



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

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see

slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous. /Cont'd P4



Happy Birthday, Fr Mick (OBE)



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - October 6, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Kg 5:14-17

2nd Reading: 2Tim 2:8-13

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19



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:

Oct 7: Baum family, 96 Heytesbury 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:

Branka Simic, Porzia (Grace) Boccassini, Rita McIlkenny (Ireland), Ruza Bilus

ANNIVERSARIES:

Norma Moody, Luciano Krsul, Branko Trupkovic, Margaret, Andrew & Bernard Murray, Margaret Mary Cranbourne, Margaret Donnellan, Margaret Cody, Len Callander, Mary Dacre, Walter Augustyn (1month)

BAPTISMS:

Luca Augello, Selena Filipovic, Fletcher Gaffy, Ellie Scaddan (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Cheryl Lambert, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Juliette Isla Kotarac, Anthony Continho, Anthony McCullough (Ireland), Ivanka Juran, Manuel Almeida, June Bongiorno, Anna Alvaro, Carmela Cammarere, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza

Roster for Next Sunday, October 13, 2013

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

Lectors

F O'Neill

D Lunn, A Negro

Special Ministers

I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Sheahan

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Welcomers

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

M Lacy

Lectors

G Harrison

Special Ministers

B Murphy, R O'Neill

Welcomers

M Brown, P Ryan

Projectionist

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Hubbard

Lectors

P Power, P Hubbard

Special Ministers

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

Welcomers

R&K Maddalena

Projectionist

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 (Sold Out)

October 11, 2013 in Ashby Hall, Malone St. 6.30pm - BYO.
Catering by 'Capri' and entertainment by Terry Fielding.

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.

MANIFOLD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Blume's Fashion Show at Holy Spirit Church Hall, Bostock Ave 2pm on Monday 14th Oct. \$5 entry includes a/noon tea and chance to win Blume's Voucher. Garments available for purchase on the day, change room available. Information/transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY: As part of this Sunday, a brochure presented by the Life, Marriage and Family Office, entitled 'Overcoming Despair with Hope' RU486: Is it really easier and safer? *"The Holy Father is showing us very clearly that our struggle is not just a political battle or a legal problem, but that we must evangelise and humanise the culture, then the world will be safe for the unborn, the elderly and people with a disability"*. (Cardinal O'Malley, Boston). Free at the back of the Church.



Melbourne Cup Day -

Chicken and Champagne Luncheon - \$20

When: Tuesday November 5th, 2013

Time: 12noon

Place: Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave, Manifold Hts.

Please Note: Committee Meeting Monday 4pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office



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.

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



BEREAVEMENT MASSES -

The first weekend of November the focus of our Mass will be Remembering and Praying for our deceased loved ones.



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 8... 'JUST NOTICING - AN INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS':** 10-11.30am for women only with morning tea to follow and again 7.30-9pm open to all members of the public at the Wesley Church Congregational Hall, 100 Yarra St. Enquiries 5222 4101. No cost to participants - supported by Barwon Health.
- Oct 9... KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Oct 10... PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH EXERCISE:** Free planned talk 7.30pm-8.45pm at Geelong West Town Hall Supper Room. All welcome!
- “ **AMNESTY VIGIL:** Amnesty International Geelong is marking World Day to End the Death Penalty with a twilight vigil at 7pm. Customs House Lawn on the Waterfront, BYO candle. All welcome!
- Oct 21... GLASTONBURY COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Information Session on Foster Care in St Mary's Plaza Theatre, 150 Yarra St at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Anneliese Knell 5222 6911.
- 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

/From P1...

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they

see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all

of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.