of any change - increase or decrease.** The new set of envelopes begins in December. Please check the enclosed receipt and "catch up" if you can, or notify Helen at the Parish Office - [Helen.brislane@cam.org.au](mailto:Helen.brislane@cam.org.au) if you need to change your pledged/giving amount.

Thank you all for your continuing generous support.

## Cluster News:

- ◆ **FR GERARD IS AWAY ON ANNUAL LEAVE** from Nov 12 and returning Dec 7.
- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS & COLUMBAN CALENDARS** will be available for purchase from the Piety Stall in the Holy Spirit Church from Saturday 17th November until Sunday 16th December. Cards: Pkt of 10 - \$8, one card \$1. Calendars: \$9 each.
- ◆ **THE HOLY SPIRIT ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will have their annual "Christmas Appeal" collection on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd December. This appeal will assist all those people in our community who will be going through difficult times during the forthcoming holy season of Christmas.
- ◆ **BLUME'S FASHION SHOW - HOLY SPIRIT HALL, 1.30PM WED NOV 28:** Admission \$5 includes lucky door ticket and afternoon tea. Summer clothes available for purchase on day, changing room available. For information/transport contact Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD CWL** will hold their final meeting and Christmas breakup lunch on **Tuesday 4th Dec**. Meet at 11.30am Hamlyn Park Pokies, Calvert St Hamlyn Hts. Bring along a wrapped gift for Kris Kringle, value around \$5. Booking essential by 3rd Dec. All members invited. Contact Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **FESTA DELL'IMMACOLATA CONCEZIONE PROGRAMMA:** Domenica 9 Dicembre nella chiesa di St Patrick, Britannia St Geelong West. Alle ore 9.30am. La messa sara celebrata da Mons James Murray. Dopo la santa messa ci sara la processione con la statua nel cortile della scuola. Seguira la benedizione tutti siete benvenuti.

## RELAY FOR LIFE:

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **REMINDER THAT RAFFLE BOOKS FOR FR MICK'S MATES TO BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.**

## Community News:

- 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.
- ◆ **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.
  - ◆ **GEELONG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER 2012: Tuesday 25th Dec** - a fully catered traditional Christmas dinner is available to any person or small family at no cost, who may be alone and would like to join others to celebrate this special day in the true spirit of Christmas. **Christ Church Hall, cnr Moorabool & McKillop Sts** - doors open 9.30am till 3.30pm, dining commences 12noon. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending please ph during office hours for catering purposes: **5221 9170** until Thurs 20th Dec, or **0408 133 561** from Friday 21st Dec.

John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to

read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.