



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard

Night and day is the dominant image presented to us in today's readings. The season of Advent is for the Church the time just before the dawn of Christmas, when the fullness of God's love took human flesh in Jesus.

The moments before dawn are often special: cities are still, the air is damp, noise is at a minimum and, at least on clear days, there is an anticipation of the sun bursting forth into daylight. No wonder Paul and Matthew found it such a rich metaphor for the coming of Christ.

American lyricist and composer, Marty Haugen has found the image of light and darkness inspirational in his text, God of Day and God of Darkness (©1984, 1995, published by GIA Inc.) He writes:

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night;
As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might,
When the Son of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor;
Still the earth is bruised and broken by the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping so our hearts cannot ignore
All your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true;
Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do.

Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew,
Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.

Marty Haugen's take on the light and dark in the world is entirely consistent with the way Catholic mystics have applied these metaphors. Being in the light is not just about what we see, it is about what we do. St Ignatius Loyola often spoke about the things we keep buried in the dark. For Ignatius the experience we won't speak about, the sins we won't confess and the memories we suppress are the signs of the bad spirit.

They gain an inordinate power over us and we displace a lot of energy keeping them buried in the dark. Ignatius always saw the hand of the good spirit when these things came into the light. /Cont'd P4

First Sunday of Advent

(Year A - December 1, 2013.)

ADVENT RESPONSE:

May we be the eyes of Christ in our world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)

1st Reading: Is 11:1-10
2nd Reading: Rom 15:4-9
Gospel: Mt 3:1-12



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 Saturday
11am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday
11am 2nd & 4th Sundays
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

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12noon at Ss P&P,
3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

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:

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: Marko Kobis, Peter Gaylard

ANNIVERSARIES: Denise Walker, Joan Jess, Jozo Matjasic, Milan Stante, Guiseppa Mileto, Francesca Genua, Mary Sells, Kevin Bohan, Henry Virt (1yr)

1month since Death:

BAPTISMS: Olivia Spitty, Phoenix Aldersley, Kerrighan Darling, Ned Manche, Charlie Posterino (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

Roster for Next Sunday, December 8, 2013

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

Lectors

F O'Neill

D Lunn, A Negro

Special Ministers
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I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Shea-

Welcomers

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

M Lacy

Lectors

G Harrison

Special Ministers

B Murphy, R O'Neill

Welcomers

M Brown, P Ryan

Projectionist

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Hubbard

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

Lectors

P Power, P Hubbard

M Martin

Special Ministers

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

L Strzelecki, A/L Fossey, M Sleeman

Welcomers

R&K Maddalena

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

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 Family Choir Practice** - Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church, 7pm
- **Manifold CWL** - Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month
- **Italian Mass** - First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- **Catholic Deanery Solo Group** - Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- **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
- **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

DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS:



This 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. The invitations are in order alphabetically according to STREETS.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- ⇒ **HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE - 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.
- ⇒ **HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE - JESSE (GIVING) TREE APPEAL:** Holy Family will once again be distributing food, parcels and toys to the needy in our area at Christmas time. As in previous years, it is hoped parishioners will help by donating items of food and toys for the children. Next week, at both Masses, slips of paper with food items named on them will be handed out. The food item, extra food and toys could be brought to Mass on Sunday December 14th. Thanks in anticipation for your help again this Christmas.



QUESTIONNAIRE FINDINGS: In this bulletin there is an insert of the findings of the Questionnaires about Sexuality, Marriage and Family that was conducted at each of our Masses last Sunday. Thankyou to those who participated in the Questionnaire and the results will be forwarded to the appropriate organising group.

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.

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.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Now on sale at Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Spirit for \$9. Also, St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are available for sale at Holy Spirit.

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.

Liturgy in the Cluster:

LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER THIS WEEK -

- 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.
- Dec 1... RCIA - RITE OF ACCEPTANCE:** At the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family today we will celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** for JANE ANGLETON, TAMMY ELDREDGE AND ROBYN TIGANI and welcome a Baptised Candidate JOANNA LEWIS. Please make them very welcome and support them with your prayers as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. *(Fr Mick)*
- Dec 6... CLONARD COLLEGE YR 7 REFLECTION DAY**
- “ **ST PATRICK’S CLASS MASS** - Gr 5/6 10.15am in St Patrick’s Chapel
- “ **BLESSING & OPENING OF CHAPEL AT MULTICULTURAL CENTRE** - 1pm
- Dec 11... HOLY FAMILY END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS** - 7pm in Holy Family Church

- ⇒ **ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:** Next week a note of thanks for all those involved in this Saturday’s Anointing of the Sick Mass and Luncheon.
- ⇒ **LECTORS:** Please collect your copy of *“Break Open the Word 2014”* from the Sacristy of the Church where you are rostered.
- ⇒ **MANIFOLD CATHOLIC CWL:** Members will hold their Christmas breakup 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Dec 25... GEELONG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER:** A fully catered traditional Christmas dinner is available to any person or small family at no cost, who may be alone and would like to join others to celebrate this special day in the true spirit of Christmas - **Christ Church Hall, cnr Moorabool & McKillop St.** Door opens 9.30am till 3.30pm and dining commences 12pm. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, please contact 5221 9170 during office hours for catering purposes. From Saturday Dec 21 ph 0408 133 561. Enquiries gccdd@rocketmail.com

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)*

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS’ CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$28. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please ph Terry on 5221 7339.

WORLD AIDS DAY - Sunday 1st December: Please spare a thought for our HIV positive brothers and sisters, both locally and around the world, who continue to face discrimination and stigma in addition to the health challenges the virus presents. Next year Melbourne will host the International AIDS Conference and the theme is to be *“Stepping up the Pace”*. Please join with the delegates of AIDS 2014 in demanding an end to stigma and discrimination now and reflect upon, as we all should, how our thoughts, words and actions might perpetuate stigma and discrimination. And remember, there is great hope for people with the virus, provided they can access proper care and medicines, with treatment advances leading to much longer life expectancies.

/From Pt1...

Every time someone says to me, ‘Father, I’ve never told anyone this before, but I want to talk about it now ... I thank God that the good spirit is alive and active. St Ignatius encourages us to be alert to all the ways we con ourselves that keeping secrets hidden in the dark is a necessary or acceptable way to live.

May this Advent be the season in which we bring to consciousness all the things that stop us from being fully alive and basking in the light. May our preparation for Christmas confirm us in the truth of Haugen’s words about Jesus Christ and humanity.

You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that in us burns;
Shining deep within all people, yours the love that we must learn,
For our hearts shall wander restless, ‘til they safe to you return;
Finding you in one another, we shall all your face discern.