



# 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 teacher asked her grade one class to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about the task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Beckie was particularly focused on her painting. 'What are you painting Beckie?' asked the teacher. 'I'm painting God, Miss' replied the little girl. 'Well that must be difficult because no one knows what God looks like.' At which Beckie stopped, looked up and confidently announced, 'But they will when I'm finished.'

The names Christians give to God – Father, Son and Spirit – are both ancient and important. But we should never think they exhaust the possibilities of God's reality. Creator, mother, lover, redeemer,

Saviour, higher power or friend all go some way to help us put words around our experience of our God, who is more and beyond all names we can possibly use.

The naming of God, however, is an important, but secondary focus to today's feast. There are two other facets to it that are more central.

The first is that the Trinity declares that relationships are at the very centre of God. We believe that the Father, Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to

us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch the divine.

The second extraordinary thing we celebrate today is that the Father invites us into this loving relationship with Him, Jesus and the Spirit. What is especially consoling about this is that we are the only world religion that believes our God took our flesh. So through Jesus' life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love we not only discover who he is, but, at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like. /Cont'd P4

## The Most Holy Trinity

(Year C - May 26, 2013.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Corpus Christi**

1st Reading: Gen 14:18-20

2nd Reading: 1Cor 11:23-26

Gospel: Lk 9:11-17



### 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:

<b>Mon...</b>	Holy Family Women's Prayer Group	10.00am	Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Tues...</b>	Meditation Group	5.30pm	Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Wed...</b>	Prayer of the Church	Before 9am Mass	Holy Spirit Church
<b>Wed...</b>	Holy Family Women's Prayer Group	10.00am	Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Thurs...</b>	Italian Prayer Group	10.00am	St Patrick's Chapel
<b>Fri...</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	After 11am Mass	Holy Spirit Church
<b>Fri...</b>	Divine Mercy	3.00pm	Holy Spirit Church
<b>Sat...</b>	Rosary	After 9am Mass	Holy Spirit Church

## OUR LADY'S STATUE:

**May 27/June 3:** Spitale family, 4 Marathon Ave; **June 10/17:** Logan family, 25 Purrumbete Ave;

**June 24/July 1:** Hoare family, 21 Sycamore St; **July 8/July 15:** Bourke family, 24 Sycamore 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:** Antonio Colace, Shirley McDonald, Stjepan Pelaic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dorothy Cushen, Leo O'Dwyer, Pavre family, Skulic family, Stan Sherwell

**BAPTISMS:** Kristian Kucek (HF), Violet Ash, Van Johnson, Amelia Pope (P&P)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Margaret Dyson, Cheryl Lambert, Craig Cole, John & Mary McMahon, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), John Bohan, Craig Leite

**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, June 2, 2013

(1st Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

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

### 9.30AM

T McMahon  
C&J Taylor  
P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo, B  
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

## 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  
2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
- **Baptism Preps -** Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)
- **Children's Liturgy -** 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](http://www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org)**

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## Cluster News:

### PLEASE NOTE:

- ♦ Fr Gerard is away for two weeks and we welcome the Columban Priest who will be his supply.
- ♦ **Ss PETER & PAUL'S FEAST DAY - Saturday June 29th:** Mass of Anointing at 11am followed by lunch. Further details in coming weeks.
- ♦ **HOLY SPIRIT ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** A collection for the annual Winter Appeal for the Society's help will be taken up at all Holy Spirit Masses on the 1st and 2nd June. Your support will be gratefully appreciated.

**2014 Prep Enrolments**  
at the three schools in the Cluster Parish -  
Holy Family, Holy Spirit and St Patrick's,  
**close on FRIDAY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2013.**

Please contact the school in your parish  
if you are seeking enrolment for 2014.

## Liturgy in the Cluster:

- ♦ **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 25/26 (Holy Trinity Sunday). We pray for the young candidates as they continue on their faith journey towards Confirmation.
- ♦ **EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASSES:** As the candidates begin their more immediate preparation for the reception of Communion, they will attend parish Mass to announce their intention to the Parish and seek the support of the parishioners. These commitments will take place during Masses on the weekends of June 1/2 and June 8/9.

### Fr Mick's Mates -

#### THANKYOU FROM RELAY FOR LIFE:

You were one of 93 teams who came together, walked the track and raised funds to fight cancer. I'm thrilled to announce the total raised for this year's event is \$234,426.48 - a phenomenal effort! You can feel proud knowing your team, Fr Mick's Mates, contributed \$17,484.65.

Brett O'Farrell

Community Development Manager, Relay for Life, Cancer Council Victoria

## Liturgy in the Cluster:



### HOLY HOUR OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

As part of the programme for the Year of Faith, the Holy Father will lead a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration, praying for the needs of the Church on the 2nd June, Solemnity of Corpus Christi. In St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne on the same day there will be a Procession and Holy Hour after the Solemn Mass at 11am.

**IN THE CLUSTER**, we will have an Hour of Adoration, praying in union with Pope Francis for the needs of the Church, on **Sunday 2nd June after the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family, Bell Park**. Parishioners from the three parishes are invited to participate.

## Community News:

**June 4/11/18... WESLEY CENTRE FOR LIFE ENRICHMENT:** Fr Frank Moloney will present *"The Resurrection of the Messiah"* with a focus on Luke's Gospel for 2013. What does the Gospel of Luke say to the Lucan community and beyond about Jesus' death and resurrection? Can we be certain about what happened at Jesus' resurrection? What is the significance of this "event" in our lives today? 7.30pm in the Wesley Church Hall, 100 Yarra St. Enquiries/bookings ph 5222 4101 - no cost. Certificates of attendance can be requested.

**June 13... FREE PUBLIC TALK:** Chris Mackey will talk on **Positive Parenting - Teenagers** 7.30-8.45pm at Geelong West Town Hall in the Supper Room. All welcome!

**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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

### ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART AT THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY:

Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart, appeared before the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into child abuse on Monday 20 May. He renewed his apology on behalf of the Church for "an horrific episode in our history, the effects of which are still keenly felt today", and explained how the Church had changed since the 1990s. For further information on the Church's response to the Inquiry or to download a summary of the Archbishop's statement, visit [www.facingthetruth.org.au](http://www.facingthetruth.org.au)

On the website you will also find:

- ♦ Videos on *Towards Healing* and *Melbourne Response*, the Church's processes for dealing with allegations of sexual abuse
- ♦ Copies of statements made by those appearing before the Inquiry
- ♦ New fact sheets and frequently asked questions

On the website homepage, please subscribe to be notified when new information is available.

### A VOCATION VIEW:

*"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,  
he will guide you to all truth..." (Jn16:13)*

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know the truth. So why not talk to the Holy Spirit about your stewardship? Are you sharing your time and talent with God and others? Do you give a fair amount of your treasure to do the work of the Lord? Can you hear the Holy Spirit's answer to those questions in your heart now? What more is he calling you to do?

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Some people think themselves unworthy of such invitation. Others argue they have to be a better person to deserve such an offer. While both of these responses to God's invitation are understandable, they fail to take into account that in Jesus we have been made worthy of God's love and if we are waiting to get to a certain level of

goodness to deserve God's love, we will wait forever.

God invites us into the compassionate embrace of the Trinity where we are and as we are, so that we can become all that God knows we can be. We don't have to get good to get God. We have to get God before we can get good.

Let's not be like the small boy who once

said to me, 'The feast of the Trinity is all about that old bloke, his younger son and that bird.' On this Trinity Sunday let's celebrate the intimacy and dignity to which we are called by signing ourselves with the focus of our love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

