



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

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny

stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol

was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. /Cont'd P4

Easter Greetings...

Fr Mick, Fr Gerard and the staff of the Pastoral Cluster wish you all a holy, happy and safe Easter.



Easter Sunday

(Year C - Mar 31, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16
2nd Reading: Apoc 1:9-13,17-19
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



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)

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

6.00pm Sat 5.00pm Sat
11am - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

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: April 1/8 - Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave; April 15/22 - Iozzo family, 21 Manifold 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: Angelina Verderame, John Waugh

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Vickers, Betty Dark (1yr), Anna Kot, Lorenz & Katharina Hoffmann, George Rodrigues, Arthur, James & Mary Allison, Des Brennan, Graciano Modica

BAPTISMS: Aaliyah Rigg, Coby, Dakota & Mikayla Ferguson, Eliza & Jasmine Moar, Marli Penn (HF), Samuel Dibbin (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Theo DaCosta, Jela Perse, Veronica Duffy, Winifred Atkinson, Providenza Rinella, Francis Remedios, Ida DaCosta, Doug Boyle, Margaret Dyson, Cheryl Lambert, Craig Cole, June Bongiorno, John & Mary McMahon

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, April 7th, 2013

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators R Allum
Lectors A Vanjek
Special Ministers J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane
Welcomers U Guardiano, K McArthur

9.30AM

T McMahon
C&J Taylor
P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo, B Kline
M&E Hoffman

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators E Cotter
Lectors J O'Neill
Special Ministers C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy
Welcomers V Logan, P Ryan
Projectionist B Stocks

11.00AM

P Joyce, B Middleton
V Trinder, P Joyce
D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack
L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators C O'Brien
Lectors D Woods
Special Ministers N Neeld, P McGlinchy
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

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
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:

www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Cluster News:

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

The climax of the RCIA process is the Easter Vigil where our elect - **Chris McWaters, Jude Moar, Anna Penn, Thea Penn, Shea Rigg and Samantha Rundle** will be baptised into the life of the Risen Christ. Together with our candidates **Fiona Chisholm and Joanne McWaters**, who are baptised already, they will be initiated fully into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

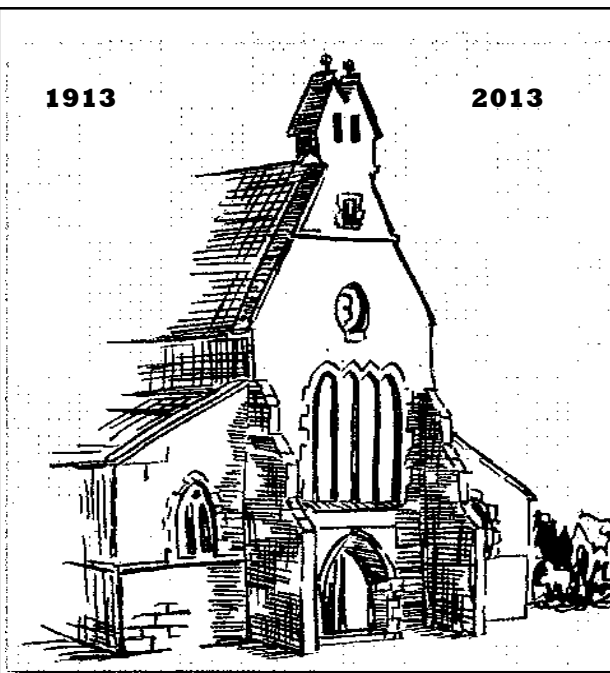
Personally I think that baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil really caps the celebration of Easter, and I hope many will be present this year.

Congratulations to all our elect and candidates and special thanks to **Alan Hubbard** for the excellent way he relates to all and instructs them. Thanks also to the sponsors who have walked with those to be welcomed into the Church, especially **Mary Fiorillo, Tom Bindokas and Pat McGlinchy**. (Fr Mick)



DIVINE MERCY FEAST will be celebrated on April 7th this year at Holy Spirit Church, Manifold Heights. 2pm Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers, 3pm Holy Mass and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession from 1pm. Please join in to spend an afternoon on this day with Our Lord.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - which looks at faith and living for contemporary Catholics. Next week your copy of the Australian Catholics Easter Edition will be available for free. This edition of the magazine focuses on art and religion. Also there are some very fine articles about remembering the legacy of Pope Benedict XVI.



SS PETER & PAUL'S CENTENARY AS A PARISH

As part of the celebrations of this milestone there will be a Mass on Saturday April 20th at 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church with the Archbishop as the main Celebrant.

Prior to the Mass there will be 'High Tea' at the Ss Peter & Paul's Hall
served from 1.30pm through until 4.30pm.
Good fun entertainment will be provided.
If you can, please keep this day free!!!

Also, if there are former parishioners you know who were once actively involved in the Parish but no longer living here, please forward this invitation onto them.

Next week clipboards will be going through our Churches inviting your attendance at this special celebration.



Fr Mick's Mates - Relay for Life:

Congratulations! Fr Mick's Mates has for the third year in a row won the award for the highest fundraiser at the Geelong Relay for Life Event 2013. This is due to the generosity of the team and the Pastoral Cluster community at large.

One of the fundraising efforts has been our participation in the Ballarat Rotary Raffle. The second prize - a Mazda car, was won by Alison Baum, so we congratulate her and thank Ballarat Rotary for the opportunity to raise funds. Other fundraisers include the Melbourne Cup Luncheon, BBQs at Bunnings in Corio, registrations, the stalls selling crafts, relishes and jams. Thanks to all involved. On Friday 15th March, a Mini Relay for Life event was held for the students of our three schools - the juniors at St Patrick's and the seniors at Holy Family. A big thankyou to the Principals, staff and children for their participation in this important awareness-raising event. The focus was on health and well-being.

Special thanks to our team captain Trish Stickland, the committee of David Lunn, Amy O'Brien, Noreen Haberman, Desma Dougherty, Vicki Resciniti, Michael and Anne Scaddan, Margaret Haines, Margaret Brown and Betty Rice. (Fr Mick)

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Family Women's Group April meeting is now on **8th April** (2nd Monday), rather than the 1st Monday of the month, for this month only.

Community News:

- Apr 3...** **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** Monthly meeting will be held 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall. For information or transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- Apr 7...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** 'Seasons' Series, Australian Chamber Choir with director Douglas Lawrence, 3pm at St Mary of the Angels Basilica. Tickets at the door \$30 full, \$25 conc, \$20 student, U/12 free.
- Apr 12...** **PLAZA THEATRE:** Elvis Special Film Night, 7.30pm at 150 Yarra St Geelong featuring 'Elvis on Tour'. Donation of \$3/head would be appreciated. Door prize, raffles and light supper included, all welcome!
- Apr 14...** **LEGION OF MARY GEELONG CURIA:** Invites you to join them in their ACIES - the annual consecration of ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be held at Ss Peter & Paul's 2-3.30pm followed by refreshments. Info ph 0409 135 589.
- Apr 20...** **CLONARD REUNION:** An invitation to the graduating classes of 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003. For further information dean.williams@clonard.catholic.edu.au

THE 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 phone Terry on 5221 7339.

SOUTHERN CROSS CARE - Pastoral Care Volunteers wanted: Expressions of interest are sought from people who would like to apply to be a pastoral care volunteer. To obtain a position description or to find out more about the role please contact Michael Taylor, Manager Pastoral Care & Chaplaincy, on 8564 1872.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Open the Doors to the Future - Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to work through right relationships to bring lasting positive change for some of our world's most vulnerable communities.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity to Project Compassion continues aid and development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ, and shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching principles, in over 35 countries around the world. You have offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling with poverty and injustice.

/From P1...

On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the

writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain

faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'