



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 well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The

Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to

the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

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This weekend (Oct 26/27) Ss Peter & Paul's Church will be re-opened for the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass and 11am Sunday Mass.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - October 27, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 11:22-12:2
2nd Reading: 2Thess 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Lk 19:1-10



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 Sun

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 28/Nov 4: O'Neil family, 11 Erby 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: Josip Grubic, Patrick Pollard, Iwona Blaszczyk

ANNIVERSARIES: Jose Medeiros, Jozef Kot, Rusetta, Giovanni, Domenico, Santamaria, Ripalda, Siguro, Vincenzo, Salvo & Giuseppa Gangemi, Grace Boccassini (1month)

BAPTISMS: Harry & Jack Cameron, Sophie Gellion, William Lewis, Hendrix Saya (P&P)

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, Kath Leary

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, November 3, 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 McMahon

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, R Pugh

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

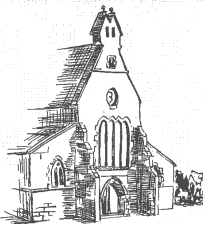
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RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- . **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** - Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon - Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.
- . **Catholic Diners' Club** - Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Terry on 5221 7339
- . **Serra Club of Geelong** - First Thursday of each month, 12pm at Sisters of the Holy Angels, Bell Park, 15 McClelland Rd, Bell Park. Ph Bernard Jordan 5243 6931.

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:

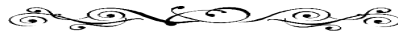
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RE-OPENING OF Ss PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH:

I'm delighted that the Ss Peter & Paul's Church will now be re-opened from this weekend onwards. The Church has been re-painted and new lighting installed in the body of the Church. The focus of the restoration has been to ensure that the Church is congruent with the original design of its famous architect, Wardell, as well as ensuring a sacred space that best serves the present day liturgy. I am very pleased with the result - I hope you will be too. To date 18 of the small pews have been restored and over the coming weeks the remainder will be completed. 9 large unrestored pews are in the Church to assist with seating for this weekend.

Having undertaken this considerable task, one significant task remains. To pay for the restoration!! Over the coming weeks there will be an invitation for people to sponsor a pew (similar to what we did at Holy Family, Bell Park). Please stay tuned...



MELBOURNE CUP DAY - Chicken & Champagne Luncheon

When: Tuesday November 5, 2013
Time: 12noon
Place: Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave, Manifold Hts
BYO: Alcoholic Drink - soft drinks provided
Tickets: Amy 5229 9911, Desma 5278 2712, David 0408 378 982



PASTORAL CLUSTER OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Pastoral Cluster Office will be closed on **Tuesday Nov 5th** for the Melbourne Cup public holiday and also on **Wednesday Nov 6th** for the Pastoral Cluster Planning Day.

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 of 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. As part of the fundraising element of the Partnership we raised \$10,140.40 on the evening. **Thankyou for your generous support!** Special thanks to Trish Stickland and other members of the team - Bern Boxer, Steph Berginic, Jan Fagan and others.

If you would like to sponsor a particular project or support the 'Wish List', our Kristmas for Kuya Wish Lists are available at the back of each Church.

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.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:

Next week the Australian Catholics - Faith and Living for Contemporary Catholics (Summer edition) will be available for free. The focus of this edition is entitled *What it means to love your neighbour* and articles include *Explaining our refugee stance to children; Caring for yourself while caring for others; and Sr Hilda's Healing Touch.*

Liturgy in the Cluster:

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.

WELCOME TO THE GEELONG FILIPINO COMMUNITY: The Filipino community in Geelong have a monthly Vigil Mass. Until recently this Mass was celebrated on the third Saturday at St Francis Xavier, Corio. Due to a change of circumstances in Corio this Mass will now be celebrated at Holy Family Church at 5pm every third Saturday evening. **Welcome!**

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER THIS WEEK -

- Oct 31... **CLASS MASS:** 9.15am Holy Family Church for Gr1/2
Nov 1... **CLASS MASS:** 11am Holy Spirit Church for Gr1/2
" **MASS AT MULTICULTURAL CENTRE:** 1.30pm
Nov 2/3... **BEREAVEMENT MASSES:** Remembering and praying for those who have died at all the weekend Masses.
Nov 8... **CLASS MASS:** 10.15am St Patrick's Chapel
Nov 9... **GRANDPARENTS MASS:** 6pm at Holy Spirit Church - Prep/1/2
Nov 10... **GRANDPARENTS MASS:** 9.30am at Holy Family Church
" **WEDDING BLESSING MASS:** 11am at Ss Peter & Paul's Church
Nov 12... **CLASS MASS:** 9.15am Holy Family Church for Gr3/4
Nov 16... **GRANDPARENTS MASS:** 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church

LITURGY MEETING:

Thursday Nov 7th, 7.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to organise our ceremonies for Advent, 2nd Rite Reconciliation Service and Christmas Masses.

Community News:

- 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.
- Oct 29... **FRIENDS OF MARYVILLE LADIES DAY OUT/PAMPER DAY:** This will be a fun day for all the ladies, as well as raising money for Maryville Aged Care. A'noon tea/refreshments, raffle draws, make-up, skin care demonstration and makeovers. 1-3.30pm at 54 Western Beach Rd. Cost \$5 (includes 3 free raffle tickets). Enquiries/bookings ph Trish Mulcahy 5248 0548 or email mulcster@bigpond.net.au
- Oct 31... **GEELONG INTERCHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK:** **"Redefining Politics: The conflict between evidence & opinion and the search for values"**. This is a public meeting to be held at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St. The Hon Dr Barry Jones AO is guest speaker. All welcome!
- Nov 3... **AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR** will present a concert of sacred music in St Mary's Basilica at 3pm. Tickets \$30/25/20 at GPAC or at the door.
- Nov 10... **MASS FOR DECEASED:** St Joseph's students, staff and friends of the College will be remembered at 2pm in the College Chapel. All welcome!

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For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus,

meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.