



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

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world.

There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice.

National boundaries mean nothing to God.

All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little – except God's justice.'

A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame.

We know this it is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - September 1, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, for I cry to you all the day long;
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God, in your goodness, you have made
a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 9:13-18
2nd Reading: Phil 9-10,12-17
Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

**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:

Sept 2: Mrs Murray, 37 Darriwill 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: Kath Doherty, Joan Nolan, Michael O'Dwyer, Elodia Capra, Sebastiano Augello, Marie Gould

ANNIVERSARIES: Dominic Duggan, Bill Salt, Francesco Altieri, Deceased of Ivetac & Cvitan Families, Ursula Pickard, Jan Baran, Sante (Sam) Grego (1month), Fabian Lukken, Dominador & Herminio Esperanza, Crispina, Amin, Marceline, Jose & Rudy Torrejas, Seldon, Cipriana, Mariano & Julian Benitez.

1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY: Norm Keith (Fr Gerard's father), Kristian Verdrik

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 8, 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 Verdrik, 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

Liturgy in the Cluster:

- 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** - This year at some of the Masses Sr Kate O'Neill (who is known to many of you and a former parishioner of Holy Spirit Manifold) will speak on some of her experiences of Social Justice for the poor in the Philippines.

FR MICK'S MATES

Next Committee Meeting 3pm Monday September 2nd at the Pastoral Cluster Centre.



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 video 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 (Holy Family) 0408 378 982
Margaret Haines (Holy Spirit) 5278 3647
Trish Stickland 5278 1343 / 0418 522 527

Tickets bookings after Mass or phone one of the ticket secretaries above to book your ticket(s).

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 -

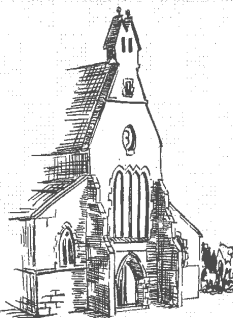
When: Friday October 11, 2013

Where: Ashby Hall, Malone St

Time: 6.30pm - BYO

Catering by "Capri" - Entertainment by Terry Fielding

Tickets \$25 ph Trish Stickland on 5278 1343



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 at Ss P&P's Church. 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:

This 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:

- Sept 2...** **YOUNG VINNIES:** Information Night for young adults interested in the work of Young Vinnies at the Meeting Room of the Geelong Vinnies Store, 162 Fyans Rd Geelong 7pm. Pizza provided - contact youngvinnies@gmail.com
- 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 3...** **SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG - SLEEPOUT:** The Geelong Racing Club from 7pm concluding with a barbecue breakfast the following morning. Participation is by sponsorship or personal donation. For more information see samaritanhousegeelong.com.au
- 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 9...** **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: *High Tea in Queens Hall at Parliament House*** - 1.30pm to 3.30pm - entertainment by Violinist Patrick Roberts, cost \$65. Proceeds to Olivia Newton-John Wellness Centre. Bookings/ payment to Jeanette Sheahan by **Sept 20** - ph 5278 2063. Coach will run from Geelong, \$15 payable on the day.
- 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...

Health

The Catholic Church operates one in ten of the nation's hospital and aged care beds. It does so as part of the Church's commitment to care of the sick, the aged and the vulnerable. Many in Australia miss out on prompt access to health and aged care because of cost barriers. During the next Parliament, a formal inquiry should be established to recommend how cost barriers to accessing health and aged care can be overcome. The next Parliament should also agree to adopt the World Health Organisation action plan on social determinants of health, as recommended by the bipartisan report of the 2013 Senate Inquiry into Australia's domestic response to the World Health Organisation Closing the Gap report on social determinants of health.

Peace and development

We support efforts to build a culture of peace by promoting overseas aid policies which provide access to proper nourishment, health, housing and education. As the world prepares to mark the progress against the Millennium Development Goals, we ask our leaders to recommit to our international commitments on international aid and development.

Ecology and Sustainability

Care for the environment is intimately linked to the well-being of Australians. The effects of climatic extremes and natural disasters are seen across our continent and the globe. Policies which deal equitably and effectively with how we develop our natural resources for economic and social development, while working to address land salination, the degradation of rivers, fair distribution of water, global warming and prudent management of fragile ecosystems are part of caring for God's created world, including humanity. Australia's future prosperity is closely linked with how well we care for our ecosystems and how effectively we transition to sustainable practices.

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When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see. Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and

behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are.

May this Eucharist – this taste of heaven's justice – give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.'