



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 farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside except for a pet dog he doted on. The dog finally died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest, saying, 'Father, the dog is dead. Could you possibly be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Kelly refused point blank, 'No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a new denomination down the road, and there is no telling what they believe in, maybe they'll do something for the animal.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right now. By the way, do you think 10,000 pounds is enough to donate for the service?' to which Father replied, 'Now why didn't you tell me

the dog was a Catholic!'

A cheap jibe regularly levelled at the Church is that while we preach about justice and development for all people, we are one of the world's wealthiest multinationals. Sometimes Catholics are stung by this criticism. There is something healthy about that because there is always more we can, and should, do about our detachment from materialism. At the same time, however, our accusers should be reminded of a few facts that spoil their good story.

In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. Many established churches through good planning and generosity have a large plant on decent real estate, but I don't

know a diocese, religious order, parish or Church agency that does not need to carefully look at its cash flow. We rely on your goodness to keep going each year. Our real estate is often our only collateral for our borrowing; always done to improve the services we can render the People of God.

The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men – lay, professed and ordained – who selflessly serve the Church and the world.

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Please Note:

Whilst renovations are occurring at Ss Peter & Paul's 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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - September 22, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord
forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

2nd Reading: 1Tim 6:11-16

Gospel: Lk 16:19-31



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: Elizabeth Dobbins, Mary Ross, Domagoj (Dom) Simovic

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonio & Anna Baldasso, Casiano Mangas, Emil Nadoh, Leopold Pockaj, Stoja, Blaz, Ivan & Francis Mrkogaca, Jennifer McLaurin, Sebastian Augello (1month), Harry Gazenbeek, Giuseppe Pino, Gaetano Pino, Maria DePalma, George Carmody (2nd Anniv), Valli Glynn and deceased members of O'Brien & Byron families

BAPTISMS: Eve Beard, Chloe Richardson (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

Roster for Next Sunday, September 29, 2013

(5th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

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

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 Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

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 Wish List

As part of the fundraising dimension of the evening there will be an opportunity to support a 'Wish List'.

As a parent you have many wishes for your children. Our friends in our Philippines Partnership also have wishes for their children. As part of our major fundraiser for the Partnership we have established a wish list that you can support through the school/parish. For a relatively small amount of money you can make a wish come true. This event is our major fundraising event in the support of the Partnership.

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| ◆ | One Year's Tuition Primary School Child... | \$36.00 |
| ◆ | One Uniform for Primary School Child... | \$10.00 |
| ◆ | One week's accommodation for street boy at KUYA... | \$22.00 |
| ◆ | One Month's supply of water for a Neighbourhood... | \$21.00 |

Over the coming weeks we will outline how you can support this Wish List.

Kristmas for Kuya



When: Friday October 11, 2013

Where: Ashby Hall, Malone St

Time: 6.30pm - BYO

Catering by "Capri" - Entertainment by Terry Fielding

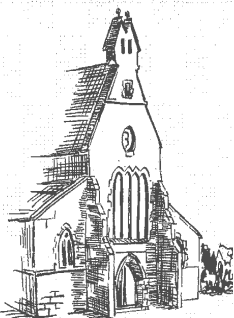
Tickets \$25 ph Trish Stickland on 5278 1343

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. There are still a few tickets available for parishioners. If you would like to attend please contact Trish Stickland, 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.



Liturgy in the Cluster:

CONFIRMATION -

- Oct 13... ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - at Holy Family Church 1.30pm
 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



BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: The Pastoral Cluster with St Francis Corio, offer this program twice per year. The next program for children from Grade 3 to Grade 6, begins on **Sunday 13th Oct** at 10.30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Program dates are listed below. Please contact St Francis' Parish Office on 5275 4120 for more details.

- Enrolment Sunday and Blessing Sunday...** Sunday Oct 13, 10.30am Mass, Corio
Parent & Children Workshop Evening... Wednesday Oct 16, 7pm Ron Lowe Room
Parent & Children Workshop Evening... Thursday Oct 24, 7pm Ron Lowe Room
Welcome Sunday... Sunday Nov 10, 10.30am Corio

Community News:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

- Manifold Branch Annual Meeting - Wed Oct 2:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall with lunch followed by meeting and guest speaker. 2014 Membership \$20, Horizon \$20 and Scripture Diary \$10 can be paid for on this day. For catering purposes and transport RSVP to Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 by **Sept 30**.
- High Tea in Queens Hall at Parliament House, Oct 9** - 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.



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)

ROSARY PILGRIMAGE AROUND THE DEANERY: Saturday 5th October, 2013

Supported by Legion of Mary - Geelong Curia



TIME	ACTIVITY	PARISH NAME
8.30am	Holy Mass	St Francis Xavier, Corio
9.15am	Joyful Mysteries	St Thomas Aquinas, Norlane
10.00am	Luminous Mysteries	Holy Family, Bell Park
11.00am	Sorrowful Mysteries	St John the Evangelist, Bannockburn
12noon	Glorious Mysteries	Nazareth, Grovedale
1.00pm	Joyful Mysteries	St Bernard's, Belmont
1.30pm	Lunch on the run (BYO)	
2.30pm	Luminous Mysteries	Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
3.30pm	Sorrowful Mysteries	St Thomas' Drysdale
4.30pm	Glorious Mysteries	St Mary's Basilica
5.00pm	Closing Prayer - Profession of Faith	

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When we are attacked for the land and buildings we have it's always good to remember some facts about our Catholic family's commitment to the poor: outside the United Nations and governments, Catholicism is the largest provider of education, health, welfare, personal assistance and Third World development in the world; we have the largest and lowest-paid charitable workforce of any international group; we have been trying to serve God, not money, for two thousand years; and from the earliest Christians to this very day, some Catholics have loved and served the poor so faithfully, that they die with

them, and for them.

Where all of this is concerned, we are our own worst enemies. False humility has meant we have not sufficiently celebrated what Grace has done in and through us in regards to poverty and the world's poor.

None of this excuses us from the direct challenges in today's Gospel. We all know how seductive money is and how quickly greed can throw our moral and spiritual compasses off course. In moral theology, however, intention is critical and even money, seductive as it is, can be, and is, put to good service in Christ's kingdom. It's always a question of where the

heart is.

By not publicly acknowledging the service done in our name and with our assistance, we do the Church and ourselves an injustice. When we fail to explain the number of times and places Christians clearly put Jesus ahead of money we allow the Church's critics to have the last word, as though it was the only word on the subject.

May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere.