



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

For some weeks now Luke has been telling us about the cost of discipleship. As a commentary on what was happening in his community and a preparation for what was to come, today's gospel used the hyperbole of hatred to drive home the point. For the earliest Christians a choice for faith in Jesus could be this stark and dramatic: families split up and sometimes people who had loved each other turned their brother or sister, mother or father over to martyrdom. This is the context in which Luke's community produced this Gospel.

It is always good for us to recall that for some of our brothers and sisters beyond these shores the perils of public belief are still like those of Luke's community. Luckily for us the threat of death for our faith is only a very remote possibility. The power of this

Gospel is that even if we are not faced with physical death, there are many other dyings that see us share in the cross of Jesus and follow in his way.

The verbs in this passage tell an interesting story: 'carry', 'follow', 'estimate', 'lay foundations', 'plan' and 'give up possessions'. It is a very tough list of things to do. Whatever our situation in life, this Gospel advocates that we figure out our priorities and live them out. In other words, we 'say what we mean and live what we say'.

We often think we could never live without most of the things to which we have become accustomed or attached. But we can. We know from people who have lived through some of the worst events of last

century that there are very few things that are essential to a happy life: human dignity; meaning and purpose; love of others; a sense of security. These are the essentials.

Each person has a right to them and we have obligations to do our bit to see that they enjoy them. Everything else, as good as it might be, is icing on the cake. The problem is that we 'want our cake and eat it too!'

As Christians we cannot have it both ways. We cannot say we are baptised into the life and death of Christ and not be prepared to sacrifice anything. If material riches come our way, with them come an even greater obligation to share with the poor.

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - September 8, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your
merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 32:7-11,13-14
2nd Reading: 1Tim 1:12-17
Gospel: Lk 15:1-32



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: Winifred Atkinson, Walter Augustyn, Katarina Zarik, David Kennedy, Marie Casey, George Bollard

ANNIVERSARIES: Iole DiCristoforo, Imelda Wood, Maurice Glynn, Antonio DiFilippo, Pat & Bill Brooks, Ron Sells

1 MONTH ANNIV: Antonella Cesarone & Miroslav Macarol

1 YEAR ANNIV: Catherine Knowles

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

***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 15, 2013

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh

R&L Allum

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, E Glynn, M Fiorillo, I Raj

E Dalton

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

Sr J McGonigal

J McKenzie

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

V Logan

P Eastman

11.00AM

J McCarthy

G Brown, M Kroger

L Fossey, L Stalio

I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

D Brown

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

D Maddalena

K Maddalena

K Maddalena



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.

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).

NB: Parking not available in the grounds of St Mary's until after 5.30pm.

- Please Note -

- ◆ 10 tickets available for each of the sessions so book soon to avoid disappointment!
 - ◆ If you wish to assist with catering, please contact the Parish Office on 5278 1343. Thanks for your support.
- If you wish to attend and require transport please call - we would love to see you there!*

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

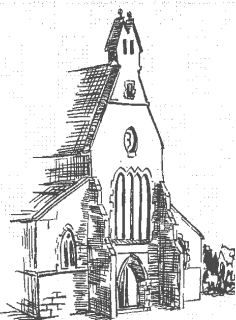
Please Note - Kristmas for Kuya is both a parish and a school endeavour and a set number of tables have been allocated to both the parishes and schools. To date the tables allocated to the parishes have been booked but there still may be an opportunity to attend if any tables allocated to the schools become available. You will be advised of availability in the forthcoming bulletins.

This event is our major fundraising event in the support of the Partnership. As part of the fundraising dimension of the evening there will be an opportunity to support a 'Wish List'. One item on the 'Wish List' for instance, will be one year's tuition at the Malate Parish Primary School for one student. To make this wish come true is \$36 per annum. The 'Wish List' will be made up of a variety of practical ways of support.

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.



Liturgy in the Cluster:

- Sept 8... **PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FROM THE NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CLUSTER:** 9.30am at Holy Family Church.
- Sept 14/15... **OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP IN THE PHILIPPINES** - At some of the Masses of this weekend 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. Also there will be some involvement from the Pastoral Cluster Primary Schools. Please note the change of date from last week's bulletin. The reason is to better fit in with the calendar for the schools and, of course, the football (hopefully).

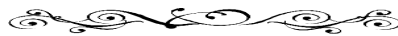
ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEKEND. CatholicCare has been supporting and caring for the families of the Melbourne Archdiocese and relies on the support of our Catholic community. Please give generously so CatholicCare can continue to support families to deal with the complex issues they face today.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:

There are still a few copies available of the Spring 2013 edition of Australian Catholics - Faith and Living. 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 11... **MOVIE NIGHT:** For Fr Mick's Mates.
" **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wed at 7.30pm - Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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 Ignacius 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 Dromoland in support of Samaritan House - 'helping the homeless of Geelong', 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets \$45 Ph 5222 1977.
- 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 sheila@ncable.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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - GEELONG REGIONAL FESTIVAL MEETING AND MASS:

Thursday 12 Sept, 7.30pm at Holy Family Church



You are cordially invited to the Society's annual Festival Mass. It is an opportunity to join other members, volunteers, supporters, their friends and families to celebrate the collective accomplishments and teamwork for the year. Evening includes Mass, Remembrance of deceased members and volunteers, Commissioning of new members and Conference Presidents, Guest speaker Paul McManus followed by a light supper at the conclusion. For catering purposes please call Geelong Call Centre 5221 9170 (Mon-Fri 9am-2pm).

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If we have talents and energy we are called to put them at the service of improving the world in any way we can. If we want the hope of the resurrection, we have to first carry the cross. So riches, a better world and hope come with a price.

Many of us, however, do not need to be reminded about all this because we carry crosses every day. For some it comes through mental, physical or spiritual ill

health. For others it can be in our homes where we have to deal with illness, dysfunction or violence. It can be in our places of employment where we are overworked, undervalued or bullied. Whatever our particular crosses may be we are one with all those who have 'gone before us marked with the sign of faith' and who found Christ in the midst of their suffering. This Gospel promises us that

Christ walks beside us bearing the burden of the struggle.

May this Eucharist give us eyes to see Christ present in our most difficult moments and make us more compassionate so we never add to the weight of another person's burden, but help carry it as best we can.