



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 Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius Loyola says that pride, riches and power are the three most seductive and destructive temptations in the world. So many conflicts, and their continuance, can be traced to the interplay of this unholy trinity. The so-called reality TV show, Big Brother and its many imitators demonstrate just how far some of our compatriots will go to be famous, to be wealthy or to have a certain clout in the popular imagination.

We should never be surprised when our media culture reflects this back to us, because by watching the programmes, reading the papers and the magazines, listening to the shock-jocks and buying the merchandise, we are part of the problem, not the solution.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us just how deadly riches and greed can be. Our own experience tells how right He is: think of how many children fight in the playground because everything they see is 'mine'; the families who have fought over an estate; the number of friends who have fallen out over even small amounts of money; colleagues who no longer speak to each other because of a failed investment; and nations who have gone to war to get what their neighbours have.

The issue with money is not having it, because money, and the health, education and welfare that flow from it are good things, whereas poverty is an evil that God wants wiped off the face of the earth. The problem is what we do with money and what it does to us. Some Christians think that just because they are financially

comfortable from legitimate earnings, they do not have to take any responsibility for the world's poor who are often stereotyped as being lazy, war-mongering and irreligious. These images may justify not sharing more of the excess we have, but it does not remove the moral obligation Jesus demands of us today. Of the world's 6 billion people, 1.2 billion of them live on US\$1, or less, a day. On average 26,000 children will die today of starvation. We should try telling them they're lazy, war-mongering and irreligious! In an attempt to get rich quickly or to stay rich, most western countries gamble away 10 to 15 times more money than they give to third world development – money that might see markets and wages that are just, and so provide an incentive for work, curtail or prevent some wars and help develop democracy. /Cont'd P4

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - August 4, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 18:6-9

2nd Reading: Heb 11:1-2,8-19

Gospel: Lk 12:32-48



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:

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: Grazia Campanile, Hugh Hilet, Peter McDermott, Anna Jakovljevic

ANNIVERSARIES: Raffaele Gulli, Tonino & Giovanni Gulli (Italy), Ercole Iezzi, Orlando DiCristoforo, Viktor Pockaj, Sante Greco, Kristina Strajhar, Giovanni Rondi, Jeffrey Dunford, Jim Cudmore

1 MONTH ANNIVERSARY: Achille DiFilippo

BAPTISMS: Aurora Bramich, Elly & Mila Kilcullen, John Visintin (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Cheryl Lambert, Craig Cole, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Craig Leite, Juliette Isla Kotarac, Anthony Continho, 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 11, 2013

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Sheahan

V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

G Harrison

B Murphy, R O'Neill

M Brown, P Ryan

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

L Strzelecki, A/L Fossey, M Sleeman

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

T Martin

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
2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
- . **Baptism Preps -** Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)
- . **Children's Liturgy -** 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.
Ph Bernard Jordan 5243 6931.
- . **Serra Club of Geelong -**

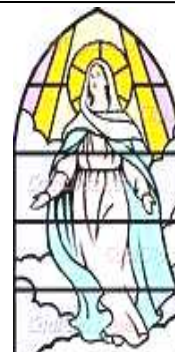
If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:

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

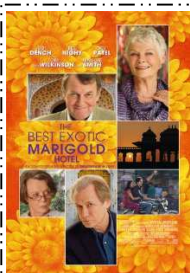


Cluster News:

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.

FR MICK'S MATES:

Please Note: Committee Meeting 3pm at the Cluster Office **next Monday August 4th.** (To discuss process/catering for Movie Night)



LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!!!

When: September 11, 2013
Where: St Mary's Plaza Theatre & Hibernian Hall
Cost: \$20 - All proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates



- Two Sessions -

Movie Session 1 at 4.00pm - BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL
Movie Session 2 at 7.30pm - THE BLUE BUTTERFLY

Finger food and refreshments served at 6.00pm.

A great opportunity to support Fr Mick's Mates and share a light meal together.

50 Tickets available for each session.

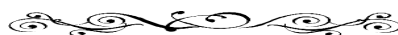
Contacts: David Lunn 0408 378 982

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Community News:

- Aug 25...** **BELMONT'S GRAND VARIETY CONCERT:** Drop of a Hat Geelong Production *A Concert of Fun and Fine Music* with an all star cast of Geelong's finest performers - on Stage 2pm at Belmont Seniors Theatre Hall, 52 Thomson St. Tickets only \$12 on sale now. Phone 5241 1776 - proceeds to Knights of the Southern Cross charity work. Please support.
- Sept 11...** **MOVIE NIGHT:** For Fr Mick's Mates. Please refer previous page.
- Nov 5...** **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**
- Feb 28 2014...** **BAY CRUISE (Friday evening)**
- Mar 15/16...** **RELAY FOR LIFE AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY**

- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will hold their meeting 1.30pm **Wednesday 7th August** at Holy Spirit Hall. We will be having a Dutch Auction after the meeting to raise funds for the Annual General Presidents Collection. Please bring along a wrapped gift. For transport or information contact Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **THE 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 second Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington St. For more information and reservations please phone Terry on 5221 7339.



MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS:

As part of our 'Year of Faith' celebrations, Fr McIlraith, the MMP responsible for Oceania, will be visiting Victoria. He will be speaking on the relevance of the Marian Movement of Priests for the New Evangelization, the need for consecration to Mary and the importance of our union with the Pope and bishops. He will preside at cenacles in the following locations. All are welcome.

Program:

Cenacle -

Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Rosary
Prayer for Pope Francis
Meditation on the messages of the "Blue Book"
by Fr McIlraith
Act of Consecration
Mass
Benediction

Locations:

Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church
548 Burke Rd Camberwell - Melways 59/J1
Fri Aug 9, 1-3.30pm, refreshments provided

The Fatima Centre
205-207 Poath Rd, Hughesdale - Melways 69/C7
Sat Aug 10, 10.30am-3pm, BYO lunch (tea/coffee inc)

St Macartens Catholic Church
4 Drake St Mornington - Melways 104/E10
Sun Aug 11, 1-3.30pm - a'noon tea and refreshments

/From P1...

When faced with the enormity of the world's poverty, the bad spirit can convince us that it is so large there is nothing that we can do about it. Not true. Every moment of consciousness and each act of goodness toward anyone anywhere is a victory for God's kingdom and will be done 'here on earth as it is in heaven'.

No one can pretend, however, that sharing is always easy or that throwing money around will solve the world's

problems. Everyone who works in the front-line says that the biggest obstacle in the war on poverty is dignity. And dignity, as Jesus reminds us today, has very little to do with money or possessions. Each time we make a claim for our own dignity and we give dignity to people who do not even claim it for themselves, we contribute to the generous and just world Jesus wants. And sometimes that can be as easy as turning the channel on the radio or the TV.

Fr Pedro Arrupe inherited the office of leading the Jesuits four centuries after its founder St Ignatius Loyola died. He once said that, 'the celebration of the Eucharist is always incomplete while there is hunger in the world.' Let's pray at this Eucharist that we do not blunt the hard edge of the Gospel. Rather let us accept its power to convert our hearts and minds that we might meet its challenges in regard to bestowing dignity and sharing our possessions with those who have a just claim on them.