



# 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

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn.

At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for

Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts"!

Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best.

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - October 13, 2013.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you  
in Christ Jesus.  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 17:8-13  
2nd Reading: 2Tim 3:14-4:2  
Gospel: Lk 18:1-8



### 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 14-21:** Gazenbeek family, 21 Derby Rd; **Oct 28/Nov 4:** O'Neil family, 11 Derby Rd; **Nov 11:** Cotter family, 30 Buxton Rd

**Nov 18-25:** Duggan family, 24 Sheridan St; **Dec 2-9:** Moore family, 39 Willana Ave.

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Helmut Schneider, Matija Zdelar, Albert Bartlett, Robert Connolly

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tom Cleary, Annil & Harry Wallace, Albert Piccirilli, Joseph Gillett Snr, Hal Hancock, Wally Wasik, Patrick & Alice Cudmore, John Bohan Snr, Irene & Marj Dempsey, Josephine Tobolov

**BAPTISMS:** Lucy Verfurth, Xavier Wallace, Milla Wyndham (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, Margaret & Joanne Straughan

*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 20, 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

## 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)

## *Kristmas for Kuya Wish List - The Gift of Opportunity*



*Through our Partnership with Sr Kate O'Neill of Our Lady of the Missions, Kuya Centre and the Columbans in the Malate Parish, Manila, we are seeking to support the following programs which include a year's tuition for a primary school child, sponsorship of street children and their teachers at the Malate Night School, accommodation and feeding needs at the Kuya Centre and the Neighbourhood Project of supplying water.*

*Our Kristmas for Kuya Wish Lists are available at the back of each Church if you would like to sponsor a particular project.*

**You can make donations through the Parish Office either in cash, cheque (made payable to the Pastoral Cluster) and Master Card or Visa. There is also tax deductibility.**

**THANKYOU:** Many thanks to all those who have in some ways supported our Kristmas for Kuya function on Friday. In particular, on your behalf, I would like to offer a special thanks to Trish Stickland who has initiated and organised this function. For a job well done - many thanks!



## MELBOURNE CUP DAY - CHICKEN & CHAMPAGNE LUNCHEON \$20



**When:** Tuesday November 5, 2013  
**Time:** 12noon  
**Place:** Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave, Manifold Hts  
**BYO:** Alcoholic Drink - soft drinks provided



### **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. As part of the Bereavement Mass there are leaflets entitled **“In Loving Memory Of”** that will be placed at the foot of the Cross. These leaflets are now available if you would like to take one and fill it out in preparation for the November Mass.



### *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.

*If you will be attending this Mass, could you please fill in the clipboard available at the back of each Church so as to help with organisation and catering.*

**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.

## Community News:

- Oct 13... **BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:** 10.30am Mass at St Francis Xavier, Corio - Enrolment and Blessing Sunday. Contact details 5275 4120.
- Oct 14... **BLUME'S FASHION SHOW:** Holy Spirit Church, Bostock Ave 2pm. \$5 entry. Information/transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063. This is a social event of the Catholic Women's League.
- Oct 17&19... **TWO ST VINCENT DE PAUL WORKSHOPS FOR ANTI POVERTY WEEK:** Workshop 1 - Consumer Law and You: Know your Rights and Workshop 2 - Poverty and Vinnie's Response in Geelong. For more information ph 5221 9170.
- Oct 19... **“COME SHARE OUR STORY IN SONG”:** Mercy Health presents Celtic performer Maria Forde as part of the Geelong Seniors Festival at St Mary's Basilica, 2pm. Tickets free to all Vic Seniors Card holders or \$5 for guests. To book ph 5241 3686 or register at [mercyhealth.com.au/shareourstory](http://mercyhealth.com.au/shareourstory)
- Oct 27... **THE NALL LECTURE:** Fr Dillon will be the guest speaker at the Nall Lecture, 2.30pm Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St. Fr Dillon will speak on **“The Truth will set you Free” - Rediscovering Integrity in the Mission of the Church Today.** All welcome! A'noon tea to follow.

**THANKYOU:** From the Deanery and the Legion of Mary Geelong Curia for all those who supported the Rosary Pilgrimage around the Geelong Deanery.

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The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not

surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'.