



# 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

Among the frightening things said by Christian leaders in the USA following the bombing of the World Trade Centre was that 'God turned away from America because we have turned away from God' and that 'God sent these acts as a wake-up call for us to live righteous lives and return to Him.' One went as far as to confidently assert that, 'September 11 tells us we are living in end times.'

We all have different reactions to shock and grief. Everyone asks, 'Why is this happening to us?' when tragedy strikes on any scale. Christian ministers, who should know better, must never resort to bad theology to further their own social and political agendas. They give us all a bad name.

For as long as I can remember there have

been people predicting the end of the world. Whenever there is a tidal wave, cyclone, hurricane, earthquake or other natural disasters, someone declares that 'the end is nigh'. Just recall the Year 2000. Never mind that the dating of our calendar is out and so that the 2000th year occurred in 1996. The truth rarely gets in the road of the doomsday story. Sadly for us they usually invoke today's Gospel to support their case. The good news for us is that we are still waiting for the end of time. The good news for doomsday prophets is that one day they're going to be right!

We know from a variety of documents around the time of Jesus that the people of Palestine thought the world was soon coming to an end. Given they were being persecuted under an occupying Roman army and that their nation was in tatters,

they seemed to have a better cause for this view than we do. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to a demoralised people who thought, and maybe hoped, that it would all be over soon. In such a context people are liable to follow the loudest voice to what appears like the safest place and so Jesus offers us the hope of God's fidelity whatever suffering we may endure. We are challenged to counter despair, not place our trust in things or institutions which we can see but to not be afraid and stand up for faith and hope.

When bad things happen to good people, when they happen to us, we have choices. We can give into desolation, depression and despair. Some of us make a life-long career out of it. This is understandable and tragic. Or we can choose to hope. Christian hope is not about 'pie in the sky when we die'. /Cont'd P4

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - November 17, 2013.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

1st Reading: 2Sam 5:1-3  
2nd Reading: Col 1:12-20  
Gospel: Lk 23:35-43



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

*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:**

Grace Horner, Svetoslav (Stephen) Markov, Ante Zivcic

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Angelo Valitutti, Dominic Fazio, Paola Ierna, Santo & Assunta Savron, Peter Culo, Eileen Brady, Patricia Mullen, Christine Whiteley

### **1month since Death:**

Giuseppe Agostino, Donato Emanuele

### **BAPTISMS:**

Lily Allum, Olivia Maurer-Ramos (HF), Matilda Payne, James Wilson (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, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza, Margaret & Joanne Straughan, Kath Leary, Terry Hart, Joe Vanjek

**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 24, 2013

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### **HOLY FAMILY**

Commentators

### **8.00AM**

F O'Neill

Lectors

L Kelly

Special Ministers

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

Welcomers

L&E Kelly

### **9.30AM**

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

### **HOLY SPIRIT:**

Commentators

### **6.00PM**

M Lacy

Lectors

G Harrison

Special Ministers

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

T McShanag

### **Ss PETER & PAUL'S:**

Commentators

### **5.00PM**

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

Welcomers

R&K Maddalena

Projectionist

### **11.00AM**

M Foley

J Fraatz

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

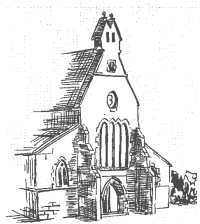
- **Holy Family Luncheon** - Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
- **Holy Family Women's Group** - First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
- **St Vincent de Paul** - Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community 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)**

## 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](mailto:Helen.brislane@cam.org.au). Thankyou for your continuing regular support.



**WEDDING BLESSING MASS:** Last Sunday's Wedding Blessing Mass was a great success! In the Centenary of the Parish of Ss Peter & Paul's the Wedding Blessing Mass was to honour and celebrate the 3,871 weddings that have taken place in the Church over that time. Many thanks to all those couples who were present to have their marriage blessed. Special thanks to all those involved in the preparation and the celebration of the Mass and the Chicken & Champagne Luncheon afterwards. In particular to Trish Stickland who inspired and organised the day, to our singer Natalie O'Donnell, organist Margaret Wills and the team who set up, hosted and cleaned up afterwards.

**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 carports 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.

**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.

## FR MICK'S MATES:

*Christmas Hampers - relishes, jams, all the goodies we love! Will be on sale after Masses on*

**Dec 1 - Holy Spirit**

**Dec 8 - Ss Peter & Paul's**

**Dec 15 - Holy Family**

Raffle tickets will also be on sale with the raffle being drawn after the Mass on December 15th.



**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)*

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 16... **GRANDPARENTS MASS:** 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church

Nov 17... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** We welcome the Knights of the Southern Cross of the Geelong District to the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit. 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.

Nov 18... **YEAR 10 MASS:** St Joseph's Chapel

Nov 22... **ST PATRICK'S CLASS MASS:** 10.15am for Preps

Nov 27... **HOLY SPIRIT CLASS MASS FOR PREPS AND THEIR PARENTS**

Nov 29... **HOLY SPIRIT CLASS MASS:** 11am for Gr 3/4



### 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.



**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.

**MANIFOLD CATHOLIC CWL:** Members will hold their Christmas breakup on **Tuesday Dec 4 at Hamlyn Park Bistro, Calvert St Hamlyn Hts**. Lunch from 12noon. Please bring along a Kris Kringle wrapped gift to the value of up to \$5. 2014 League membership \$20 and Horizon \$20 can be paid on this day. For bookings and transport contact Tricia 5221 1986 or Jeanette 5278 2063 by **December 1st**.

## Community News:

Nov 24... **RICE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MINI FAIR:** Mercy Health Rice Village, 2 Marshalltown Rd Marshall 11am-3pm - Christmas gifts, craft stalls, spinning wheel, raffles, etc.

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](mailto: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.

“ **A CONCERT IN THE CHAPEL:** Presented by Sacred Heart College Alumni Association and starring Natalie O'Donnell and Sophia Katos - a celebration of beautiful music featuring some of our most talented Sacred Heart alumni. 4.30pm in the Sacred Heart College Chapel, tickets \$25 incl champagne welcome and refreshments at interval. Book online at [www.shcalumnierevents.com.au](http://www.shcalumnierevents.com.au) or call Kelly Suvoltos on 5222 0403.

Dec 7... **LOURDES DAY MASS 2013:** St Patrick's Cathedral 10.30am, Principal Celebrant Most Rev Denis Hart DD Archbishop of Melbourne. A blessing of the sick will follow with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes.

### POPE CALLS FOR VIEWS OF MELBOURNE CATHOLICS ON THE FAMILY:

Pope Francis has invited parishioners from every diocese in the world, including the Archdiocese of Melbourne, to participate in a worldwide Catholic questionnaire on the many challenges facing the family today. It covers: faith in family life, marriage, divorce, annulment, same sex unions, natural family planning and the participation in sacraments as part of family life.

**To participate:** Visit [www.cam.org.au/synod](http://www.cam.org.au/synod)

**Due date:** Friday 6 December

**More Info:** The Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5576 or [Matthew.MacDonald@cam.org.au](mailto:Matthew.MacDonald@cam.org.au)



/From P1...

It is not about 'putting on a happy face, come what may'. St Augustine tells us hope is based on the justice God wants in this world, and will see done in the next. Interestingly, one of the signs Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel is famine. We have known for thirty years that if we all lived justly and shared from our abundance, we could have seen an end

to starvation. We choose otherwise and sometimes blame God.

St Thomas Aquinas teaches us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the prongs in the anchor of Christian belief. No matter how stormy are the waters, how much we are tossed and buffeted by life's winds, this anchor keeps us rooted in God until calmer seas return. Hope is about

holding on, come what may.

Today's Gospel is not interested in a timetable for disaster. It's about encouraging us to drop the anchor of hope overboard when the times get tough.

May this Eucharist help us to keep choosing to hope until the end of time.