



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

Doctors and dietitians would have some difficulty with the first part of today's Gospel. Jesus does not seem to know that salt is bad for hypertension and cholesterol! Just as health professionals are encouraging us to be careful in using salt, Jesus is telling us to keep it up. Salt in Jesus' day, and for centuries before and after, was the primary preserving agent for food. That day-to-day usage gives us a clue as to the challenge being laid before us.

We are told that if salt has lost its taste it's good for nothing. So the challenge is to keep it fresh so it can keep doing its job. Jesus suggests that, in the same way, we have to be on guard to make sure that our

faith remains fresh so it's able to do its job as well.

The fifth and sixth chapters of Matthew's Gospel are devoted to describing the elements of Christian faith. At the start of the fifth chapter we have the Beatitudes that tell us that the presence of God can be discovered in all of life's situations. It reminds us that as Christians we can find God wherever we want to. The rest of these two chapters go on to give us specific directions about the dangers and aides to faith.

Jesus tells us that a hollow attachment to the letter of the law, unbridled anger, an inability to forgive, being unfaithful in marriage, seeking revenge on our enemies, not being true to our word and being enslaved by money are all

examples of bad faith. Think for a moment of people you know who are trapped by any of these vicious forces. It's sad to see the energy it takes them to remain angry, greedy, legalistic, fraudulent and unforgiving.

More positively Jesus tells us in these chapters that prayer, being generous to the poor, being discerning about whom we spend time with and what we see and hear, and going without things we often consider essential are helpful to living a faith-filled life. Think for a moment of people you know who live lives like this. Their detachment, sense of generosity and ease with others stands out in our stress-ridden world.

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - February 9, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

A light rises in the darkness
for the upright.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the
light of life. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
2nd Reading: 1Cor 2:6-10
Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

**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:

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:

Fr Peter Collins SSS, Ida DaCosta, Maria Andriakonis, Frank Kennedy, Judith Gstalter, Fr Leo Donnelly (Columban)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vince Fazio, Shiela Ball, Antonio Cicero, Domenico Mileto, Elsie Gillett, Baden Featherstone, Fred Casey, Ines Duarte, Daniel Dempsey

BAPTISMS:

Beau DeLuca, Abbey Kroon, Cleo Nikolovski, Cailin Stanfield (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

June Bongiorno, Anna Alvaro, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza, Kath Leary, Terry Hart, Joe Vanjek, Rita Duggan McDonald, Celia Erfort, Theo DaCosta, Bos Ho, Tanya Cervek, Kulandai Raj

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 16, 2014.

(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, 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
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 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 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:

- ♦ **ASHBY HALL:** The process for the lease of the Ashby Hall is well underway, albeit not finalised yet. The lease arrangement, if it succeeds will ensure that the Hall is now leased for market value. These additional funds will enable money to be set aside for the ongoing maintenance of the Hall, as well as other parish-based expenses. The tenant will have exclusive use of the Hall, consequently the monthly luncheons and funeral catering will now be held at Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts. (More details later).



RELAY FOR LIFE:

Fr Mick's Mates - Bay Cruise

\$20/person - Finger food provided, BYO drink.

When... Friday February 28th

Time... 7-9pm from Cunningham Pier, Geelong. All aboard!

Fr Mick's Mates Registrations will be taking place all through February - registration forms available (with an envelope attached) from the back of all Churches. Please place your form and money in the envelope and return through the collection plate.

PASTORAL CLUSTER REVIEW:

As part of our ongoing endeavours as a Pastoral Cluster, it is important to stop and reflect on the past and to prepare for the future. To that end a comprehensive review of the Cluster will be undertaken. An important element of the process will be an opportunity for you to express your own insights and reflections.

Step 1 - On Thursday 13th February we have engaged the services of a representative from the Office of Evangelisation to assist us in formulating a process for this Review.

Step 2 - Some of the Cluster staff will be attending the Beliefs and Practices of Australian Catholics Conference in Melbourne from Wednesday evening Feb 19 to Friday afternoon Feb 21. This conference will be strongly informed by research that has been undertaken and includes an impressive array of speakers who will provide insight on the issues and matters that are important to all Australian Catholics. This conference will hopefully assist in helping to get the 'big picture' which will give insight into our own particular situation.

Step 3 - Based on steps 1 and 2, a process yet to be determined will be implemented.

LENTEN PROGRAM - IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER:

This year the Pastoral Cluster will offer a 4-week program on Prayer which will explore different ways of listening and communing with God in prayer. This time of input, prayer and reflection will look at awareness exercises, imagination in prayers, use of scripture, centering prayer and walking meditation. Each session will be about 1¼ hours. Sr Jean McGonigal RSM will lead the session to be held in either Holy Spirit Hall or the Cluster Office, depending on numbers. Session will be during weeks beginning 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March. Sign-up boards are in the Church entrances. Please give your name and preferred session times.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE - FAITH AND LIFE, Summer 2014 Edition is available for free at each of our Churches this weekend. This edition explores a number of issues with a focus on Keeping it Real - Pope Francis' Friendly Church; also there is an article on the first successful Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne "Meredith's 'other dimension', finding the sacred in a secular festival", etc.

- ♦ **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**

Liturgy in the Cluster:

This week...

The three Primary Schools in the Pastoral Cluster had their Opening School Mass with all staff and students in attendance. Also last Wednesday the students from St Joseph's West Court Campus, Minerva Rd, had their Opening School Mass at Holy Spirit Church.

- Feb 10... Clonard service for High Achievers
- Feb 12... Opening School Mass for all the Clonard community
- Feb 16... Holy Family Welcome to the Preps and Teachers Mass - 9.30am
- " Holy Spirit Welcome to the Preps and Teachers Mass - 11am
- Feb 17... Children's Liturgy Meeting - 4.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster
- " Liturgy Meeting - 7.30pm in the Pastoral Cluster Office

Liturgy in the parish is much better with strong involvement by the parish members. Ideally we would have two Readers, one Commentator and five Special Ministers at Holy Family and three Special Ministers at Holy Spirit and Ss Peter and Paul's for each Mass. We need people to stand up and help out, as over the last twelve months or so we have had a number of people unable to continue on the roster. If we could we would like to have a roster that involved volunteers only once per month. CAN YOU HELP? If you can, please let Fr Gerard, Fr Mick or Frank Kearney at the office know. Ph 5278 1343 or email cluster@cam.org.au

Community News:

- Feb 12... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Feb 14... **SINGLES VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE:** From 6.15pm in Cheltenham. Live band, short talk on Christian relationships, entertainment, international food and mingle with other singles. Email geraldine343@gmail.com or ph 0413 398 528. RSVP 10 early bird \$40 or asap www.trybooking.com/74240
- Feb 18... **PUBLIC FORUM:** "We are one, but we are many" - Working Towards a Humane Refugee Policy. 7.15pm at Geelong West Town Hall. All welcome, free entry and supper provided. Organised by the Combined Refugee Action Group and supported by the City of Greater Geelong.
- Feb 23... **GET ORGAN-ISED:** The Society of Organists (Vic) will again partner with the City of Melbourne to host an Organ Day to promote the Pipe Organ and to encourage young players to perform. 11.30am-6pm at the Melbourne Town Hall, admission is free. Bookings for the guided Museum visits and Open Console session can be made at no charge on www.trybooking.com/EDEK
- Mar 15... **ST PATRICK'S DAY BALL:** The Geelong Irish Society invites you to its Ball at 6pm - 5 courses and entertainment, celebrating 50 years. Contact Paula on 0438 400 003.

MEDIA RELEASE BY THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL - BISHOP CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS:

Refugee policy a 'campaign of cruelty'

The Australian government is in effect conducting a campaign of cruelty towards asylum seekers, said Bishop Christopher Saunders, the Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council:

"The government's campaign, like that of its predecessors, has only one purpose: to deter desperate men, women and children from seeking protection from persecution and danger. The government claims that it is fighting a war. If it is a war, then it is being fought against wretched and defenceless people. We are ignoring the most important issue: the millions of people in our region and around the world who need protection and security. The only hope for a solution to the refugee problem is international co-operation. Australia's policies are undermining and destroying that hope by angering the very nations we need to work with. It seems that friendly relationships with our neighbours are becoming collateral damage in pursuit of an aggressive and callous policy. Can we be surprised if Indonesia is offended when Australian naval ships stray into its waters, or when we ignore its protests and force boats to turn back to their sovereign territory?"

Bishop Saunders quoted recent words of Pope Francis who said: 'Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity'. The Pope called for us all to move away from 'attitudes of defensiveness and fear'.

"It is time for the Australian Govt to act in accordance with its responsibilities under the Refugee Convention and to exercise compassion towards those who come to our shores justly seeking a new life in peace", Bishop Saunders.

From P1...

My professor of liturgy used to say 'Good liturgy enlivens faith and bad liturgy deadens it.' This is the same message Jesus gives us today about faith in general. It's crazy for us to keep spending time with people and doing things that deaden our faith. We know the impact of these people or activities by the bad taste they leave in our mouths. After an encounter with them or it we usually tell ourselves that we must

not go back for more, but the bad spirit seduces us into repeating the entire episode with frightening frequency. St Ignatius Loyola tells us that in these situations we have to deal with the bad spirit quickly and consistently and learn a new pattern of behaviour that will lead us away from darkness into the light.

The job of faith is to enable us to live out and build Christ's reign of justice and love in

this world as a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven. May this Eucharist enable us to seek out the people and places that will see the saltiness of our faith remain fresh and interesting so that we will have every chance of preserving our faith in the dryer times, and of our faith in Jesus preserving us in the face of the trials and tests that come our way.