



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 the second year of the Jesuit novitiate, the Jesuit novices are dropped around 140km from their first house in Australia at Sevenhill in South Australia. He has eight days to walk the distance and beg for food and accommodation. He cannot tell anyone who he is or what he is doing.

One Jesuit writes, 'It's the only time in my life I've been remotely in what we could call a wilderness and I have known hunger. 'There were many knockbacks, but there were a few occasions when people were extraordinarily generous. 'We are told that we cannot trade off being a Jesuit, but if we are invited into someone's home we can tell them who we are, so that they will not be frightened that they have welcomed Jack the Ripper to stay the night. If the person has offered the garage and a sandwich, however, we cannot use our being a Jesuit

to get an upgrade from economy to first class!

'One woman who welcomed me into her home questioned me at length about where was I from, where was I going and how I got here. Then she declared, "I think I can trust ya". So she ushered me into her home, offered a meal that night, breakfast the next day and her guest room. 'I told this woman who I was and complimented her on her extraordinary generosity. "Well listen sunshine", she said, "let's face it, I knew you were OK, 'cause you're the most beautifully spoken, articulate beggar I've ever met."

In today's Gospel we are told that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Numbers are never randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. 40 indicates a time of formation. Luke tells us that Jesus confronts evil head-on and is tempted in every way that we are.

We often feel alone when faced with difficult choices and temptations, but, especially at these moments, there are four things we need to remember:

Temptation is not sin. Only when we freely and knowingly choose to act on temptation is sin involved. Though one may like to talk about the temptations one has in Reconciliation, we never have to 'confess' them as though they are sinful actions. When we look at our temptations they often appear as good things, but often they have a sting in the tail which is destructive.

We need to be very alert to all the consequences of what we do and say, and learn from our experiences. The more we give into temptation, the more immune we become to seeing that there's anything wrong with what we are doing. We can develop whole habits in our living, deceiving ourselves that what we are doing is 'not that bad'. /Cont'd P4

1st Sunday of Lent

(Year C - Feb 17, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Feb 24 - Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 15:5-12,17-18

2nd Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36



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:

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: Frances Steger, Antonio Cicero, Fr Charles O'Mahony, Maria Faini

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Nagy, Maria & Antonio Polimeni (Italy), Robert Neeld, Bill Jess, Ines Moreira Duarte, Gerry Thornton, Pat Hickey, Noel & Leon Kavenagh

BAPTISMS: Hunter Crtalic, Emily Klova, Mason Lundie, Braxton & Zara O'Toole (HF), Kai Brody, Olive Jackman (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, Margaret Dyson, Sheryl Lambert

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 24, 2013.

(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)
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 Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Terry on 5221 7339
- **Catholic Diners' Club -**

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:

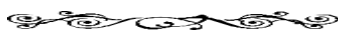
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Cluster News:

CONGRATULATIONS! As members of the Pastoral Cluster, we congratulate Fr Stefan Gnjec who celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Ordination next week at the 11.30am Mass Croatian Mass.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: "We Wish to See Jesus"

1. Those who wanted copies for personal use please collect a copy with your name on it from the Sacristy of the Church where you signed up.
 2. Those wanting to be in groups have the choice of three groups - **Monday 10am, Wednesday 10am or Thursday 7.30pm**. All groups to meet at the Cluster Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park, commencing this week.
- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The 16 members from the Holy Spirit and Holy Family Conferences formed part of the approx 250 members in Geelong region who respond to about 4,600 calls for urgent assistance each year. Often many of these requests are of last resort from young and vulnerable families who are without food, on the verge of eviction or disconnection of utilities. To continue to make this pastoral outreach to marginalized families in this Cluster, a minimum 10 new volunteer members are needed to join these teams to provide renewed hope and support. Participation is open to parishioners, families or friends. To find out how these Conferences assist people or what role is available for you, 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
 - ◆ **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.**
 - ◆ **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Our Catechumens - CHRIS McWATERS, JUDE MOAR, ANNA PENN, THEA PENN, SHEA RIGG and SAMANTHA RUNDLE and our already baptised Candidates - FIONA CHISHOLM and JO McWATERS will take part in the **Rite of Election** at St Patrick's Cathedral this Sunday, 17th February, at 2.30pm. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to join us at the Easter Vigil.
 - ◆ **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 Waurin 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

**FORMS AVAILABLE
FROM THE PARISH
OFFICE**

Liturgy in the Cluster:

- 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



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: This 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:

- Feb 24... **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 2pm at Australian Catholic University, Central Hall, 20 Brunswick St Fitzroy. Car park available at rear. RSVP 9895 5935.
- Mar 1... **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** 11am at Wesley Church, 100 Yarra St Geelong. Guest speaker - Michael Martinez, CEO of Diversitat Geelong. Theme ***I was a stranger and you made me welcome.*** Info/transport ph Amy 5229 9911 or Jeanette 5278 2063.
- Mar 7... **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. **Sacred Heart Church, cnr Winifred & Arthur Sts St Albans.** Please ph 9926 5761
- Mar 16... **GEELONG ST PATRICK'S DAY RACE MEETING** - 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION: *Open the Doors to the Future...*

As members of Caritas Internationalis, one of the world's largest aid and development networks, we work in partnership with marginalized communities in 200 countries and territories to:

- ◆ Build self-reliance through development programs that enable communities to help themselves out of poverty
- ◆ Respond to emergencies by providing shelter, nutrition and healthcare
- ◆ Raise awareness in Australia of the reality and causes of poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.



Your support for Project Compassion gives expression to the Gospel imperative to help those suffering from poverty and disadvantage.

This week we meet 12-year old Ditosa, an orphan who lost her parents to HIV/AIDS. The Matuba Children's Centre in Mozambique, run by Caritas Chokwe, offers orphaned and vulnerable children food, clean water, educational support, livelihood training and a place where children can be safe, happy and healthy.

Your solidarity means children like Ditosa have a brighter future.

Project Compassion boxes are available at the entrances of each of the Churches.

/From P1...

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, tells us in *The Spiritual Exercises* that the worst temptations are greed, pride and riches. This comes as a surprise to Catholics who have been told for too long that sex is number one. Ignatius says that we should be wise in how we deal with temptations: name what's going on, and attend to the pattern

of the temptation quickly and consistently.

As John B. Metz, says, 'We can say that the three temptations in the desert are three assaults on the poverty of Jesus ... What Satan fears most is the powerlessness of God in the humanity he assumed ... so he appeals to Jesus' divinity, he wants God to remain God ... but Jesus subjected himself to our plight

and opted for us as we are.'

We should take great comfort from this: there is no path of temptation along which Jesus has not gone ahead of us to show us we can choose life ahead of death.

That's what Lent is always about – a yearly season where we are encouraged to keep embracing life and live it to the full.