



# 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

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed

like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire

passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' *Cont'd P4*

## Feast of Christ the King

(Year B - November 25, 2012.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power forever and ever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is king. He is robed in majesty.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16  
2nd Reading: 1Thess 3:12-4:2  
Gospel: Lk 21:25-28,34-36



### 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 26:** Martin family, 26 Honey Lane;

**Dec 3:** Sharry family, 23 Lily St

**Dec 10/17:** Moore family, 39 Willana Ave

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:** Ivan Marvin, Angelo Valitutti, Aleksander Gubic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Livingstone, Kevin Craven, Julia Brady, Hilda Pearson, Mary Sells, Francesca Genua, Giuseppa Mileto

**BAPTISMS:** Jack Hilton, Hamish Stanfield, Mylah Stanfield-McCaffrey, Zeplan VanDenHam (P&P)

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

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 2, 2012.**

(1st Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### 8.00AM

R Allum

A Vanjek

**J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane**

U Guardiano, K McArthur

### 9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo

M&E Hoffman

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

E Cotter

J O'Neill

D Boyle, M Abbott, D Torpy

V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

### 11.00AM

M Currie

P Joyce, B Middleton

V Trinder, M Currie, P Joyce

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

C O'Brien

D Woods

N Neeld, P McGlinchy

## 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 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.

**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** - 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.

**THIS IS THE FINAL DATE FOR YOU TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON.**

### **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 orrifice, or email

Helen.brislane@cam.org.au.

Thank you all for your continuing generous support.



### **CHRISTMAS MAILOUT:**

The invitations to our Christmas ceremonies will be in the Churches **next weekend, Dec 1/2**. We need help to distribute them. Could you deliver those in your own street and surrounds, or drive to another area and deliver there? Everyone that has to be mailed costs 60c (that's \$60 per 100 and we have about 2,000 to be delivered!). Thankyou in anticipation.

## 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 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 THIS SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.**

## Community News:

Nov 24-26,29-30,Dec1...

**MAN THE BALLOON:** Torquay Theatre Troupe is presenting this very funny Australian play at the Theatre, 16 Price St Torquay. Tickets \$19/15 available from Liz on 5261 5449.

**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.

**Dec 7...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Christmas Break-up Social, 7pm at the home of Alan and Louise Fossey. BBQ meat and drinks supplied, cost only \$5/head. **Bring a salad or a sweet.** Ph Joe Lambert 5229 8442 to confirm attendance. **Next branch meeting February 13, 2013.**

" **ELVIS SPECIAL:** St Mary's Plaza Theatre presents "**Fun in Acapulco**" 7.30pm with raffles, door prize, supper. All welcome! A suggested donation of \$3/head would be appreciated.

**Dec 11...** **EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE CONCERT:** St Joseph's College is presenting this concert in aid of **Jackie Virgona**, who is undergoing heavy medical expenses for brain tumour treatment. The concert features Amy Lehpamer, Shandelle Cooke and the Dave Gardner Quartet plus many more talented artists at St Joseph's College Performing Arts Centre. Supper is provided, tickets \$40 are available from Wing and a Prayer or by phoning Kate Zampatti on 0401 062 081.

- ◆ **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.

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his

humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly

rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.