



# 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

The resource I use to help couples prepare for marriage has questions for them to think about and discuss in between sessions. One of the questions at the end of one of the chapters is, 'What effect would adultery have on your marriage?'

In one sense this hypothetical question is absurd. Dealing with the consequences of any sin requires time and place, context and contrition. It is even tougher to imagine the effect of any destructive behaviour in one's marriage even before the marriage has begun. Still, it never ceases to amaze me how this question usually leads the couple to have a very fruitful and frank discussion, not about adultery, but about their values, family history, commitment, fidelity and growing old together.

Sometimes, however, I cringe when the

prospective bride or groom seems to give the green light to their future spouse by saying, 'Well I guess if he or she went looking elsewhere it would be my fault' or 'I love him or her so much that I know we could go on regardless'. Others say very clearly that it would alter the trust and respect of the relationship, but they hope they could look at the circumstances and rebuild the relationship.

The most mature couples do not wipe over the seriousness of the sinful action, but want to hold on to compassion, forgiveness and a commitment that it will not happen again.

Couples like these have clearly understood the power of today's readings. The third Sunday of Lent is all about second chances. In Exodus we have a bush that is alight but does not burn and in Luke we have a fig tree that does not bear fruit, is earmarked for the chop and saved by the gardener. In both

cases where we would expect to find destruction we find new opportunities for growth, nurturance and flowering.

Over the centuries the goodness of God that always gives us another chance has not been proclaimed as vigorously as it should have been. We have focused on God's justice as though it was a once and for all, shape up or ship out sort of message. These ideas can be deduced from today's second reading where Paul seems to argue that God killed the chosen people for their complaining and infidelity.

Paul was a tough man and for him Christian commitment was no picnic. He was aware of how people were suffering and dying for the Gospel, so he was at pains to teach the people of Corinth that the commitment demanded from the Gospel could entail everything they had.

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## 3rd Sunday of Lent

(Year C - Mar 3, 2013.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord  
Jesus Christ!**

Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Mar 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Josh 5:9-12  
2nd Reading: 2Cor 5:17-21  
Gospel: Lk 15:1-3,11-32



### 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:** 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:** Elisa Barbadoro, William Maher, Julie Fletcher, Kenneth Martin

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Heather Osborne, Giovanni Serra, Mervyn Mason

**ONE MONTH SINCE DEATH:** Paola Sparta, Maria Vannata

**BAPTISMS:** Jack Cambridge, Alexander Foxwell, Amelie Sims, Ezra & Matisse Uebergang (P&P), Lachlan Devlin, Ollie Sheringham (HS)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Theo DaCosta, Jela Perse, 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 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## **Cluster News:**

### **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):** As part of the preparation of RCIA, 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**. Prior to the Mass there will be 'High Tea' at the Ss Peter & Paul's Hall with entertainment. If you can, please keep this day free!!!

### **FR MICK'S MATES - REGISTRATIONS:**

Forms available after all Masses or from the Parish Office - please contact Vicki Resciniti 5278 1363, Desma Dougherty 5278 2712, Amy O'Brien 5229 9911 if you require further information. **Closing Date for Registrations - March 8.**

### **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:** 11am Registration, 11.45am Opening Ceremony, 12noon Survivors & Carers Lap, 1pm The 2nd Lap and Refreshments, 7pm Soup Kitchen, 8.30pm Candlelight Ceremony.

**Anyone available to assist in setting up of our site at 9.00am Sat Mar 16, please contact David on 0408 378 982.**

**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.*

### **COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE:**

Please return "Butts" and monies by **Sunday 10th March.**

**MANIFOLD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will continue to do after funeral catering services at Holy Spirit Church. They are looking for more food contributors and those who can assist on the day. If you would like to be involved please contact Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

## Liturgy in the Cluster:

- 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



### HELP NEEDED:

For Reading at the 6pm Mass on the Fourth Sunday of each month. If you are comfortable reading in public and able to help please phone Frank Kearney at the Office on 5278 1343 (Mon-Wed)

## Community News:

- 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 17... **ST PATRICK'S PAST PUPILS REUNION:** Sphinx Hotel, Thompson Rd North Geelong. RSVP Shirley 5248 3347.
- 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.**

**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.



## IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL - MARCH 17:

**St Patrick's School Grounds** - A great family and community event which includes art show, all-day rides, 'Leprechaun Drop', stalls of all kinds, raffles, etc. All warmly welcomed!

**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.



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to continue development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ.

This week we meet Salma, her baby daughter Maya and her midwife, Pronoti. Thanks to your support, trained rural midwives have resulted in the births of healthy babies and reduced maternal deaths in Bangladesh.

**Please donate to Project Compassion so women like Salma can give their babies the best start in life.**

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His reading of why the Israelites died in the desert, however, needs to be read against the second chances of the other readings, especially the Gospel.

We believe in Lent that we enter a holy time in our year and visit a holy place in ourselves where the fire of God's love should burn brightly within us. We are

offered these weeks to re-examine our values, family history, commitment, fidelity and growth so as to chart how best we can grow old with God. To do this sometimes requires facing up to our sinful behaviour and making choices to change our lives. We can only do this when we trust that the fire of God's love is not about destruction, but compassion, forgiveness

and a second chance.

May this Eucharist be nurturance for the foundations of our lives and a moment to take stock and to assess with honesty the fruitfulness of how, as a sign of Christ's light within us, we live out our faith in our marriage, at home, at work and in the world.