



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

Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.

David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue

strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories.

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is

inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Year A - November 24, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power forever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)

1st Reading: Is 2:1-5
2nd Reading: Rom 13:11-14
Gospel: Mt 24:37-44



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 at Ss Peter & Paul's
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 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: Edward Hainsworth, Jozef Stopinski, Edorina Cervinski

ANNIVERSARIES: Humphrey Bolger, Margaret Livingstone, Kevin Craven

1month since Death:

BAPTISMS: Zara Fisher, Alice Kearney, Joseph Kilinski, Elodie McCormack, Eva McDermott (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, 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, December 1, 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 McMahan

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

N Neeld, P McGlinchy

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** -
- **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.pastoralclusterqeelong.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. Thankyou for your continuing regular support.



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 - Nov 30/Dec 1: 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.

RCIA: The period of Enquiry is ending with the liturgical rite of **Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens - next Sunday 1st December at 9.30am Mass, Holy Family**. Those to be accepted are: **Jane Angleton, Tammy Eldredge, Jo Lewis and Robyn Tigani**. Please pray for them and welcome them.



DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS: Next week the invitations to all known Catholics to our Christmas Second Rite Reconciliation and Christmas Masses will be available for distribution. Again we call on you, if you can, to assist with this distribution. Thankyou in anticipation.

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.



HOLY SPIRIT FAIR: The school community of Holy Spirit wishes to thank everyone who supported their School Fair last week. It was a great success and an enjoyable day was had by all!

KRISTMAS FOR KUYA WISH LIST - *The Gift of Opportunity:*

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.

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.

Liturgy in the Cluster:

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER THIS WEEK -

- Nov 27... **HOLY SPIRIT CLASS MASS FOR PREPS AND THEIR PARENTS**
Nov 29... **HOLY SPIRIT CLASS MASS:** 11am for Gr 3/4
Nov 30/Dec 1... **PRESENTATION OF CHEQUES TO THE COLUMBANS:** At all Masses on this weekend there will be a presentation to the Columbans by the schools and parishes as part of our commitment to this Partnership.



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.

MANIFOLD CATHOLIC CWL: Members will hold their Christmas break-up on **Tuesday Dec 3 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. **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.shcalumniesevents.com.au or call Kelly Suvoltos on 5222 0403.
- Dec 6... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Christmas Break-Up Social** - 7pm at the home of Louise & Alan Fossey. BBQ meat and drinks supplied, just bring a salad or a sweet. Cost \$5/head. Open invitation to members, family and friends. Phone Joe Lambert 5229 8442 to confirm attendance.
- 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.

WING AND A PRAYER: Bookshop, fair-trade, gifts, chapel. Call in for some great Christmas ideas - 75 Malop St, ph 5221 4451. Open Mon-Fri 10am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-2pm and Mass Tues-Thurs 1.05pm-1.30pm. We'd love to see you!

SERRA CLUB OF GEELONG: Bill Guy, the President of Serra Club of Geelong wishes to advise that the Geelong Serra Club have decided to wind the Club up after 30 years of service in Geelong. The decision was made due to the ageing and declining membership. The Serra Club over the years has been an active group who support vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. On your behalf I thank the Geelong Serra Club for their contribution. (Fr Gerard)

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

Due date: Friday 6 December

More Info: The Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5576 or Matthew.MacDonald@cam.org.au



Pope calls for views of Melbourne Catholics on the family

This weekend at all the Masses there will be an opportunity to fill in a simplified questionnaire that pertains to Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Life.

/From P1...

The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feastday! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God!

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice

with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'