



# 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

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables ...I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo

designed late in life: he never lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished... "When you think what?" I asked... "I don't know. When you think." "What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important. "When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that

Jesus would rather have had this as a monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.' No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth. In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities – farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom.

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - June 30, 2013.)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 66:10-14

2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12,17-20

**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:

**June 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:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph Radojevic, Vincenzo Pitaro, Richard McNair, Victor Perera, Ivan Cengija, Jo Hennessy (1yr), Ernesto, Assunta, Frank & Helen DeLorenzo, Emily & Harry Callander, Ronnie Fuller, Patricia Dickinson, Gwenda Lawrenceon

**BAPTISMS:** James Cooper, Giselle Cooper-Neilson, Claudia Richmond (HS)

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

**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, July 7, 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

### **8.00AM**

### **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

### **6.00PM**

### **11.00AM**

B Middleton  
P Joyce, J Senfleben  
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  
Projectionist

### **5.00PM**

## 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)*

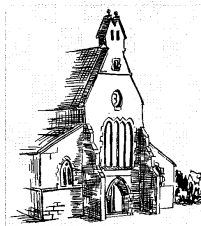
## Cluster News:

*Welcome back to Fr Mick!*

- ◆ **WELCOME TO BERNADETTE BILOGREVIC:** Bernadette has begun her role as Parish Secretary last Monday. She will be working Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri 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.
- ◆ **NOTICES FOR BULLETIN:** Please note that the Bulletin will be typed on **THURSDAYS** so please have anniversaries and other notices in prior to Thursday.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** Monthly meeting on **Wed 3rd July**, 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall. If attending Communion Luncheon in Melbourne on Tuesday 30th July at Pumphouse Hotel, payment of \$30 can be made at meeting. For information or transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:** During the school holidays the Office will be open as normal.

### **VOTE OF THANKS - Ss PETER & PAUL'S FEAST DAY - 100 YEARS YOUNG!**

In any year the Feast Day of a Parish is significant, but a Centennial Feast Day more so. Many thanks to those who have made a special effort to celebrate this Feast Day.



Special thanks to -

- ◆ Those involved in the Mass of Anointing and the Luncheon that followed.
- ◆ Our special guests Alan Thomas from Wesley Uniting Church and John Kirkham from St Paul's Anglican Church and Frank DeRosso from St Mary's Basilica who provided organ recitals on the day.
- ◆ Those involved in the Centennial Celebration Mass on Sunday evening at 5pm

*- Fr Gerard*

### **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.

*There are still a few copies of Australian Catholics Winter Edition available in the foyer of each of the Churches.*

## Community News:

- July 1...** **RON SUDDEN APPEARING ON STAGE:** 1.30pm at Belmont Seniors Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St. Enjoy a lovely afternoon with one of Geelong's top entertainers. Entry only \$3 - tea/coffee after.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.beingcatholic.com.au) to read the latest article, *"How to become a Saint in one easy step"*.

**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 ph Terry on 5221 7339.

### A VOCATION VIEW:

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love."  
(Gal 5:13)*

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life". But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honour ourselves.

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Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich

get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time,

talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.