



# Pastoral Cluster

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## Reflection... by Richard Leonard

A Queensland grazier, a Sydney stockbroker, and a woman barrister from Melbourne died and were standing in line, waiting for their chance at the entrance to Heaven.

St Peter called the grazier first. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' St Peter said, 'You must spell "God".' 'Easy enough,' said the bloke from Queensland, 'G-O-D.' And he entered Heaven. Next, St Peter called the man from Sydney. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' he said. 'You must spell "God".' 'No problem,' said the stockbroker, 'G-O-D.' And he went in.

Finally, the woman barrister approached St Peter. 'Good riddance to the world,' she said. 'My whole life, I've tried to excel in a male-dominated society, only to continuously bump into the proverbial "glass ceilings" at every

point. I can't tell you, St Peter, how glad I am finally to be rid of male chauvinism.' 'Well, you'll certainly find none of that here,' said St Peter. 'I'm sure you'll enjoy heaven, if you can meet this one simple requirement for entrance. You must spell "Czechoslovakia".'

One of the things I find reassuring about today's Gospel is that the Church seems to have been wrestling with women's leadership since the very beginning. It's the issue that will not go away.

When it comes to interpreting scripture, I am always pleased that I'm a Catholic. We're not fundamentalists or literalists. We believe that the truth of the scripture lies not just in the words themselves, but also in the careful interpretation of the text in history. The story of Martha and Mary is a complex narrative. It can be read on at least two levels.

The first level is extraordinary enough: it

focuses on Mary who assumes the position of the Rabbi's student and is defended against any attack on her right to be there. In first century Palestine, Jewish women were 'not permitted to be taught the Torah, but only instructed about how they should live their lives in obedience to its demands. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures nor to take part in public debate or official liturgical ritual.' (Fitzmyer, Luke p.892) From this context we can see the sort of freedom Jesus envisaged for women, against the practice of his own day.

On another level, however, this story focuses on Martha. The writer of Luke's Gospel tells us that we are in Martha's home and, that with Jesus as special guest at table, she is serving the members of her household with care and devotion. Martha comes across as strong and outspoken.

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

(Year C - July 21, 2013.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name,  
O Lord, for it is good.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

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

1st Reading: Gen 18:20-32  
2nd Reading: Col 2:12-14  
Gospel: Lk 11:1-13



## 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:

**July 22 - Aug 10:** Murray family, 37 Darriwill St; **Aug 10:** Montalto family

*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 John Cunningham, Fr John Allen (Sale Diocese)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Matilda Matjasic, Ted Glab, Hilda Smith, Anna Rezelj

**1st ANNIVERSARY:** -

**BAPTISMS:** Jackson DiLullo, Zara-Rose Leith, Jonathan Matijevic (HF), Lewis Christian (HS)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Cheryl Lambert, Craig Cole, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Craig Leite, Juliette Isla Kotarac, Anthony Continho, Colleen Laffy, Anthony McCullough (Ireland)

**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 28, 2013

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

### 9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

M Lacy

G Harrison

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown

T McShanag

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

### 11.00AM

M Foley

J Fraatz

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

## 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:

- ♦ **WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE:** I have had the privilege of being appointed by the Archbishop as one of the Chaplains for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage in Rio de Janeiro this year. The group I am responsible for will begin the pilgrimage with a week's immersion experience in the shanty town of Lima followed by the World Youth Day events and celebration, culminating in the high point of a Mass with the new Holy Father, Pope Francis. After the WYD I will be away for a further two weeks amongst other things trekking in Machu Picchu. I leave on July 13th and return August 16th. *(Fr Gerard)*
- ♦ **MELBOURNE CLERGY CONFERENCE - 29th July to 1st August:**  
Archbishop Hart has requested that all priests on parish appointment in the Archdiocese of Melbourne attend the Conference. In making this request he has stated that he is aware that parishes may have no Masses celebrated during those days.  
Therefore, **please note:**
  1. On **Tuesday July 30th and Thursday August 1st Mass will NOT be celebrated at Holy Family, Bell Park.**
  2. On **Wednesday July 31st, A Communion Service will be held at Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts, at 9am.**
The Clergy Conference will be held at Peppers The Sands Resort in Torquay.
- ♦ **PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:** This program is for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools who wish to be confirmed. **The program begins on Sunday Sept 8. Enrolments close Wednesday August 21.** For enquiries phone Frank Kearney at the Cluster Office on 5278 1343 Mon-Wed.
- ♦ **FIRST COMMUNION:** On **July 21/28** about ten children each week from the Parish Eucharist Program will receive Communion for the first time at the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family. Please pray that these children with their families will often join the Eucharistic meal of the Church and receive Christ into their lives in the celebration of this Sacrament.



## **FR MICK'S MATES:** Dates for your diary



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|------------------------|--|
| <b>Sept 11...</b>      | <b>Movie Night</b>                         |
| <b>Nov 5...</b>        | <b>Melbourne Cup Luncheon</b>              |
| <b>Feb 28, 2014...</b> | <b>Bay Cruise (Friday evening)</b>         |
| <b>March 15/16...</b>  | <b>Relay for Life at Deakin University</b> |



Sr Kate O'Neill will soon be returning to Geelong and there will be an opportunity to extend to Sr Kate a welcome return. We are planning to have her address some of the Masses as part of Social Justice Sunday on Sept 21/22. Also there are plans afoot to organise a Cluster Social Event as part of our fund- and awareness-raising into the great mission work of Sr Kate as well as the Columbans in the Philippines.

## Community News:

**July 28...** **ST JOSEPH'S MEREDITH:** Come and join St Joseph's Parish Meredith as we pilgrimage on country roads from Lethbridge to Meredith where Fr Herman will celebrate Mass followed by a bonfire and cookup. We will then watch the World Youth Day proceedings via the internet stream. We leave Lethbridge from 1pm onwards - for details ph Diane Ritchie, [parishofmeredith@bigpond.com](mailto:parishofmeredith@bigpond.com)

**Aug 4...** **HONOURING THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD:** You are invited to honour the Fatherhood of God in a special way at St Benedict's Church, 295 Warrigal Rd Burwood from 1.30pm, Holy Family Church Doveton from 2.30 and St Joseph's Church Elsternwick from 2pm. Further details ph 9808 2492.

**Aug 9-11...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. There is no group sharing. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Starts 7pm Friday and ends 5pm Sunday, accommodation and all meals provided. For bookings/information ph 9733 0997 or email [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au). *This weekend will also take place on Oct 18-20.*

- ◆ **UPDATE ON THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY:** The Parliamentary Committee has heard from witnesses and is now preparing a report on its recommendations and findings, which is due to be tabled in Parliament on or before 30 September 2013. Over the next three months the Church in Victoria will continue to inform the community about its processes for responding to abuse, the support provided to victims and the five reforms that the Church has proposed to the Parliamentary Committee. More info: [www.facingthetruth.org.au](http://www.facingthetruth.org.au) which contains videos, fact sheets and FAQs. The website will continue to be updated on a regular basis.
- ◆ **ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA & WAGGA WAGGA** will be held at the Mercure Conference Centre Geelong, 21st and 22nd August. Guest speakers include Prof Nicholas Tonti-Filippini, Fiona Basile, Sr Kim Harris OSB, Sandie McDonald, Michael Martinez. Full registration including Wednesday dinner \$180, daily rate available. Conference opening Mass at St Mary's Basilica 9am, main celebrant Bishop Vincent Long. For information ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Tricia Joyce 5221 1986.
- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **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, 15 McClelland Rd Bell Park on the second Thursday of each month at 12.30pm with Mass followed by lunch and a meeting.

### PARISH MISSION 2013:

From **Sunday July 28 until Wednesday July 31**, Fr Richard Leonard SJ will conduct a Parish Mission at St Mary's, Yarra St. Fr Richard is a renowned writer, communicator and one of the most respected and valued members of his Jesuit order in Australia. He is the author of most of the front page articles in the "Cluster Parish" weekly newsletter. Everyone is welcome - staff and schools may find the topics especially interesting.

- ◆ **Sun July 28: 4.30pm - "How can Catholics live in a media saturated culture?"** We are sent to our culture as it is, not as we would like it to be. And whether we like it or not, the media is the modern day marketplace where minds and hearts are won and lost. What's on our agenda today, and what can we do about it?
- ◆ **Monday July 29 to Wednesday July 31** - Mass at 9.15am in Basilica followed by morning tea, then Presentation by Fr Richard Leonard SJ at 10.15am. Evenings - Mission Liturgy at 7.15pm in Basilica followed by Presentation at 7.40pm by Fr Leonard in Pioneers' Centre, then Supper at 9.10pm.

### WEEKDAY PRESENTATION TOPICS:

**Monday July 29: "A Sane approach to Catholic tradition and devotion"**

**Tuesday July 30: "Will our faith have young people in the 21st Century?"**

**Wed July 31: "From Darkness into the Light: Holding to Faith through the tough times"**

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Mary, meanwhile, is passive and silent. It is likely this story is criticising a call in Luke's community for women to move away from the leadership Jesus gave them and to adopt again the traditional roles to which the Jewish/Christians were more familiar.

At the Vatican on 21 May 2000 the Pope told a group of Bishops from the USA: 'The genius of women must be ever more a vital strength of the Church of the next millennium, just as it was in the first communities of Christ's disciples.'

To that end today's story from such a community holds a key to our own dilemma. Just as Jesus broke through the gender

boundaries of his own day, so too must we. We must renew our commitment to ending anything that degrades, exploits or dehumanises women throughout the world.

But more, it's time for the Church to take some strong symbolic and practical steps to defend the leadership of women within our own Catholic community. For example, Church teaching does not stand in the way of re-admitting lay people, and this time lay women, into the College of Cardinals; women could continue to assume high profile positions in each Diocese and also leadership roles within the Roman Curia, starting with those departments that deal

with instructions and decisions that directly affect them; and the Church could welcome the ordination of women as Deacons.

These avenues would enable women to have even more options for them to demonstrate and realise the full extent of their genius, as the Pope puts it.

At this Eucharist, then, let us recommit ourselves to using, in the best possible way for the mission of the Church, the gifts, talents and strengths of over half our community. May we learn from the earliest Church, described in today's Gospel, 'that which is the better part' and never 'take it away from her.'