



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

Today's second reading is considered to be the oldest baptismal formulae we have in the New Testament. The reference to baptism is one indication of this, as is the invocation of the robe by which we were all clothed in Christ, but even more so is what follows. St Paul goes on to give the community at Galatia a definition of what these external signs should mean in the life of the community: 'there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus.'

We need to own that our Catholic community has not been worthy of this charge for a good part of its history, and we often still fail

to live up to this ideal. Frail and sinful human beings that we are, we allowed multiple distinctions to appear among us in a very short period of time. And some of them are still with us today.

For example, we have accepted into our church order social customs and other religious traditions that actively exclude women from participation in ritual and decision-making, declaring them at various times in our history to be unclean, a source of temptation, and misbegotten men. This worked itself out into terrible crimes against women's dignity, and even meant that some women were put to death in the name of God.

Tragically, the same can be said of the

Jews, where a false reading of the Passion stories legitimated waves of Jewish persecution over the centuries, and gave rise to anti-Semitism. And when we turn to slaves and free people, we have to own that at one stage the church taught that slavery was a divine institution and so was very slow to stand with the emancipation cause.

So why concentrate on this bad news today? Because, as our Jewish brothers and sisters tell us, if we forget where we have come from, we are likely to commit the same sins again, and we need to take that momentum into our future as we become the inclusive community Jesus lived out, and St Paul taught we should be.

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We extend a warm welcome to Bernadette Bilogrevic who will begin as Parish Secretary this coming Monday.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - June 23, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1Kg 19:16,19-21
2nd Reading: Gal 5:1,13-18
Gospel: Lk 9:51-62

**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:

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: Fr Len Egan, Keith Pollard

ANNIVERSARIES: Rajko & Ivan Jovic, Rachel Peso, Judy Hayes, Carmelo Coppolino, Antonio Colace (1month), Vicente Benitez, Francesca & Rocco Daniele, Angela Zulich, Zlatko Lehpamer, Idzi & Kazimiera Ciupinski, Members of the Andrews family, Margaret McFarlane, Matthew Barr, Stefano Mileto, Vjekoslav (Stan) Dogack, Alex Sexton, Breda Gajic, Vincente Gerona, Daniel Brady, Carmela Caccamo (1month), Tindara Rao (1yr), Josip Dubrovic

BAPTISMS: Jack Normington, Ebony Pino, Lily Preiato, Tayla Sorgiovanni (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Cheryl Lambert, Craig Cole, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), John Bohan, Craig Leite, Juliette Isla Kotarac (7months), Anthony Continho

Roster for Next Sunday, June 30, 2013

(5th 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 Scaddan

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

E Cotter

J O'Neill

C Laffy, M Abbot, D Torpy

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:

- **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 -** First Thursday of each month, 12pm at Sisters of the Holy Angels, Bell Park, 15 McClelland Rd Bell Park.
- **Serra Club of Geelong -** Ph Bernard Jordan 5243 6931.

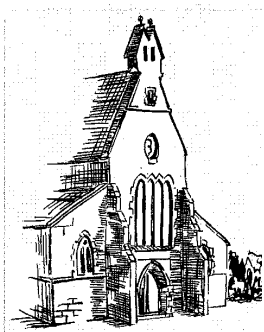
If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Liturgy in the Cluster:

SS PETER & PAUL'S FEAST DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 29TH



You are warmly invited to celebrate Ss Peter & Paul's Feast Day.
This day is particularly significant because it is our Centennial Year as a Parish.
11.00am... The Mass of Anointing followed by Lunch in the Small Hall

ORGAN RECITALS

- 2-3pm... (Former) students from Geelong College)
- 3-4pm... John Kirkham, organist St Paul's Anglican Church Geelong
- 4-5pm... Frank DeRosso, organist St Mary's Catholic Church Geelong

SPECIAL FEAST DAY MASS

5.00pm... Concelebrated Mass with the Ss Peter & Paul's Choir

To assist with catering for the Luncheon after the Mass of Anointing, there will be a sign-up board.

Cluster News:

- ◆ **WELCOME TO BERNADETTE BILOGREVIC:** Bernadette will begin her role as Parish Secretary this Monday and will be working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 9-5pm. Bernadette's role will greatly help us in the administration of the Pastoral Cluster and enable Trish Stickland to have more time in her role as Parish Manager. **Please Note:** In the future Katharine will be typing the Bulletin on **Thursdays** so please have anniversaries and other notices in prior to Thursday.
- ◆ **ANNUAL LEAVE FOR FR MICK:** Fr Mick will be away from June 10th and will return for the Ss Peter & Paul's Feast Day on June 29th. We wish Fr Mick an enjoyable and restful time with his family.
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - Faith and Living for Contemporary Catholics:** The Winter edition of Australian Catholics will be available this week for free. The focus of this edition is Christianity in Public Life. Articles include - Living up to the 'Catholic Label' - Kristina Keneally (former Premier of NSW) on Faith and Public Life; Taking to the Streets; Bringing the Church to the People; Raising Believers and Raising Non-Believers; A Conversation between two Mothers, etc.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Several people have indicated interest in inquiring into the Catholic faith this year. Any others who would like to join them will be very welcome. The **Inquiry Period** will begin on Wed 7th August at 7.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. Meetings thereafter will take place on every Wednesday of the school terms up to Christmas from 7.30-9pm. There is a saying "It takes a whole village to rear a child". Similarly it takes the whole Christian community to initiate adults into the Catholic Church

A sponsor for each candidate is very important for the RCIA process to do the above, and hopefully to receive some adult formation in the faith for himself/herself. Anyone who would like to be a sponsor, please contact Fr Mick on his return.

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- ◆ **PASTORAL CLUSTER PRIMARY SCHOOLS FAITH FORMATION DAY:** On Friday 28th June, the staff of the three Primary Schools and the Parish Office will be attending a Faith Formation Day led by Fr Elio Capra at St Patrick's School.

CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY:

This Sunday there will be a 2nd Collection at all Masses to support the fine work of Catholic Missions. The focus this year is ***Do Not be Afraid... I will rescue you.***

In India, child trafficking and child labour is the reality for 12 million children. Every day countless young girls are stolen from, or sold by, their families into domestic work and prostitution against their will. Many are also forced to become street beggars to survive. With the support of Catholic Mission, Sr Clara and her fellow Salesian sisters work tirelessly throughout Chennai, India, to rescue young girls from this tragic reality and to help them see their worth as a beloved child of God.

For Sr Clara, faith and action go together. Not only do the sisters provide a loving home for these frightened girls at their Marialaya Children's Home, they also offer education, medical care, vocational and leadership training, counselling and spiritual formation.



Community News:

- July 2...** **TALKING ABOUT FAITH TO A SCEPTICAL CULTURE:** Come and listen to Bishop Blasé Cupich (Spokane, Washington) and renowned scholar Rev Gerald O'Collins SJ as they discuss the challenges of talking about our faith to a skeptical culture. 5.30pm-7pm at Newman College, 887 Swanston St Parkville. **RSVP by Monday July 1.** Ph Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation: evangelization@cam.org.au or ph 9926 5761.
- July 13...** **HEALING MASS:** St Joseph's Parish Meredish invites parishioners to a Healing Mass celebrated by Fr Wahid Riad, a priest well known for his healing ministry. St John's Church Winchelsea at 11am followed by a luncheon in the Church Hall at 12noon. RSVP 5286 1230 or parishofmeredith@bigpond.com
- July 28...** **2013 ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** The Mass will honour marriages of couples who celebrate 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries this year. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. To register visit www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or ph 9287 5579. **Registrations close Friday 12th July.**
- ◆ **SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG LTD PRESENTS MOVIE NIGHTS:** On the last Tuesday in the months of July, August, September, October and November 2013 at St Mary's Shirley Mills Theatre, 150 Yarra St - 7.30pm. **Subscription \$50, total proceeds to Samaritan House:** July 30th - *The Trouble with the Curve*, sports drama film revolving around an aging baseball scout (Clint Eastwood) whose daughter joins him on a scouting trip.
 - ◆ **SERRA CLUB OF GEELONG:** The objective of the Serra Club is to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life and its membership is open to Catholic men and women. They meet at the Holy Angels Convent at 15 McClelland Rd Bell Park on the first Thursday of each month at 12.30pm with Mass followed by lunch and a meeting.
 - ◆ **MARYVILLE AGED CARE:** Residential aged care in a family atmosphere - 54 Western Beach Rd. For an appointment please ph Trish or Cheryl on 5221 5299. Email: info@maryvillenursinghome.com
 - ◆ **BEING CATHOLIC:** BeingCatholic is a popular Australian website that provides a great range of articles, video and interviews to support Catholics on the journey of life and faith. Visit www.beingcatholic.com.au to read the latest article, ***"How to become a Saint in one easy step"***.

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But all of this has a cost, which is what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, 'If you want to be a follower of mine, renounce yourself and take up your cross every day and follow me.' All too often we can hear this line as either a once and for all moment, or as only applying to the big actions in our lives. I think, however, that it has as much to do with how we think and what our attitudes are, as much as it's concerned with what we do.

For example, choosing to let go of deep-seated racist, sexist and bigoted prejudices might be the most telling way we could renounce our worldly selves,

and take up the inclusive cross of Christ. And how do we know when we have achieved this? Friends are normally a good indication about our resolve in this regard. Who we have in our home says so much about what and whom we include in our lives.

We can say we love people of colour all we like, but having them as our friends changes the way we see the world. We can maintain that we want women to be equal, but have we ever had a long conversation with someone who thinks seriously about gender issues in the Church and society? And while we might

be very ecumenical in theory, actually having Lutheran, Jewish and atheist friends is more valuable to us than all the best wishes in the world.

Let's pray in this Eucharist for the grace to lose our life in such a way that we find it again in Christ, in whom there is no such thing as a Jew or Greek, a slave or free person, a man or a woman. There is in Christ only one human family under God where everyone from pope to pauper is unconditionally loved and has equal dignity and status. That's the kingdom we're sent to build. May we be worthy if it.