



# 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 passages from the Gospels where Jesus likens us to being sheep leave me a bit cold. I think I must lose something in the translation from first century Palestine to today. Most of the sheep I have ever watched may well be cute, in a woolly sort of way, but they are anxious creatures often running in packs in every direction, are notoriously stupid and difficult to manage or direct. On second thoughts maybe the analogy is not so bad after all! We, the people of God, can certainly be an anxious lot, a bit slow on the uptake and difficult to lead. It

is also true, however, that sheep are incredibly useful and adaptable animals. Think about all the places they have been taken throughout the world. They thrive. With all due respect to the vegans, vegetarians and animal liberationists here today, think about the multiple ways they have served humanity.

The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in those days is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family.

Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them. /Cont'd P4

**We extend a very warm welcome to Archbishop Denis Hart,  
our Principal Celebrant for our Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving.**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

(Year C - April 21, 2013.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

We are his people,  
the sheep of his flock.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

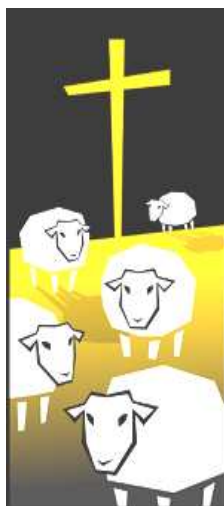
### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

2nd Reading: Apoc 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35



### 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 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:** Aileen Appleford, Ferenc Sitas, Giovanni Kotic, Doug Boyle, Agata Gulli, John Kavenagh

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Valeria Colla (1st Anniv), Angela Rosa Zuclich, Francesco Iannuzzi, John Haines, Eileen Featherstone, Elizabeth Kelly, Charlotte Henderson, Hannah Barr, Joseph & John Brady

**BAPTISMS:** Kai Riehl-Posadowski, Harry Sells (HF), Spencer Casey, Madeline Barnes, Alex Kelevitz, Ruby Welch, Bailey Wilcox (HS)

**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, Bruno Linic

## Roster for Next Sunday, April 28, 2013

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

Lectors

L Kelly

Special Ministers

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

Welcomers

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

### 6.00PM

M Lacy

Lectors

G Harrison

Special Ministers

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

T McShanag

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

### 5.00PM

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

Welcomers

R&K Maddalena

Projectionist

### 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  
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:*

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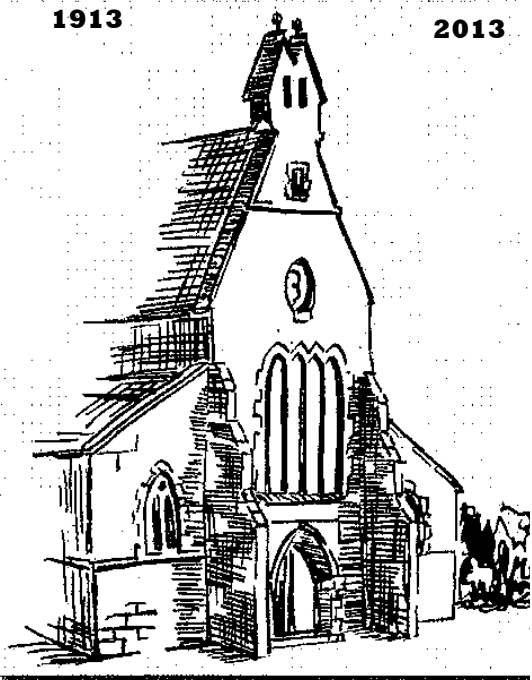
## LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:

- Apr 28...** Irish Society Mass - 12noon at St Patrick's Chapel
- May 1...** Class Mass - 10.15am at St Patrick's Chapel Gr5/6
- May 3...** Columban Partnership Mass - 9.45am at Holy Family Church for children across the three parish primary schools as part of their Cluster Day which has a focus on Mission and especially our involvement with the Columbans in the Philippines.
- " **Multi Cultural Centre Mass** - 1.30pm
- May 8...** Class Mass - 10.15am at St Patrick's Chapel Gr2
- May 9...** Class Mass - 9.15am at Holy Family Church Gr1/2
- May 10...** Class Mass - 11am at Holy Spirit Church Gr1/2

**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

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## SS PETER & PAUL'S CENTENARY AS A PARISH

As part of the Centennial celebrations, we have undertaken and completed Stage 1 of the restoration of Ss Peter & Paul's Church. The restoration works include:

- ♦ Restoration and repair of the organ
- ♦ Restoration of the floor of the body of the Church
- ♦ Restoration and repair of the Sanctuary floor
- ♦ Restoration and repair of the High Altar, main Altar and the two side Altars.
- ♦ Some electrical work
- ♦ Internal and external cleaning of the windows
- ♦ The pews have been spaced to allow for better access

This restoration work has been a considerable undertaking over the last month and I am grateful for the many and varied expert tradespeople who have been engaged. Also special thanks to Trish Stickland who has overseen and organised these works.



In next week's bulletin there will be a formal vote of thanks to all those who have generously shared of their time and efforts for our Centennial Celebrations - both the High Tea and our Mass of Thanksgiving. In the interim and in anticipation, thank you for a job well done!!!

## Cluster News:

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Office will be closed this Thursday (Anzac Day).

### COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP:

On Sunday May 5th there will be a meeting with the Columbans and all the parishes across the Archdiocese involved in this Partnership. This meeting will be an opportunity to share ideas.

## Community News:

**MASS AT ST FRANCIS' CHAPEL AT WING AND A PRAYER:** As of 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.

**SERRA CLUB OF GEELONG:** The Serra Club of Geelong is part of Serra International, which is the global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. The objects of Serra are - to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to support priests and religious. Membership is open to Catholic laymen and laywomen from all walks of life. The Geelong Serra Club meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 12.30pm starting with Mass, followed by lunch and a meeting. New members are most welcome - ph 5243 6931 or 0400 812 778 if you are interested.

**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.

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

<b>May 3...</b>	<b>2-3pm</b>	<b>A Young Person's Guide to the Pipe Organ</b> - St David's Church, Aphrasia St Newtown. For school groups, adults welcome. Brendon Lukin - Organ, John Stubbings - Narrator.
	<b>5.30-6.30pm</b>	<b>Off to the Movies</b> - 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.
	<b>7.30-9.30pm</b>	<b>Celebrations - Feature Concert:</b> 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:

Because the disciples heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts, listen to God, ask for his direction and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

**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)**

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In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from

his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any

illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.