



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

Think about this for a minute!

It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day. Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day. Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Candidate B is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love.

Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says

and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus.

Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts.

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - Feb 10, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In the sight of the angels
I will sing your praises, Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my
people. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Feb 17 - First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Deut 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Rom 10:8-13

Gospel: Lk 4:1-13



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: Feb 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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Jenny Chatfield, Elsie Gillett, Agostina DeGiorgio (1month), Daniel Dempsey

BAPTISMS: Paris Findlay, Valentino Maccora, Willa Stokes (P&P)

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, Margaret Dyson

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 17, 2013.

(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)
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:

- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** In order to continue to assist an average 25 adults and 18 children from 15 families in need each week, including home bound elderly who are on their own, Holy Spirit and Holy Family Conferences are embarking on a renewal process in 2013 in seeking new members to be part of the teams. Participation from parishioners, families and friends are welcome with flexibility to accommodate other life commitments. This weekend and next weekend Brendon Podbury from SVDP will speak at some of our Masses. If you are interested in knowing how you can make a positive impact on someone else's life, often for those who have no one else to turn to for help, please 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
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** St Vincent de Paul Society at Bell Park Conference thanks all donors for the generous response to the Christmas appeal. All monetary and gifts received have been distributed to families in need in our parish. Please contact Frank 0408 789 017 if you are interested to find out more or like to know how you could continue to make a positive difference to someone else's life.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **FR MICK'S MATES - REGISTRATIONS:** Team registrations are once again taking place through the month of February. Forms available after all Masses - please contact Vicki Resciniti 5278 1363, Desma Dougherty 5278 2712, Amy O'Brien 5229 9911 if you require further information.



INVITATION FOR SURVIVORS & CARERS - Geelong Relay for Life:

12noon Saturday March 16 - 12noon Sunday March 17

Deakin University Waurn Ponds Campus

Pigdon's Rd, Highton (Melways Ref: 464 J5)

Geelong Relay for Life invites you to join fellow Survivors and Carers from our community to celebrate your victory over cancer, to remember those we have lost, to support the fight back against a disease that takes too much, and to recognize the contribution made by your carers.

Program for Saturday March 16:

- 11.00am... Registration and sash collection at Survivors and Carers Tent
- 11.45am... Opening Ceremony
- 12noon... Survivors and Carers Lap
- 1.00pm... The 2nd Lap - Light Refreshments (note time change from last year)
- 7.00pm... Soup Kitchen
- 8.30pm... Candlelight Ceremony

FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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 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),
1.45pm Clonard School Mass - St Mary's
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 19... Class Mass - Gr3/4 Holy Family, 9.15am

Feb 22... Class Mass - Gr1/2 Holy Spirit, 11am

Feb 28... Class Mass - Gr5/6 Holy Family, 9.15am

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.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Next week the free edition of Australian Catholics will be available. This edition focuses on the Spirit of Indigenous Australia - "*We recognise that Indigenous people are a gift to our Church and our society. Their traditions, history, and the way they are attuned to the world give them a unique perspective on many issues. We can learn a great deal from them.*" Articles include - Remembering with Pride; What it means to love the land; The Spirit of Indigenous Australia, etc.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ENTRANCE: Some concern has been expressed about the stairs in front of the Church. Considerable effort, time, consultation and money has been spent on the new entrance. The objective of the new entrance was to have an open, welcoming and warm entrance into the Church. Furthermore, to better assist people who are sight- or mobile-impaired, the ramp on the side as well as the handrails on the perimeter of the stairs were installed. **If sight or mobility is an issue for you, please use the ramp or handrails.**

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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **2013 OZANAM LECTURE:** *Would Ozanam join the St Vincent de Paul Society Today?* - Reimagining his call to faith, service and advocacy in our times. Lecture delivered by Robert Fitzgerald AM on **Sunday 24th Feb 2pm** at Australian Catholic University, Central Hall, 20 Brunswick St Fitzroy. Car park available at rear. RSVP 9895 5935.
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wed **Feb 13 at 7.30pm**, Clairvaux meeting rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- ◆ **YEAR OF FAITH EVENT - I BELIEVE:** You are warmly welcome to an evening of joyous music and the testimony of Bishop Vincent Long who will share his personal story of faith. **Thursday March 7 at Sacred Heart Church, cnr Winifred & Arthur Sts St Albans.** Please ph 9926 5761

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Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the

community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.