



# 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

An American Jesuit theologian, John Powell, tells the story of a young man named Tommy who was the resident atheist during one of his courses in the Philosophy of God at Loyola University in Chicago. At the end of the course while he was turning in his final paper, Tommy said to Fr Powell, 'Do you think I will ever find God?' 'No', Powell replied bluntly, but as he walked away he continued, 'But I think God will find you'. Tommy kept walking.

Years later, Tommy returned to see John Powell to tell him that he had been diagnosed as having terminal cancer. More than ever, Tommy said, he wanted to find God or to be in the right place at the right time to be found by God. John Powell told Tommy to go and tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them.

Within a week Tommy reported to John Powell that in the midst of doing this he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They had found each other. Tommy died three months later. John Powell reports that the only way to describe the final three months of Tommy's life was to say that, whatever happened to him in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God.

The Transfiguration is no mountaintop light show. In borrowing heavily from similar stories in the Old Testament, it describes, in a dramatic way, how loved Jesus was by God and how this experience was seen and known by his disciples.

So often we hear people say they have not, or cannot, experience the presence of God, and therefore deny that God exists. These readings show us that if you want to encounter God then you have to experience love. This is not an optional extra for the

Christian life. As St John says, 'The one who says they love God, yet they hate their brother or sister, is a liar.'

The Transfiguration is not a once off event for Jesus alone. It is a moveable feast for all of us who have become God's sons and daughters in Christ.

The problem with love is that we have devalued the currency. We say it too often about things we don't or can't love, like our car, a bottle of wine or our holiday. We say 'I love you' to people we don't love and because we have learnt that actions are more telling than words we don't easily believe others when they tell us they love us.

We can feel unlovable and cynical about the whole experience. But there are three things of which we can be sure: If we feel distant from God, we only have to guess who has moved away from whom.

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent

(Year C - Feb 24, 2013.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Mar 3 - Third Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ex 3:1-8,13-15  
2nd Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12  
Gospel: Lk 13:1-9



### 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 25 - Sheahan family, 76 Sladen St; Mar 4/11 - Smith family, McCurdy Rd.

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:** David Rhodes

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Domenico Mileto, Fred Tuddenham Snr

**BAPTISMS:** Isabella Dahm, Logan Elliot, Cameron McMahon (P&P)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Margaret Barry, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Theo DaCosta, Jela Perse, Andrew Stocks, Veronica Duffy, Winifred Atkinson, Providenza Rinella, Caroline Mann, Francis Remedios, Ida DaCosta, Doug Boyle, Margaret Dyson, Sheryl Lambert, Craig Cole

*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, MAR 3, 2013.**

(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)  
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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## **Cluster News:**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** As members of the Pastoral Cluster, we congratulate Fr Stefan Gnjec who celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Ordination this 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.

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):** The **Rite of Election** was held last Sunday at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, to welcome all the adults across the Archdiocese who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, as well as already baptised adults preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent we celebrate the **SCRUTINIES**, rites which are meant to uncover then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The **First Scrutiny** will be celebrated at 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on Sunday March 3rd (Readings from Year A). The **Second Scrutiny** will be celebrated at 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's on Saturday March 9th (Readings from Year A) and the **Third Scrutiny** will be celebrated at 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit on Saturday March 16th (Readings from Year A). Please pray for our elect **Chris McWaters, Jude Moar, Anna Penn, Thea Penn, Shea Rigg, Samantha Rundle** and our baptised candidates **Fiona Chisholm and Jo McWaters**.

**FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE:** Domenica 17 Marzo nella chiesa di St Patrick in Britannia St Geelong West - alle ore 9.30am. La messa sara celebrata da Mons James Murray. Tutti siete Benvenuti.

### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S CENTENARY AS A PARISH:**

As part of the celebrations of this milestone there will be a Mass with the Archbishop as the main Celebrant on **Saturday April 20th at 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's**. There will also be a social event as part of the celebrations. If you can, please keep this day free!!!

**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 Wurn 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**

**MINI RELAY FOR LIFE:** To engage the children of our three parish Primary Schools in this parish and community event of Relay for Life, there will be a **Mini Relay for Life** event on Friday March 15th at St Patrick's and Holy Family School Campuses.

## Liturgy in the Cluster:

- Feb 28... **Class Mass** - Gr5/6 Holy Family, 9.15am  
Mar 7... **Class Mass** - Gr1/2 Holy Family, 9.15am  
Mar 8... **Class Mass** - Gr5/6 Holy Spirit, 11am  
Mar 9/10... **Reconciliation Commitment Masses:** 9.30am Holy Family, 11am Holy Spirit  
Mar 13... **Whole School Mass** - 10.15am St Patrick's Chapel



**PASTORAL CLUSTER LITURGY MEETING:** Thursday 28th February 7.30pm. The focus of the meeting is the preparation for Easter and the Mass for the Centennial of Ss Peter & Paul's as a Parish on Saturday April 20th at 5pm.

**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
- " **INFORMATION SESSION ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:** 3-4.30pm or 7.30-9pm at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne. Enquiries ph 9412 3326 or [Annaliese.ros@cam.org.au](mailto:Annaliese.ros@cam.org.au)
- 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.
- Mar 26... **SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** **Option 1** - Tour 3.45-4.45pm followed by information sessions 5-5.45pm. **Option 2** - Tour 5.30-6.30pm followed by information session 7-7.45pm. For more information ph 5222 0490. **Closing date for enrolments is Friday 17 May 2013.**

**For information about the Parliamentary Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations, *Facing the Truth*, the submission of the Catholic Church to the Inquiry, fact sheets and updates please refer to [www.facingthetruth.org.au](http://www.facingthetruth.org.au)**

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** *Open the Doors to the Future* by building self-reliance programs that enable communities to help themselves out of poverty, respond to emergencies by providing shelter, nutrition and healthcare, and raise awareness in Australia of the reality and causes of poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion support long-term partnerships for transformation around the world.



This week we meet Raymundo who, at just nine years of age, was destined for a life of drugs and crime. Thanks to Caritas Australia partner, Educar es Fiesta – an organisation that provides education and teaches circus skills to street children in Bolivia – Raymundo's life changed.

With your ongoing support, we will continue to advocate for children's rights to an education and a fun-filled childhood.

/From P1...

Nothing we do stops God from loving us. God loves us as we are, not as we like to be. As the old saying goes, 'you don't have to get good to get God. You have to get God to get good.'

Finally, as the song runs, 'You ain't nobody until somebody loves you.'

And so for a Christian, being vulnerable enough to tell those we love that we love them is no sentimental exercise but a participation in the heart of God. By taking the risk of doing this, others may clearly hear the voice of God through us and we may discover ourselves transfigured by the personal love of God for us too. In the process God may move from being an

idea, an abstraction, even an object of curiosity to the focus of a loving experience that can give our lives meaning, purpose and hope.

In this Eucharist then, let's ascend the mountaintop and let's listen to Jesus say, 'You are my son. You are my daughter. And I love you.'