



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

At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available!

It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his

own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

Indeed as St John was to sharply say in his

letter in the New Testament, 'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice.

So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - Feb 3, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will sing of your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News
to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Feb 10 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 6:1-8
2nd Reading: 1Cor 15:1-11
Gospel: Lk 5:1-11



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 **Vincentine 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: Feb 4-11: Lynch family, 13 Girton St.

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: Maria Vannata, Alex Sokoloff, Sr Kathleen Dillon RSM (known as Sr Bertilla when at Holy Family)

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Smith, Vince Fazio, Bill Hogan, Patricia Shortte, Baden Featherstone, Fred Casey, Modesto Pogni, Angelina DePalma, Antonietta, Valentino & Rosa De Angelis, Jack Picone, Gino & Antonio Bisinella

BAPTISMS: Emmy and Maisey Ling, Jordan Bye, Timothy Smith (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Margaret Barry, Gillian Henry, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Theo DaCosta, Jela Perse, Andrew Stocks, Veronica Duffy, Winifred Atkinson, Providenza Rinella, Caroline Mann, David Rhodes, Francis Remedios, Ida DaCosta, Doug Boyle

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, FEB 10, 2013.

(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)
Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- **Playgroup -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month
- **Manifold CWL -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- **Italian Mass -** Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- **Catholic Deanery Solo Group -** Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.
- **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

Cluster News:

- ◆ Consideration is being given to restoration at Ss P&P's Church. We would be looking at the restoration of the pews and possibly the lighting. To comply with Heritage Victoria's requirements, if the fluorescent lights are to be replaced, they need to be a replica of what was there prior to 1966 (when the lights were installed). I'm wondering if there is anyone who has photographs of the Church (with the pre-fluorescent lights) could they please contact me on my return. *(Fr Gerard)*
- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The presence of Holy Family and Holy Spirit Conferences for the past forty years in this Pastoral Cluster, has seen thousands of families assisted through programs such as food aid and emergency accommodation etc in their hours of urgent need. Team members of these Conferences aim to assist in healing hearts through love and relationships. Love is not just a warm feeling and in words, it lives through action, it inspires apostolic outreach and social justice amongst participants. We are seeking interest from you, your family or your friends to be part of this life-changing experience. Feel free to drop in to our Information Evening *(Come and See)*, **Tues 19th Feb 7.30-8.30pm** at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Bostock Ave. Or please call Peter on 0408 133 561. Web information: www.vinnies.org.au
- ◆ **BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:** The Pastoral Cluster will offer a Baptism Program for children attending school whose parent(s) are Catholic. The 3-week program will begin on Feb 10 and finish on Feb 28. It is a mix of evening meetings for children and parents once a week, and a lesson for the children during the first part of the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on the Sundays of Feb 10, 17 and 24th. **Enrolments close on Wed Feb 6, 2013.** **Contact Frank Kearney at the Pastoral Cluster on 5278 1343 or email: frank.kearney@cam.org.au**
- ◆ **PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:** This program is for children Gr3 or above who attend non-Catholic primary schools but are Catholic. The course will run over 4 weeks with a mixture of Tuesday evenings for parents and children (7.30-8.30pm) and Sunday mornings (9.30-10.30am) at Holy Family. Enrolments for this course close on **Wed 20th Feb. Enrolment on any Monday, Tues, Wed 9am-5pm at the Cluster Office. Call Frank Kearney on 5278 1343.**
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** Fr Mick's Bay Cruise on Feb 22nd has been cancelled. The boat is presently under repair and not available to do the cruise.
- ◆ **CAR FOR SALE:** Sr Concepta of the Holy Angels is selling her 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer and if you are interested please contact either Sister or Shuan on 0413 081 344.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving:*

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." (1Cor13:4)

Are you jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you seek to acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these human weaknesses. Yet as stewards we are called to love God above all other things - striving always to be less jealous, less pompous and more giving.

YEAR OF GRACE PRAYER

Gracious God,

You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Liturgy in the Cluster:

- Feb 7... Opening School Mass - Holy Family 9.15am
Feb 8... Opening School Mass - St Patrick's 9.15am and Holy Spirit 11am
Feb 10... Presentation of Primary School Children Preparing for Baptism - Holy Family 9.15am
" Welcome to Prep and Staff of St Patrick's - Ss Peter & Paul's 11am



- Feb 13... **ASH WEDNESDAY** -
9.15am Holy Family (school chn in attendance),
9.15am Holy Spirit (school chn in attendance),
12noon St Patrick's Chapel (school chn in attendance),
7pm Ss Peter & Paul's

- Feb 16... Welcome to Prep and Staff of Holy Spirit School - Holy Spirit 6pm
Feb 17... Welcome to Prep and Staff of Holy Family School - Holy Family 9.30am
Feb 22... Class Mass - Gr1/2 Holy Spirit, 11am

LENT IN THE YEAR OF GRACE:

Lent was introduced into the Church's Year as the spiritual preparation for adults requesting Baptism at Easter. For those of us who were baptised as children it is the time of deepening our relationship of love with God and neighbours.

As in previous years, a resource from the Archdiocese of Brisbane entitled "**We Wish to See Jesus - Lenten Reflections for individuals and Groups**" will be available. The Reflections are based on the Sunday Gospels, with commentary written by Archbishop Coleridge, a renowned Scripture Scholar.

Those who wish to use this resource for either individual or group use are asked to sign up on the clipboards provided in each of the three Churches by **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH**.

LENT IN THE YEAR OF FAITH:

The Australian Bishops have produced a DVD to introduce the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which in the words of Pope Benedict *contains, in concise form, all the essential and fundamental elements of the Church's faith.* The DVD has 5 segments suitable for use over 5 weeks of Lent.

Please sign the clipboard and indicate suitable days for you and suitable times of the day. **Thursday is NOT available. Please sign by END OF MASSES SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH.**

Community News:

- ◆ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Come join us for a 2-course meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$28. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please ph Terry on 5221 7339.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will be held **1.30pm Wed 6th Feb** at the home of President Tricia Joyce, 59 Britannia St Geelong West. For information/transport ph Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **GEELONG ST PATRICK'S DAY RACE MEETING - Sat 6th March:** CWL Fundraiser for Ovarian Cancer - Media Puzzle Room. \$80/person incl entry, race book, 2-course lunch and a'noon tea, entrance prize. \$5/ticket donation to Ovarian Cancer. Guest speaker, access to stand. For information/tickets ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **LOURDES DAY MASS:** The 7th Lourdes Day Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Basilica **Sat Feb 9** (the Saturday prior to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Feb 11) at 10am in association with the World Day of the Sick. It is a Mass of healing and hope for sick and infirm people, their carers and all interested parishioners from all parishes in the Geelong region. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available and there will be a blessing with Lourdes Water at the conclusion of the Mass.

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We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love.

And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.

From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of

death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles.

On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'.

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death.