



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

A bishop in a rural diocese was explaining to the confirmation class how he was the shepherd of the flock. Given that many of the children came from large sheep farms he decided to draw on today's Gospel as an analogy for his pastoral leadership. 'I care for all of you like the Good Shepherd,' he said. The students seemed consoled. Warming up, the bishop continued, 'For instance, what would your fathers do if he lost one of his sheep?' The

class was silent. The bishop asked again. The students were confused. The bishop got personal, 'Michael what would your Dad do?' 'Seeing we've 42,000 of them, bishop, he'd let the stupid blighter go!'

Sometimes the power of the Gospel needs a little help to become inculturated! If the bishop had done his homework and asked Michael about 420 missing sheep he would've got the answer he was after!

The Exodus reading and the Gospel from Luke could not provide a greater contrast in the images of God they present. Thank goodness we are children of the new covenant, intimates of the Good Shepherd.

The Lord in Exodus, by contrast, is vengeful; his destructive anger only changes because of Moses' intercession. The idea that God 'gets us' through disasters, illness, misfortune and hardship is, tragically, still potent in Christian faith.

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Please Note:

Whilst renovations are occurring at Ss P&P Church the 5pm Saturday evening Mass will be at St Patrick's Chapel (Cnr Britannia & Petrel Sts) and the 11am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - September 15, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will rise and go to my father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

2nd Reading: 1Tim 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13



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

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Sat (St Patrick's Chapel)
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: Tony Bongiorno, David Kennedy, Angelo Capra, Lucy Danaher, Adelina Bodi

ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa Valitutti, Angelo Guardiano, Jack Hickey, Ines Duarte, Walter Booth, Michele Marruso, Con Walsh, Janina Duraj (1 month)

BAPTISMS: Louis Gemmill, Patrick Hayes, Will Pankhurst, Elsie Arkininstall, Flynn Gleeson (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Cheryl Lambert, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Juliette Isla Kotarac, Anthony Continho, Anthony McCullough (Ireland), Ivanka Juran, Manuel Almeida, June Bongiorno, Fr Ted Teal, Branka Simic, Anna Alvaro, Carmela Cammarere

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 22, 2013

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

F O'Neill

Lectors

L Kelly

Special Ministers

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

Welcomers

L&E Kelly

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

M Lacy

Lectors

G Harrison

Special Ministers

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

Welcomers

R&K Maddalena

Projectionist

11.00AM

M Foley

J Fraatz

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

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.
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

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

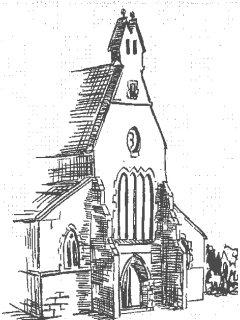
Time: 6.30pm - BYO

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. A number of tickets have now become available for parishioners. If you would like to attend please contact Trish Stickland, 5278 1343.

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.

FR MICK'S MATES:

On Thursday night we had our Movie Night fundraiser at St Mary's. The night was an enjoyable one. Many thanks to Trish Stickland, the Team Captain, for organising the event, those who assisted with the catering and those who supported the event by your presence.

Liturgy in the Cluster:

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.

“ **ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE WILL TAKE PLACE THIS 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.

CONFIRMATION -

Oct 13... **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL** - at Holy Family Church 3pm
Oct 19... **CATHOLIC CHILDREN FROM NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** - at Holy Spirit Church 3pm
Oct 20... **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** - at Holy Family Church 2pm
“ **HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL** - at Holy Family Church 5pm



Community News:

- 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.
- Oct 16... **FREE MEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR:** Local Urological Surgeons will discuss male urinary incontinence and erectile restoration after the treatment of prostate cancer. Seminar is free and open to the public and will be held at the Belmont Masonic Centre, 25-27 Regent St Belmont. For bookings ph 1800 642 369 to reserve your seat or email AMSAustralia@ammd.com.



LAZARUS AT OUR GATE - a Critical Moment in the Fight against World Poverty: (The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2013-14)

"The struggle against destitution ... is not enough. It is a question, rather, of building a world where every person ... can live a fully human life ... and where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man." (Pope Paul VI)

"This statement suggests five examples of area where the world needs to focus its effort: those who are the hungriest, those most vulnerable to disasters; Indigenous people; those with disabilities; and those uprooted from their homelands by conflict or oppression. People in circumstances like these were central to Christ's mission on earth. These are the ones he went out of his way to hear and to serve. As Christians, we are called to be inspired by and to imitate his care and to make their needs our needs." (Bishop Saunders)

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No matter how often the Church teaches us, for example, that HIV/AIDS has not been sent as a curse by God on gay men, or that non-Christians are not punished for their beliefs through war and famine or that God does not send small accidents and sicknesses because God knows we need a rest, we can find this erroneous thinking is alive and well. At its worst it drives people away from the Good Shepherd who knows each of us by name, who will go to ridiculous lengths and risk everything to go after

us and welcome us home.

There is a huge difference between God permitting evil in the world and God perpetrating such acts. We do not believe that God, the summit and source of love, rains down evil upon the world. Whatever of the many and wonderfully varied images of God in the Old Testament, the Israelites had a developed belief in God's vengeance. Jesus, however, spoke more of God's justice and compassion.

And even as intimate and loving as the Good Shepherd metaphor is, Jesus is clear about our freedom to choose between life in Him and the path which

draws us away. None of us is coerced into the flock. We are not God's victims. We know and hear the voice of the one who loves us most and are drawn to him, and can make a return every time we stray.

May this Eucharist, then, enable us to let go of any residual belief that God is out to get us. May it sharpen our hearing to his call and help us to delight in his embrace. And may it embolden us to be good shepherds to those we love so that we might risk everything, in his name, to be foolishly loving and compassionate to all we claim as our own.