

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)
- . **Playgroup -** Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- . **Manifold CWL -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month
- . **Italian Mass -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- . **Catholic Deanery Solo Group -** Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- . **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:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Cluster News:

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:

- 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

Community News:

- May 8...** **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$8.
- 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

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.

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While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters. All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behaviour from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where

we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we

can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

May this Eucharist then grant us the wisdom to love people and not things. May it help us embrace sacrifice in a way that leads to life and may it give courage to sort out the relationships that affirm our dignity and help us grow in faith, hope and love.