



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 Shawshank Redemption was the hit film of 1994. In it we follow the incarceration and escape plans of Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Robbins is condemned to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover. Freeman says he is the 'only guilty man in Shawshank Prison'. Based on Stephen King's novella, this uplifting film is a surprise package from a writer whose fame comes from the horror genre.

The longer we watch the film, the more we realise that Stephen King has modelled his story on the Gospel of John. It is, in many respects a more modern parable about John's portrait of Jesus. Tim Robbins' character, Andy, like Jesus, is an innocent man, treated harshly by the authorities of his day. He has to endure the condemnation and cruelty of the leading religious zealots who are keepers of law and order, while he

inspires others to think of a world free of subjection and oppression where they can be free to live the life of which they dream. Like John's Jesus, Andy has big dreams and often talks in riddles, but he leaves clues for others to follow him in their quest for freedom.

In the last part of the film, after Andy has successfully escaped and the governor of the prison has been exposed for the hypocrite he is, Freeman is paroled after serving 35 years hard labour. He decides to go where Andy has gone and, just as Andy promised when they were together in prison, he finds that Andy has prepared the way for him to follow. The moving climax of the film comes as Robbins and Freeman meet on a beach, embrace each other and share food and drink to celebrate the new life both of them have discovered.

Stephen King understands John's portrait of Jesus very well. For all of Jesus' assuredness and composure throughout the Gospel, the sense of care and intimacy in the encounters with his friends is deeply moving.

In the Easter Gospel to which we have just listened, Jesus returns to where his friends have fled from Jerusalem. In a parable about the growing numbers of the early Church, the Eucharist and the suffering they are enduring, John reaffirms that Jesus is intimately present in their following of him and their suffering for the Kingdom. The only sense John can make of Jesus' death, the martyrdom of the apostles or the persecution of the early church is to see them all as acts of love. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' /Cont'd P4

3rd Sunday of Easter

(Year C - April 14, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

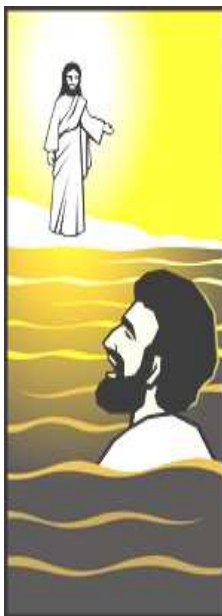
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52
2nd Reading: Apoc 7:9,14-17
Gospel: Jn 10:27-30



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 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: Foska Doblanovic, Brian Peters

ANNIVERSARIES: Alison DaCosta, Brodie Stead, Marija Jurica, Anthony Siketa, Les McFarlane (Snr), Clinton Price, Anne McHugh, Les Murphy, Bobbie Black, Fr Tim Tolam, Vera Batna

BAPTISMS: Elsie Lewis, Jessica Tersteeg, Hamish & William Boland

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, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Aileen Appleford

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 21st, 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 McMahon

C&J Taylor, E Glynn, M Fiorillo, I Raj

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

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

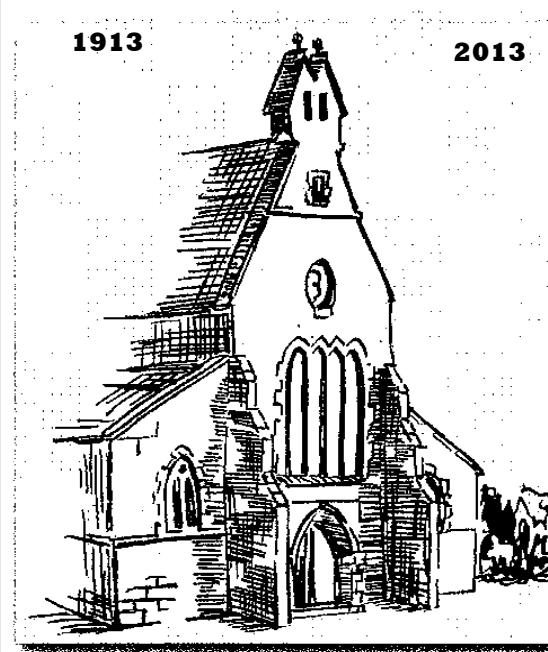
RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Family Luncheon - • Holy Family Women's Group - • St Vincent de Paul - • Baptism Preps - • Children's Liturgy - • Playgroup - • Manifold CWL - • Italian Mass - • Catholic Deanery Solo Group - • Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon - • Catholic Diners' Club - | <p>Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.</p> <p>First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm</p> <p>Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre, 7.30pm</p> <p>Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall</p> <p>2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre</p> <p>Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)</p> <p>Holy Spirit - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am Mass (during school term)</p> <p>Ss Peter & Paul's- 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11.00am Mass (during school term)</p> <p>Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298</p> <p>Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month</p> <p>First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel</p> <p>Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.</p> <p>Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.</p> <p>Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Terry on 5221 7339</p> |
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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:



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.

If you would like to attend the High Tea but have not yet responded, please do so by Tuesday April 14th so that catering can be finalised.



ASSISTANCE NEEDED For ironing of chair covers for the High Tea, Approx 10 people required to iron 20-25 chair covers at Ashby Small Hall on Thursday 18th April from 11am onwards. BYO iron - Morning tea provided. If you can assist please contact Trish on 5278 1343.



TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF THE PEWS AT SS PETER & PAUL'S: As part of the Centenary Celebration we have undertaken Stage 1 of the restoration of Ss Peter & Paul's Church. This has included re-polishing the floor. To enable this to happen effectively the pews had to be removed off-site temporarily and will be replaced next Wednesday. I hope this isn't too much of an inconvenience for you this weekend and thankyou for your understanding. (Fr Gerard)

THANKYOU: The Holy Week/Easter Ceremonies from Passion/Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday were truly prayerful occasions. The generosity of all the people who assisted throughout was appreciated by myself and all parishioners. The leaders of the Stations of the Cross, the excellent readers, the Special Ministers, the projectionists and the musicians and choirs who volunteered at this hectic time added to establishing a very prayerful atmosphere. Many of these people helped at several of the liturgies throughout the week. We trust they all experienced great joy in leading us in prayer. Thankyou!

Special thanks to Frank Kearney, the Liturgy Co-ordinator for the Cluster, for his tireless and generous efforts in these most important celebrations. (Fr Gerard and Fr Mick)

- ♦ **VOCATION SUNDAY - April 20/21st:** Good Shepherd Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter) is the **50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI gave us the theme: ***Vocations: A Sign of Hope Founded in Faith***. Fr Binh Le, Director of Vocations, will be the Homilist to speak about Vocations in the Archdiocese at the Sat 6pm Holy Spirit, Sunday 8am and 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit Masses.
- ♦ **LOST:** A blue/grey wrap-around scarf left at Holy Spirit Church after Holy Thursday Mass. If found please phone 5224 2483.

Community News:

- 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 18...** **BOOK LAUNCH - REDEEMING GRIEF** - Abortion and its Pain by Anne R Lastman - Mackillop Room, St Mary's Parish Centre 150 Yarra St Geelong, 7.30pm. The author Anne Lastman and publisher Peter Westmore, will speak at the launch. Copies of the book will be available at the discounted price of \$20 on the evening.
- 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

MASS AT ST FRANCIS' CHAPEL AT WING AND A PRAYER: As of this coming Tuesday, April 14, the 1.05pm Mass will resume, **initially for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only**, until the new roster for priests can be reliably set in place. The patience of Mass patrons over recent months is much appreciated. (*Fr Kevin Dillon*)

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: If you are interested in being a Pastoral Care Volunteer to the elderly and housebound through the organization of Southern Cross Care, please contact Michael Taylor on 8564 1872. Alternatively, if you are interested in assisting refugee students with the Mercy Connect Project, contact Sr Mary Lewis on 9326 1895.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. ***Together we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.***



MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: Autumn and Winter 2013, including Festival of Music in Geelong's Churches 3-5 May:

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| May 3... | 2-3pm | A Young Person's Guide to the Pipe Organ - St David's Church, Aphrasia St Newtown. For school groups, adults welcome. Brendon Lukin - Organ, John Stubbings - Narrator. |
| | 5.30-6.30pm | Off to the Movies - Australian Silent Movie with Brendon Lukin at the Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ - Keith Humble Centre, Geelong College, Aphrasia St Newtown. Gold coin donation to Samaritan House. |
| | 7.30-9.30pm | Celebrations - Feature Concert: St Mary's Parish Precinct 136-150 Yarra St - Pioneer Room and Basilica. Tickets \$25 Adults, \$20 Conc. students no charge. Incl supper at interval. Featuring Australian Children's Choir and Manfred Pohlenz, Baritone. |

A VOCATION VIEW:

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding his sheep". Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

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

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Those of us who have been caught up in the net of God's love are heirs to the same promises of Jesus' fidelity. Christ is intimately present to us in every act of loving sacrifice we undertake for him. He continues to send us out to tell people of

the place that has been prepared for them at the banquet of life and he gives us strength to gird our loins for the times when life takes us to places we would rather not go.

In this Eucharist let's be grateful for this Easter season when we celebrate again that we have been set free from the prison of our fears and shown the way to live a life of sacrificial love and undeserved redemption.