



Pastoral Cluster

Incorporating the Parishes of Holy Family Bell Park, Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West & Holy Spirit Manifold Hts.

PARISH PRIESTS: Fr Gerard Keith (email: gerard.keith@cam.org.au)
Fr Mick Fitzpatrick

Web Page Address:
www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

OFFICE: 147 Separation St Bell Park 3215
Phone: 5278 1343 Fax: 5278 4618 Email: cluster@cam.org.au

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Wed 9am-4.30pm (Closed 1-2pm for lunch), Thurs 9-12noon, Fri 9.30am-2.30pm

PARISH MANAGER: Trish Stickland - Phone 5278 1343 (email: trish.stickland@cam.org.au)

PARISH SECRETARY: Bernadette Bilogrevic - Phone 5278 1343 (email: cluster@cam.org.au)

LITURGICAL CO-ORDINATOR: Frank Kearney - Phone 5278 1343 (email: frank.kearney@cam.org.au)

THANKSGIVING CO-ORD: Helen Brislane - Phone 5278 1343 (email: helen.brislane@cam.org.au)

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:

Holy Family -	Brian Everett	Separation St, Bell Park	Phone 5278 4634
Holy Spirit -	Mary Abbott	Minerva Rd Manifold Hts	Phone 5229 8298
St Patrick's -	Basil Flynn	Petrel St, Geelong West	Phone 5229 4412

Reflection... by Richard Leonard

Today's Gospel focuses on those nagging questions that plague us all from time to time. What will heaven be like? What will happen to me in the resurrection of the body? While these are interesting enough questions on which to speculate and pray, this story from Dan McAuley reminds us that resurrection and a taste of heaven are often closer than we think.

'One day when I was in my early years of High School I noticed this boy from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends the next afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and

went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They knocked all his books out of his arms and tripped him up so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses, and I saw a tear in his eye.

'As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and just said, "Thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to another

school before now. We talked all the way home, and I helped him carry his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool guy. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same.

'Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are going to really build some serious muscles with this pile of books every day!" He just laughed and handed me half the books. Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were in our last year of school we began to think about university. Kyle wanted to study overseas, I was going to stay at home. I knew wherever we were that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. /Cont'd P4

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - November 10, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his forever and ever. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Mal 3:19-20
2nd Reading: 2Thess 3:7-12
Gospel: Lk 21:5-19



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 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:

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: Damian Dougherty

ANNIVERSARIES: Jill Meehan, Klara VanSlooten, Nicola, Maria Grazia & Concetta Servello, Francis Murphy, Wendy Commons, Greg Spicer

BAPTISMS: Francisco Pagtolon-An, (HF), Jack Hearsch, Ollie Planken, Euan Skelly (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, Terry Hart

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 17, 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

Wedding Blessing Mass Invitation -

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 all couples who wish to have a special blessing for their marriage are warmly welcome to a *Wedding Blessing Mass*



Time... 11am
Place... Ss Peter & Paul's Church
Date... Sunday November 10



Please Note:

Due to the anticipated inclement weather on Sunday the chicken and champagne will be served in the Presbytery



GARAGE SALE: A number of items (eg office and lounge chairs) are available for purchase from the Pastoral Cluster Community Centre. The items are available to view at the carparks at the rear of the Centre. If you are interested please call in during Office hours to make a purchase. **Please note - there is no delivery.** The proceeds will support our parish commitment to our Philippines Partnership.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON: Many thanks to all those who supported the Melbourne Cup Luncheon. It was a very pleasant and enjoyable day for the 80 people who attended. Special thanks to the Relay for Life Team as well as those who were engaged in any way in the preparation of the hall, the provision of food, etc. Also thanks to the businesses that provided raffle prizes. I'm delighted that the day was again a good community social function with a good social purpose. *(Fr Gerard)*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: This Appeal of the Holy Spirit SVDP Conference will assist all those in our community who are going through financially difficult times during the Christmas period.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **SURNAME**. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please leave a message for Helen at the Parish Office, or email Helen.brislane@cam.org.au. Thankyou for your continuing regular support.

FR MICK will be away this week on Retreat. We pray it will be a quiet and reflective time for him.



KRISTMAS FOR KUYA WISH LIST - *The Gift of Opportunity:* To date the total raised is **\$20,415.40**.

Thankyou for your generous support!! *(Fr Gerard on behalf of the Columbans, the Sisters of the Holy Missions and Kuya Centre)*

Sr Kate O'Neill, who was our special guest and speaker at the Kristmas for Kuya Dinner sent the following vote of thanks to you:

Greetings from the Philippines. I wish to sincerely thank you, the parishioners and Primary Schools of the Cluster for your warm welcome and tremendous generosity for the people I work and live among in Manila. Our partnership in mission provides access to education, health and a brighter future to hundreds of children. Your support and advocacy makes a big difference to those in marginalised and destitute situations. It was good to be home and to share with you the fruits of our Philippines partnership. Thank you to all those involved in Kristmas for Kuya - a wonderful celebration which will gift life to hundreds of children and their families. May you be blessed for your generosity and compassion.

- Sr Kate O'Neill RNDM

You can still make donations to support the various programs of the Columbans, Our Lady of the Mission and Kuya Centre, through the Parish Office either in cash, cheque (made payable to the Pastoral Cluster) and Master Card or Visa. There is also tax deductibility.

Liturgy in the Cluster:

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER THIS WEEK -

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

“ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** We welcome the Knights of the Southern Cross of the Geelong District to the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

A warm invitation is extended to all senior parishioners to attend the Mass and Luncheon on **Saturday November 30** commencing with **Mass at 10.30am** and **Luncheon at 12noon**. If you wish to attend please place your name on the sign-up board (white form) in the Narthex and indicate if you require transport on the day. **Catering for the Function:** *Please place your name on the sign-up board (pink form) in the Narthex if you can assist with the catering. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.*

BEREAVEMENT MASS: Many thanks to the members of our three parishes bereavement groups for the preparation of last week's Bereavement Masses, as well as the important ministry that they do in the pastoral care of the bereaved.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The Manifold Branch will hold a **Special Meeting Monday 11th Nov at 1.15pm in Holy Spirit Hall**. We will discuss end of year activities. This will be followed by a Special A'noon Tea - CWL members a small plate of food please. For information/transport ph Tricia 5221 1986 or Jeanette 5278 2063.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Now on sale at Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Spirit for \$9 - **not** \$10.50 as previously advertised. Also, St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are available for sale at Holy Spirit.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: On Sunday November 17 after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit there will be a dinner held for the presentation of the annual awards for the Knights of the Southern Cross held at the Holy Spirit Hall.

Community News:

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!

“ **NORLANE PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON:** This year's event will be held at the Croatian Community Centre, Cox Rd from 12-4pm. Lunch provided and drinks at bar prices. **NO BYO!** Tickets \$25, U12 \$8 by phoning 5274 9553.

Nov 13... **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$8 - all welcome!

“ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate. **Guest Speaker - Fr Kevin Dillon**

Dec 1... **MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. To register ph the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. **Registrations close Friday Nov 25.**

“ **ST MARGARET'S CHURCH 50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY:** 9.45am Mass at St Margaret's Church, East Geelong.



HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL FETE - Nov 16, 11am-3pm at Holy Spirit School: We will have crafts, books, kids toys, cake stall, plants, rides, mobile farm, reptiles, a wonderful Silent Auction, entertainment and more. All welcome!!

/From P1...

“Kyle topped our class at school. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. But when he took the microphone he looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Sometimes I was jealous.

“Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said,

“Hey, big guy, you'll be great!” He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. “Thanks,” he said. As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. “Graduating from school is a time when you can thank those who helped you make it through the tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach, but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to another person can save someone from hell. Let me tell you a story.”

“I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met.

He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mother wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying all his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. “Thankfully, my friend saved me from doing the unspeakable. I looked at hell, but the kindness of a friend showed me heaven. And he didn't even know it and I haven't looked back since.”

If we want to know what heaven or the resurrection is like, then Jesus says, go and do likewise.