



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

Have you noticed how many books, films, television and radio programs harken back to yesteryear? 'Retrospectives' are huge in the art world. Have you noticed when musicians play more romantic classical music in the first half and contemporary music in the second half that people leave at half time? It seems the public likes the art of the 19th Century more than that of today. Nostalgia is big business and we cannot get enough of it.

Nostalgia literally means 'a yearning for home'. And if our artistic tastes reveal anything about who we are at present, maybe the home we yearn for is where things are clearer, roles are more defined, accepted harmony is developed and discord and dissonance is avoided – at least in public.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get

away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we perform, not a home where we know each other.

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6th Sunday of Easter

(Year C - May 5, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Jn 24:46-53



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
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: **May 6:** Ianuzzi family, 17 Roxby St; **May 13/20:** Kolotelo family, 23 Bostock Ave.

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: Bishop Joseph O'Connell, Frank Kaiser

ANNIVERSARIES: Nino Pirrottina, Richard Tolkin, Antonia Grgurevic, Joe & Carmel Phelan, Shaun Wright, William & Gertrude Paul, Vladimir Virt, Anna Dzidzic, Ron Smith, Maria-Grazia Lombardo

BAPTISMS: Luke Stefek, Addison Morrissey, Noah & Evie Grealy, Mason Haberman, Ollie Bonnici (HS), Mitchell Jenyns, Poppy Rowe (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, Margaret Dyson, Cheryl Lambert, Craig Cole, June Bongiorno, John & Mary McMahon, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), John Bohan

Roster for Next Sunday, May 12, 2013

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators R Allum
Lectors F O'Neill
Special Ministers I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova
han
Welcomers C Marcantonio, P Walsh

9.30AM

C Simpson
D Lunn, A Negro
H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Shea-
V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators M Lacy
Lectors G Harrison
Special Ministers B Murphy, R O'Neill
Welcomers M Brown, P Ryan
Projectionist J Lynch

6.00PM

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators A Hubbard
Lectors P Power, P Hubbard
Special Ministers P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy
Welcomers R&K Maddalena
Projectionist

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
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.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Cluster News:



WARM WELCOME...

*Last week the Archbishop of Melbourne confirmed the nomination of **Fr Luka Pranjic** as a Croatian Chaplain in Geelong. Fr Luka was Croatian Chaplain in Adelaide and will be transferring to Geelong where his appointment will begin on 13th June, 2013. We wish Fr Luka a very warm welcome as he administers primarily to the Croatian community of Geelong. He will build on the fine pastoral and spiritual care of Fr Stjepan Gjnc. (Fr Gerard)*

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.

Liturgy in the Cluster:

- 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...** **Family Liturgy -** 1.30pm at Holy Spirit School

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY:

A special focus of the Masses on the weekend of May 11/12 will be **Mothers' Day**. This is an opportunity to honour and celebrate that very important vocation of Motherhood. To assist in our celebrations the children from -



- St Patrick's School...** Gr 1/2 will be involved in the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church
- Holy Spirit School...** Gr 3/4 will be involved in the 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit Church
- Holy Family School...** Gr 3/4 will be involved in the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church

PLEASE NOTE: The organising group for the regular monthly Luncheon at Ss Peter & Paul's have decided that there be NO luncheon at Ss Peter & Paul's Hall on Mother's Day.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES:

As part of the preparation for Confirmation, the candidates and their parents will make a short commitment at the Masses on May 18/19 (Pentecost Sunday) and May 25/26 (Holy Trinity Sunday). We pray for the young candidates as they continue on their faith journey towards Confirmation.

Community News:

- May 8...** **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$8.
- “ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- May 9...** **CHRIS MACKEY & ASSOCIATES:** Free talk on **POSITIVE PARENTING - Infants to Primary Years**, 11am-12.15pm at Geelong West Town Hall Supper Room.
- May 19...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Social Luncheon Gathering 12.30pm in Ashby Small Hall, cost \$10/head. Bring a casserole or sweet, drinks provided. Ph Joe Lambert 5229 8442, proceeds to Overseas Missions - all welcome!
- May 26...** **CULTIVATING THE CONTEMPLATIVE FAMILY:** Join us for a **family** experience of **Christian Meditation**, a way of prayer that is accessible and possible for families with children. Donation of \$10/family, BYO picnic lunch, tea/coffee provided, RSVP 12th May to mirellapace49@gmail.com, mob 0408 470 114, www.christianmeditationaustralia.org
- June 14-16...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place. Starts 7pm Fri, ends 5pm Sun. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/bookings ph 9733 0997 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au



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

Music at the Basilica presents 12 concerts in several different venues. Entry by 2-day pass \$30 or 1-day pass \$20 for either Saturday or Sunday, incl program. 12/under free. Local and visiting artists in solo, choral and instrumental performances. A'non tea and shuttle bus no charge. Entry to Friday concerts at St David's Church (children's event - adults welcome) and Keith Humble Centre (silent movie and Wurlitzer organ) by gold coin donation. **Friday Feature Concert by Australian Children's Choir** - 3rd May, 7.30pm at the Basilica, tickets \$25/20. Program and supper incl. All school students free. Bring the family to hear this magnificent choir, pick up a leaflet or visit our website - musicatthebasilica.org.au Enquiries phone Jeanette on 5223 3554 or jenjohnston@bigpond.com to have a 28-page colour program posted to you.

A VOCATION VIEW:

When we let the daily pressures of life trouble us, we begin to believe that we are responsible for taking care of everything. This causes us to frantically cling to our time and treasure. Yet Jesus tells us not to be troubled or afraid. Take a deep breath, pray and place your trust in God. When you do, you will be a better steward of all that God has placed in your care.

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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Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where

we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how

everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is.