



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

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge.

They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours, lines of code streaming up and down the screen. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with.

Satan is visibly upset, and cries, 'I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out.' 'Very well, then,' says God, 'let us see if Jesus fared any better.' Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in

vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished. He stutters, 'But how? I lost everything, yet Jesus' program is intact! How did he do it?' God looks up over his glasses and chuckles, 'Ah you see, Jesus saves.'

Salvation has, rightly, always been the big issue. Who was going to make it, how it was going to happen and when would Christ return in glory have captured the imagination of each generation of believers.

The roots of this thinking can be found in today's Gospel. The earliest Christians, especially the Gentiles, saw that the Jews had been given every opportunity for salvation. They were the Chosen people. They had the Law and the Prophets. They

were looking for the Messiah. Jesus, however, did not come as they expected or act as they hoped, so they rejected him and his followers. Within a generation after Jesus' death the Jews were persecuting the Christians and expelling them from the synagogues. The Christians took comfort from saying that in the salvation race the Jews might have started as the favourites, but they had missed the start and were now coming last.

This way of thinking had a strong effect on the Church. While we have always believed in the mercy and love of God, at different times we have been hostile to other religions, other denominations and the secular world. We have often needed to express this in absolute terms about who was going to be saved and, more importantly, who was not! */Cont'd P4*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - August 25, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the
life, says the Lord; no one comes
to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29
2nd Reading: Heb 12:18-12,22-24
Gospel: Lk 14:1,7-14



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:

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: Edward Wade, Frank Thompson, Bruna Daniele

ANNIVERSARIES: Thaines Chinappan, Alec Middleton, Juan Cudmore, Francesco Matarazzo, Antonio, Maria & Benito DeAngelis, Michael DeGoldi, William & Gertrude Paul, Ollie & Kathleen McDonald, Frederick Fusea, Salvatore & Antonietta Valentino, Pat McGlinchey, Bruno Nicolich

BAPTISMS: Hudson McEwen (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Cheryl Lambert, Craig Cole, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Juliette Isla Kotarac, Anthony Continho, Anthony McCullough (Ireland), Ivanka Juran, Manuel Almeida, Tony & June Bongiorno

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, September 1, 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 McMahan

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

Liturgy in the Cluster:

- Aug 24/25... **FIRST EUCHARIST:** At the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's for the children of St Patrick's School.
- Aug 27... **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL MASS:** 9.15am at Holy Family Church
- Aug 30... **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL MASS:** 10am at St Patrick's Chapel
- " **HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL MASS:** 11am at Holy Spirit Church
- Aug 31/Sept 1... **FATHER'S DAY MASSES:** Children from our three Parish Primary Schools will be present to help the community celebrate Father's Day at the 5pm Saturday evening Mass at Ss P&P, 6pm Saturday evening Mass at Holy Spirit and 9.30am at Holy Family. *The Holy Spirit School extends an invitation to all parishioners at the Saturday evening Mass to share in a pizza in the Hall.*
- Sept 5... **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL MASS:** Gr Prep - 9.15am at Holy Family Church
- Sept 8... **PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FROM THE NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CLUSTER:** 9.30am at Holy Family Church.
- Sept 21/22... **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

FR MICK'S MATES

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 - A SONG FOR MARION (released on Sept 5th)

Finger food and refreshments served at 6.00pm.

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

40 Tickets available for each session.

Contacts: David Lunn 0408 378 982
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Other events for your diary: Nov 5 - Melbourne Cup Luncheon; Feb 28 2014 - Bay Cruise; Mar 15/16 - Relay for Life at Deakin Uni.

As part of our commitment to support our international partnership with our friends in the Philippines, which includes the Columbans at the Malate Parish in Manila and Sr Kate O'Neill and the Sisters of the Mission and the Kuya Centre staff, we will be holding the following event:



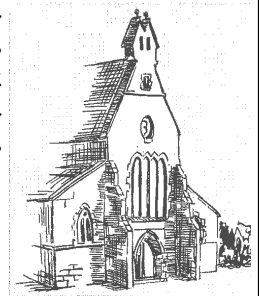
Kristmas for Kuya

When: Friday October 11, 2013
Where: Ashby Hall, Malone St
Time: 6.30pm - BYO
Catering by "Capri" - Entertainment.

STAGE 2 OF SS PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH RESTORATION:

As part of the Centennial celebrations of the Parish of Ss Peter & Paul's we will be repainting the interior of the Church. We have been given heritage approval to commence work and this is planned to begin on Monday Sept 9th and concluding Friday Oct 25th. To ensure that the work can be done effectively and as quickly as possible, the Church will need to be closed for the duration of the work. This means there will be no 5pm Saturday evening Mass and no 11am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. To accommodate this interlude:

- ◆ 5pm Saturday evening Mass will be held at: St Pat's (Cnr Britannia & Petrel Sts Geelong West)
- ◆ 11am Sunday Mass will be held at Holy Spirit, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts.
- ◆ Baptisms and funerals during this time will be held at one of the other Churches.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:

Next week the Spring 2013 edition of Australian Catholics - Faith and Living, will be available for FREE. The focus on this edition is *Aspire to Inspire* whereby there are a number of articles of young people sharing stories of what inspires them.

Community News:

- Aug 31...** **LEGION OF MARY: "Increase our Faith"** - Join us for our Reflection Day, 10am-3pm at St Francis Hall, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio. For more info ph Adela Buaya 0409 135 589, Theresa Vickers 0401 632 033, John McCarthy 0409 042 393 or Chuck Leazyk 0408 128 585.
- Sept 3...** **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING:** Starting 3rd Sept on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10am at St Bernard's Church, 74 Fryers Rd Belmont.
- Sept 11...** **MOVIE NIGHT:** For Fr Mick's Mates.
- Sept 12...** **CHRIS MACKEY FREE TALK: *Improving Mental Health using Brain Science*** - 7.30-8.45pm at Geelong West Town Hall, Supper Room.
- Sept 12/13...** **FAME THE MUSICAL:** St Ignagius College presents this production at GPAC Playhouse. \$25 adults/\$15 student. For details ph 5251 1136. Matinee and evening sessions.
- Sept 13...** **LET'S TALK JUSTICE: Problem Gambling** - Free community Open Forum 6.45 for 7pm start, concluding 8.30pm at Wesley Church Hall, 100 Yarra St Geelong. A presentation and public discussion on problem gambling, its impacts on the individual, family and local community. Hosted by Geelong Young Vinnies with the support of Bethany.
- Sept 15...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** Giampaolo DiRosa - Professor of Organ, Rome. \$25/20 at the door or GPAC 5225 1200.
- Sept 19...** **ANNUAL DEANERY DINNER:** at Samaritan House 'helping the homeless of Geelong', 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets \$45 Ph 5222 1977. **RSVP 3rd Sept.**
- Oct 6...** **GEELONG ST PATRICK'S RACING CLUB:** Stud Tour and Stallion Parade at Rosemont Stud. For details and to book your seat ph 0409 007 913. \$65 all inclusive cost (Champagne & Chicken Lunch)
- Oct 11...** **Kristmas for Kuya** - celebrating our partnership with Kuya, Sisters of the Mission and the Columbans in Philippines at Ashby Hall, Malone St, 6.30pm - BYO. Tickets \$25 - ph Trish 5278 1343.

FEDERAL ELECTION 2013:

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has issued a statement encouraging Catholics to look beyond their own individual needs and consider the common good when deciding their vote. Catholic tradition holds that the common good is underpinned by the promotion and protection of human dignity. Implicit in seeking the common good is the desire to serve the poor, the marginalised, the sick and the forgotten in our community.

The bishops invite us to read and reflect on some issue statements that will be printed in the bulletin over the next few weeks.

Refugees and Migration

Migration has played a prominent part in the development of the Catholic Church and has helped transform Australia into a vibrant, prosperous democracy. Sadly, millions of our sisters and brothers are forced to flee their homeland for fear of persecution or through displacement because of war or famine. A small fraction of these people will seek to make Australia their new home. A smaller fraction again will come by boat. We are called to treat strangers well and to welcome them. All asylum seekers, regardless of how they arrive in Australia, should have their claims processed in Australia according to international convention and as speedily as possible. We should end mandatory detention, especially for families with children and unaccompanied minors, so we can care for asylum seekers in the community. Asylum seekers and refugees should have access to employment and government services, giving them the security they need to build a new life in Australia. Church bodies will continue to serve the needs of migrants and refugees, both in Australia and overseas.

Education

The Catholic Church is a major provider of early childhood, primary and secondary, and tertiary education in Australia. The Church has been a provider of accessible primary and secondary education since the earliest days of European settlement. The diversity of the Australian system of co-extensive schooling - public, Catholic and private - is a great strength and should be supported. Funding policies should assist parents in choosing the education that they want for their children, reflecting their own circumstances, values and beliefs. No one sector should be allowed to fall further behind the others in terms of the resources available for the proper education of children. The need for assistance in founding new schools in developing areas must be acknowledged. Funding models must be fair, equitable and transparent, reflecting accurately contributions from the Commonwealth, state governments and parent contributions. There should be no barrier to high quality education because of incapacity to pay.

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The Second Vatican Council, however, reflected on the Church's experience of working side by side with religious people and secular humanists throughout the world who were as committed as we are to justice, love and freedom. In the 'Declaration on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions', the bishops thought more generously about how God has a relationship with all people who in turn relate to God, even if they do not name it in the same way we

are able to. The Council did not renege from believing that Jesus is the way to the Father, but they also affirmed that God can work in an infinite number of ways to assist people to salvation. It is Church teaching now that our relationship to all people who share the best of our values must be characterised by acceptance, collaboration, dialogue and charity.

This does not make salvation any less important. It just clarifies for us that it is God, not us, who does the saving and the

judging. Christian salvation marks us out as people who know who we are following, where we are going, how we are getting there and why this world, and the next, matters to us. Salvation gives our lives meaning, direction and purpose.

The way we live out this salvation should be irresistible to others. As the folk hymn sings, 'They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'