



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, Fri 9am-5pm, Thurs 9-2pm.

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

Recently I was shocked by a Catholic woman who told me she didn't care very much for her local Bishop. She enumerated the many faults and failings of her diocese and its leader and then highly praised the Pope.

It's hard to argue with her admiration of the Pope, but unknowingly, she was falling into the same trap to which the community at Corinth was prey. Unfortunately, my acquaintance thought that her Catholic identity primarily came from her communion with the Bishop of Rome. She felt she could bypass her local bishop, 'because he's too trendy', and 'deal direct' with

the Pope. She told me she saw the Pope as her bishop. The problem with her position is that it is not Catholic!

All of us in the Church are called to pray for, support and follow the lead of the Holy Father. But our Catholic identity comes from our communion with our local church, in and through its bishop, who is in turn, in communion with the Bishop of Rome. This is what the five-yearly ad limina visits are all about: a brother bishop sharing with the Pope the graces and challenges in his local Church and reaffirming the Catholic faith that unites all of us as members of the same universal Church.

Soon after Jesus called the apostles, disputes broke out among them. We know

from the whole of the New Testament that there were serious disagreements between the earliest leaders in the Church. Their different temperaments and missions led to several misunderstandings. What St Paul found in Corinth, however, was a fractured Church, pleading allegiances to different leaders over and against Jesus. He teaches the Corinthians a critical lesson in being Church: we are all one under Jesus' leadership. Christ is the head of the Church.

Within ancient and clear limits the Church has a wonderful diversity, a plurality of expression, emphasis and culture. It's always been like this.

/Cont'd P4



HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY!

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - January 26, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Presentation of the Lord (Year A)

1st Reading: Mal 3:1-4
2nd Reading: Heb 2:14-18
Gospel: Lk 2:22-40



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:

Jan 27-Feb 3 - Lynch family, 13 Criton Cres; Feb 10-17 - Stocks family, 22 Orr St; Feb 24-Mar 3 - Wright family, 42 Logan St.

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:

Marisa DiBiagio, Jenny Vanjek, Raymond Bradford

ANNIVERSARIES:

Josip Brajkovic, Damian Taylor, Maria Vannata, Gavan Coughlan, Ross Smith, Assunta Nadile

BAPTISMS:

Chelsea & Gemma Hinch (HF), Rocco DeFrancesco, Campbell Cohen (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Cheryl Lambert, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Anthony McCullough (Ireland), Ivanka Juran, Manuel Almeida, June Bongiorno, Anna Alvaro, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza, Kath Leary, Terry Hart, Joe Vanjek, Rita Duggan McDonald, Celia Erfort, Ida & Theo DaCosta

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, FEB 2, 2014.

(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

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 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.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Cluster News:

- ♦ **OPENING SCHOOL MASS:** On Tuesday 28th January all the schools will begin their academic year with the Opening School Mass at St Mary's Basilica at 9.30am. This year the responsibility for the Mass is the Pastoral Cluster's Schools and Fr Gerard will be the homilist.
- ♦ **PASTORAL CLUSTER OFFICE:** The Parish office has returned to normal operating hours.
- ♦ **BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:** The Pastoral Cluster will offer a Baptism program for children attending school and who have parent(s) who are Catholic. The 3-week program will begin on **Sunday 16th Feb** and finish on **Tuesday 4th March**. It is a mix of evening meetings for children and parents once per week and a lesson for the children during the first part of the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church on the Sundays of Feb 16, 23 and Mar 2. **Enrolments close Wed Feb 12 2014. Contact Frank Kearney at the Pastoral Office on 5278 1343 or email frank.kearney@cam.org.au**
- ♦ **PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:** This program is for children who are in Grade 3 or above and attend a non-Catholic school but have been baptized. The course will run over four weeks with a mixture of one hour evening meetings for parents and children (7.30pm Tuesdays) and Sunday morning lessons for the children during the first half of the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church. **Enrolments for this program close on Wednesday March 5 2014. Contact Frank Kearney at the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email frank.kearney@cam.org.au**
- ♦ **SACRAMENTS IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER IN 2013:** Last year as a community we celebrated and commemorated 218 Baptisms, of which 150 were of infants, 58 were children between the ages of 1-7 and 10 were of adults. 4 adults were received into full communion in the Church. Across the three schools and our catechetical program there were 152 First Communion and 134 Confirmations. In the Cluster there were 43 Weddings and 97 Funerals.
- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their first meeting for 2014 at 1.30pm **Wed 5th February** in Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave. Members a small plate of food for afternoon tea please. For information/transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063. Ladies from the Cluster most welcome to attend.

Community News:

Jan 26... 2014 SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK GEELONG: This event is for those affected by a suicide and for those that are thankful they haven't been touched by it. Come and join hundreds of people who want to raise awareness about the issue of suicide and encourage people to talk more openly about it, so that everyone hears that this issue touches many people and help is available.

POSITIONS VACANT: The Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics are advertising new staff positions at their East Melbourne office. They are for two research assistants (part-time) and an office manager (part-time). For more information please ph Rev Kevin McGovern, Director CCCHE on 9928 6681. If you are interested please email applications to: human.resources@svpm.org.au by **Friday 31 January 2014**.

VOLUNTEER WANTED: To play a small organ in the South Wing, McKellar Centre, for the patients on any day of the week and at a time to suit the volunteer. No binding obligation. If you can help please ph Fr Mick on 5278 1343.

COMING ATTRACTIONS TO ST MARY'S PLAZA THEATRE IN FEBRUARY:

Sun 2nd 1.30pm - How to Marry a Millionaire;	Fri 7th 7.30pm - The Kite Runner;	Sun 9th 1.30pm - The Incredible Mrs Ritchie
Fri 14th 7.30pm - Blue Jasmine	Sun 16th 1.30pm - PS I Love You;	Fri 21st 7.30pm - Kid Galahad
Sun 23rd 1.30pm - The Scapegoat;	Fri 28th 7.30pm - About Time;	

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP:

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the story is of Jesus calling Peter and his brother Andrew, to become disciples. The call of Peter and Andrew is the call of all the baptized and it is ongoing. We are continually invited to look at new ways to deepen our commitment to the discipleship of the Lord.

In the local community there are a good number of opportunities to do this. I present for your consideration and possible involvement - one of prayer, namely Christian Meditation, and the other of community action - St Vincent de Paul Society.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:

In Christian Meditation *"we seek to become the person we are called to be, not by thinking about, or of, God, but by being with God"* (John Main OSB)

Meditation is a universal spiritual wisdom and a practice that we find at the core of all great religious traditions. It is a way of simplicity, silence and stillness. Meditation helps people of all ages and cultures to find a simple and practical way to awaken and deepen their spiritual life.

The Cluster Meditation group meets each Tuesday during the school term at 5.30pm in the Cluster Office, with sessions finishing at about 6.15pm. The sessions begin with a short talk (about 8 minutes) from leading spiritual directors, then we move into a short time of preparation for our 25 minute silent meditation. The mantra we use is **"Maranatha"** - an Aramaic word (the language that Jesus spoke) meaning **"Come Lord"**. At the end of the session the group disperses fairly quietly and promptly.

All are invited to join the core group of eight or so people, try it out and continue if you feel it is right for you. For more information contact Fr Gerard or Frank Kearney at the Pastoral Cluster Office ph 5278 1343, or email cluster@cam.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:



Help us to help others

By 2016, Geelong stands to lose up to 3,000 direct jobs in the industrial, aerospace, retail, refinery and automotive sectors. The adverse impacts on local economy and communities remained to be seen (*ABC News Fri 8 Nov 2013*).

Vinnies volunteers aim to highlight and assist people to overcome issues of poverty and hardship in their local community. This session provides attendants an opportunity to see how Vinnies volunteers are offering hand-ups to people in need by respecting their dignity, sharing the hope and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

Vinnies Information Session:

Topic - *Be Part of a Solution*

Sat 8 Feb, 9am-10.30am at Vinnies Centre, 162 Fyans St South Geelong. (Morning tea served)

Register now by phoning 0487 750 959 or email vinniesworkshops2014@yahoo.com

Another practical way of discipleship is support of your parish. This week the Stewardship Corner offers the following reflection -

"He called them and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him" (Mt 4:22)

Just as he called the first apostles, Jesus calls each of us to follow him too.

We are not expected to leave our businesses and our families behind, but we are expected to put our service to Jesus before worldly endeavours.

From P1...

It means the Church is taking seriously its role of finding Christ in every place and every community in the world.

The moment we pit one local Church against the other ('I prefer the Pope to my bishop') we lose the Catholic communion in Christ Jesus which holds us together.

Paul tells us preaching the Cross of Jesus is the mission of the Church.

Jesus shows us in today's Gospel that teaching, preaching and healing are the

hallmarks of his ministry. And the same should hold for us. No matter how differently any local church might develop, the Bishop of Rome confirms in the faith Bishops who continue to preach Christ crucified, teach in Christ's name, heal the sick and reconcile the estranged.

That's what makes us Catholic and why today we need to listen again and very carefully, to Paul's admonition, 'I beg you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in

agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and purpose.'

To the degree to which we live this out in our communion with our local successor to the Apostles, the more chance all members of the Church have to use the energy and gifts given at baptism to do what Christ wants of the Church: to change the world for good and be a beacon of the saving Christ's gifts - faith, hope and charity.