



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

Maybe the reason this Gospel-story has become so famous is its extraordinary attention to detail; the regal colours of Dives' clothes, his exquisite tableware and fine dining. It all conjures up a vivid picture. At the same time Lazarus' world is equally well described. Begging at the gate, Lazarus' only companions are the dogs and his sores. Even giving names to both these characters adds to the power of the parable. These people are not just a rich man and a beggar. They are Dives and Lazarus, well-known to everyone in the village. All these years later they are well

known to us too. Not the actual characters, of course, upon whom the story could be based, but all the Lazarus' and Dives' in our own villages. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.

Recently the United Nations published a paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places.

There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition.

This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen. /Cont'd P4

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - September 29, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4
2nd Reading: 2Tim 1:6-8,13-14
Gospel: Lk 17:5-10



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:

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: Xavier Almeida, Fr Vic Crennan

ANNIVERSARIES: Vera McGrath, Marie Donnellan, Nicholas DeStefano, John O'Loughlin, Antonio & Chiara Tino, Nobby DaCosta, Margy Gartlan, Angela Laspada

BAPTISMS: Esme Lugiurato, Olivia Muraca (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, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza

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, October 6, 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

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

Kristmas for Kuya Wish List

As part of the fundraising support for our Philippines Partnership to support the Columbans, Sr Kate O'Neill and the Kuya Centre, we have a 'Kristmas for Kuya Wish List'. This fundraiser can be supported at the Kristmas for Kuya function and beyond. Below are a few examples of how a small amount of money can make a wish come true...



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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

Friday October 11, 2013 in Ashby Hall, Malone St. 6.30pm - BYO.

Catering by 'Capri' and entertainment by Terry Fielding.

Tickets \$25 - phone Trish Stickland, 5278 1343. (Only six tickets left)

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS TO THE SICK NEEDED: From the 9am Mass on Wednesdays celebrated at Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts, two Special Ministers of the Eucharist take Holy Communion to the sick in their homes. The Special Ministers are rostered on for a month at a time. The number of Special Ministers available has fallen, hence an appeal for more people to volunteer to be trained for this very important ministry. Please contact Brian Lynch 5229 3401.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

1. **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**.
2. **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.

Liturgy in the Cluster:

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 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)

The Statement urges all Australians to focus on our obligation to help the world's poorest people and to work to overcome poverty wherever it is found. Although progress has been made over the last decade in the fight against extreme poverty, one billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, and 20% of the world's poor people live in countries near Australia. For further information about the Social Justice Statement, visit www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

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



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AT SS PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH:

Wedding Blessing Mass -

2013 is the Centenary Year of Ss Peter & Paul's Parish, Geelong West (sometimes called 'Ashby'). During the hundred years 3,871 marriages were celebrated in Ss Peter & Paul's Church. As part of the Centenary Celebrations we invite couples who were married in Ss Peter & Paul's or who have attended Ss Peter & Paul's regularly, to a Wedding Blessing Mass on Sunday November 10 at the 11am Mass.



Community News:

- Oct 6... **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** Presentation of Te Deum, a concert by Windfire Chamber Choir and Instrumental Ensemble - 3pm at St Mary of the Angels. Tickets \$25/\$20 conc at the door, U/12 no charge. Details musicatthebasilica.org.au
- Oct 24... **SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP:** At Mercure Geelong (Otway Room) from 9am-4pm. No charge. The program helps participants recognize when a person may be having thoughts of suicide and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them. Register via eventbrite.com.au/event/8275310677

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	Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
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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The UN report goes on to say that 1.2 billion people live on \$1.50 a day or less. And while we might be personally very generous in assisting the poor in a variety of ways, our Dives-like countries are not. Australia only gives \$98 per person per year to aid third world development. Canada gives \$108, the UK gives \$112 and the USA's third world development budget is just \$67 per person per year. And for all the moral scorn sometimes heaped upon Scandinavia, Denmark is the most generous country in the world,

giving \$649 per capita last year.

The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words.

Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the

benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why?

There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.