



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

Did you know that Lincoln's Gettysburg address was 250 words long? The man before Lincoln spoke for over an hour. The man who followed Lincoln spoke for even longer. No one remembers today what they said. Lincoln's two and a half minutes, by contrast, changed the USA's history and the mentality of the western world.

This call to brevity is always a good challenge to preachers too! Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer, which has 38 words, is another example of how a few sentences have changed history.

Around 50 years after the death of Jesus, Luke's Gospel was written for the Christian community in Antioch, which was the political and cultural capital of the Roman Province of Syria. There are six major themes running throughout this Gospel: prayer, hospitality,

compassion, forgiveness, the common life and care for the outsider. Most of them are expressed in the 38 words of this prayer.

We declare that we belong to God in the most intimate of ways, as members of God's family, and therefore we belong to each other. We pray that God's Kingdom will come here and now, and, through our gratitude for God's generosity and forgiveness, we can be saved from evil.

I think Christians should keep saying this prayer with great urgency. In most western countries today there are strong right wing political movements who say they are for Christ or that they want our country to return to 'Christian values', but these policies are irreconcilable with the Lord's Prayer. Indeed one politician I heard recently argued that the Immigration Act should be reviewed so that only Christians are allowed to settle here. There is little of the Gospel's hospitality,

forgiveness, compassion, common life and care for outsiders in the views of these groups. These people, of course, have every right to publicly state their views on any subject they choose. Morally, however, they must also accept responsibility for what they say and its implications.

It is so easy to allow our faith lives to become compartmentalised. For some, religious belief and practice fits into a nice little box that has no discernible influence on the rest of their lives. Coming to Church is a privatised affair. This may be many things, but it's not Christian. What we celebrate here each Sunday is supposed to have an affect on all areas of our lives, every day. Though we can try to make ourselves feel better by turning religion into a weekly spiritual bonbon, that is not what Jesus and the martyrs of our faith gave their lives for.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - July 28, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes
us God's children, and in that Spirit we call
God our Father.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Eccl 1:2,2:21-23
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-5,9-11
Gospel: Lk 12:13-21



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 (**Please note - No Masses this week at Holy Family**)

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:

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: Lesley Fitzgerald, Margherita Mabilia, Pranas Saldukas, Stefan Kratofil

ANNIVERSARIES: Cosimo Mileto, Garry Dougherty, Louisa Rodrigues, Raffaele Gulli, Tonino & Giovanni Gulli (Italy), Giuseppe & Maria Pitaro, Francesco & Serafina Lecchino, Aurelia Siapno, Frank & Cath McCormack, Francisca, Vicente, Segundo & Simeona Benitez, Eleuterio, Ely, Esteban & Anastacia Esperanza, Perla Abella, Diane & James Horoba

BAPTISMS: Alice Hocking, Archie Barsic (P&P)

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

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, August 4, 2013

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

A Vanjek

J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane

U Guardiano, K McArthur

9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, D Farrar, R Zanardo, B Kline

M&E Hoffman

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

E Cotter

J O'Neill

C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy

V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

11.00AM

B Middleton

P Joyce, J Senftleben

V Trinder, P Joyce

D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien

D Woods

N Neeld, P McGlinchy

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:

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: On **Thursday 15th August** there will be Masses celebrated in the Cluster at the following times -

9.15am...	Holy Family Church
10.30am...	Holy Spirit Church
12.00noon...	St Patrick's School
7.00pm...	Ss Peter & Paul's Church



Cluster News:

- ♦ **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 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



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



Sr Kate O'Neill has returned 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
- 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. *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 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.

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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There is no question that these right-wing groups appeal to many of our compatriots because of the difficulties in rural areas, the demoralisation of high unemployment and the growing inequity in wealth distribution. There is, however, NO solution in using race relations, refugees, migrants, single mothers and the poor as scapegoats for our economic shortcomings. All this does is appeal to the worst traits in our human desires, where someone else is always to blame for our difficulties. Long-lasting, truthful and humanly dignified solutions to our nation's problems are those that embody the sacrificial love and compassion of Jesus. On every occasion racism,

sexism, bigotry, violence and greed are sinful. This is the Gospel. This is the teaching of the Church.

Often Catholics argue that the Church's teaching should be more publicly proclaimed and obeyed. In its social teaching, the Church tells us that we should support political parties which best represent these key values in the Gospel. The Church has also taught us about refugees, immigration, gun control, violence, capital punishment and the rights of minority groups. All Catholics are called to hold true to these teachings.

Some Catholics complain that the Church should not speak out on political issues. It is,

however, precisely the role of the Church to help people form their consciences and to declare what it sees as evil, sinful or harmful in society. Christ expects nothing less of all of us. And where the Church has not done this, history has judged it VERY harshly, as in the Church's relatively recent condemnation of slavery.

The old line goes, 'Be careful what you pray because you might just get what you ask for.' Let's join then with all Christians and be worthy of the one prayer which unites us and, in the spirit of these 38 words, pray fervently that all people everywhere will become one - in Christ - under our one Father in heaven.