



# 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 Dianne Bergant CSS

What can be nobler than building up the reign of God? What could deserve our commitment more than the proclamation of the gospel? What greater privilege could be ours than acting as agents of the blessings of God? Disciples are called to just such privileged roles. And where are these disciples to be found? They spend their lives in classrooms, factories, offices and hospitals. They serve in families, businesses, restaurants, shopping malls, banks and grocery stores. They answer telephones, protect us from harm, build

our roads, and repair our plumbing. Disciples upbuild the reign of God in whichever form of life or occupation they have chosen.

Although we embark on a life of service with great enthusiasm and genuine commitment, it does not take long before the enormity of the task becomes apparent. We might then begin to doubt ourselves or doubt the call itself. At such times, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God. All is in the hands of God; for our part, we have only to trust.

Our own limitations and sinfulness often get in the way. There are forces in society that seem bent on undermining our every effort. The people to whom we commit ourselves can be ungrateful or want no part of us or our service. Sometimes the obstacles seem to come from the church, its structures and its personnel. In the midst of such darkness, we hear Jesus gently but firmly saying: Do not worry! Trust! God cares for the birds and the grass, surely God will care for you.



*This weekend we extend a warm welcome to the Prep students of St Patrick's School*

## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - March 2, 2014.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Rest in God alone, my soul.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of  
our hearts. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)

1st Reading: Gen 2:7-9,3:1-7  
2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19  
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11



### 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  
Croatian... 11am 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 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:** Margaret Conolan, Atamante Orlino

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Giovanni Serra, Ken Martin, Mervyn Mason, Danuta Augustyn, Julie & Malcolm Fletcher, Vjerkoslav Iskra

**BAPTISMS:** Alessia Costoya-Henriques, Samson Rushbrook, Aidee Smith, Xavier Spence (HS)

**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, Tanya Cervek, Kulandai Raj, Monica Duggan, Graeme Allsop

### 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, MAR 10, 2014.**

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers

### 8.00AM

R Allum  
F O'Neill  
I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova  
C Marcantonio, P Walsh

### 9.30AM

C Simpson  
D Lunn, A Negro  
H Verdnik, M Modica, M Baird, J Sheahan  
V Resciniti, G Cracco

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### 6.00PM

M Lacy  
G Harrison  
B Murphy, R O'Neill  
M Brown  
J Lynch

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### 5.00PM

A Hubbard  
P Power, P Hubbard  
P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy  
R&K Maddalena

### 11.00AM

E Strzelecki  
M Martin  
L Strzelecki, A/L Fossey, M Sleeman  
M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey  
R Martin

# Cluster News:

## A CALL TO MISSION - An Invitation to Review:

Reflections from Pope Francis in his first apostolic exhortation as Pope - *Evangelii Gaudium, the Joy of the Gospel*.

"I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with him. As John Paul II once said to the Bishops of Oceania: "All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion".

The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelises, if it proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "The Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed cluster made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach... to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented."

In light of the missionary call of Pope Francis, as part of our Review during Lent there will be two surveys conducted of which I will speak about next at all Masses next week. The first survey will be to gauge your views on how the Pastoral Cluster is going. The second will be to gauge what you believe to be the most important things that we focus on into the future. (Fr Gerard)

## LENT

The Lenten season has a two-fold character: It recalls baptism or prepares for it, and it stresses a personal and social penitential spirit.

### **Ash Wednesday Masses - 5th March:**

- 9.15am at Holy Spirit Church (school children will be in attendance)
- 10.15am at Holy Family Church (school children will be in attendance)
- 11.30am at Holy Spirit Church (Yr9 students from St Joseph's West Court campus will be in attendance)
- 12noon at St Patrick's Chapel (school children will be in attendance)
- 7.00pm at Ss Peter & Paul's

## LENTEN PROGRAM - IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER:

There will be a 4-week program on Prayer that explores different ways of communing with God in prayer. The sessions will begin on the 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March. Times of the sessions are: Tuesday 1.30pm, 7.30pm and Thursday 7.30pm at Holy Spirit Hall. We thank Sr Jean McGonigal RSM for leading these sessions.

## LENTEN MEDITATIONS:

**Music at the Basilica Inc** presents five Lenten Meditations at St Mary's Basilica on the Wednesdays of Lent - 12,19,26 March and 2,9 April from 5.15-5.45pm. Enjoy music, readings and quiet reflections at the end of a busy day. Enquiries Maureen Zampatti 0407 680 751.

## 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](mailto:frank.kearney@cam.org.au)**



## RELAY FOR LIFE:

**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.**

**Registration due - 3RD MARCH, 2014**

## RESULTS FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT SOUTH COMMUNITY RAFFLE:

The winner of the cars came from Horsham and Edenhope area and the Harvey Norman prize winner came from the Ballarat area. Whilst there were no prize winners from the Geelong region the proceeds from our sale of the raffle tickets will go to Fr Mick's Mates.

- ⇒ **Ss PETER & PAUL'S LUNCHEON:** 2nd March at Holy Spirit Hall. Please bring a plate to share - all welcome!
- ⇒ **HOLY SPIRIT:** In response to the two terrible episodes of vandalism at Holy Spirit Church, a comprehensive security system has been installed.
- ⇒ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** March meeting will be held 1.30pm on **Wed 5th March** in Holy Spirit Hall. Cluster ladies most welcome to attend. For transport/information ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Tricia Joyce 5221 1986.

# Liturgy in the Cluster:

## BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:

Six children and their parents from the Cluster or Corio parish will complete this program on Tuesday evening. Together they explored the topics of *Jesus, The Rite of Baptism* and *What does it mean to be Church*. We welcome them into our Church and assure them of the support of their parishes as they join us to live out the Christian life and be the body of Christ in our world.

## NEW MASS ROSTERS:

People are still volunteering, but we need more to fill all positions. Please give consideration to being a Commentator, Lector, Special Minister, Welcomer, Projectionist, Children's Liturgy Helper. Any training you like will be provided to ensure you "go in confidently". New Rosters will be completed in a few weeks and will become effective on the weekend of 6/7th April, 2014.

## IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:



St Patrick's Primary School Irish Folk Festival will be held on 16th March between 11am and 4pm on the grounds of St Patrick's Primary School, Britannia St Geelong West.

There will be plenty of entertainment including the Mongolian Fishmongers, thrilling carnival rides as well as face painting, show bags, animal farm, Silent Auction, and much, much more!

## Community News:

- Mar 7...** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE:** Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St at 11am. Theme - *Streams in the Desert* written by the WDP Committee in Egypt, with guest speaker Pastor Joy Cassidy, Church of Christ, Latrobe Tce. Everyone welcome and light lunch will be served after the Service. For information/transport ph Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.
- Mar 11...** **SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP:** Wesley Life Force will be conducting this workshop at the Mercure Hotel, Otway Room, cnr Gheringhap & Myers St from 9am-4pm. No charge - the program helps participants recognize when a person may be having thoughts of suicide and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them. If you know of any individuals or groups who may be interesting in attending this workshop please ask them to register using this link - [eventbrite.com.au/e/wl-3157-wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-6hr-workshop-geelong-vic-tickets-10568938981](http://eventbrite.com.au/e/wl-3157-wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-6hr-workshop-geelong-vic-tickets-10568938981)  
The training is open to community members aged over 18 years.
- 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.
- Mar 17...** **ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS:** Mass 7pm at St Mary's Basilica with a social get together with Irish musicians, singers and dancers in the Pioneer Centre to follow. Phone St Mary's Office 5222 1977.
- Apr 2...** **SAMARITAN HOUSE SPECIAL MOVIE NIGHT:** March 23 - *"The Great Gatsby"* 4pm and 7.30pm. \$20 also includes a light meal (6.30pm). 20s dress optional for a fun night. Bookings: Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Samaritan House a/c 144974029. Reference your name and session time, eg John Smith 4.30pm. Enquiries ph 5243 2870.

**ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL REUNION:** It has been 10+ years since we were there. I invite families, teachers and students from years 2000 to 2004 to this event. Meet at the school in Petrel St, Geelong West, at 11.30am where Jan Fagan will give us a tour of the school - there have been many changes. Afterwards you are welcome to meet for lunch at 12.30pm at the Telegraph Hotel, 2 Pakington St Geelong West. Looking forward to catching up with all. **RSVP by Sunday 16th March** to Sandra Courtney 0425 741 534 or Kathy Hunt in box on event.

**GEELONG ST PAT'S CUP:** If January and February were too hot to socialize, come to the Terindah Estate Geelong St Pat's Cup on **Saturday 15 March**. Buy a Lawn Picnic Pass for \$40 which includes entry x 2; picnic rug, picnic lunch box for 2 plus two 500g bottles iced tea - and watch the races from the lawn. Ian Cover will be entertaining you interviewing local personalities on the big screen between the races. Or dine upstairs in comfort with delicious 3-course meal and full waiter service. Or book a Marquee from as low as \$190. Children u/17 admitted free with lots of giveaways - yo-yos, pencils, sunscreen, bottled water, sunglasses, etc. Ph Catherine Moon 0409 007913 to book a Lawn Pass, Dining Package or Marquee, or just come to the St Pat's Races!

## CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS:

- Friday Mar 21...** **Clonard College Geelong**, 225 Church St Herne Hill. Tours 1pm & 4.30pm, 'See the College at Work' Mon 24 March 9.15am  
Ph: 5278 2155, email: [office@clonard.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@clonard.catholic.edu.au)
- Sunday Mar 23...** **St Ignatius College**, 27 Peninsula Dve Drysdale. 11am-2pm, Information Sessions 11am & 12.15pm.  
Ph: 5251 1136, email: [info@ignatius.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@ignatius.vic.edu.au)
- Tuesday Mar 25...** **Sacred Heart College**, Retreat Rd Newtown. Tour 1 - 3.45pm, Information session 5-5.30pm, Tour 2 - 5.30pm, Information session 7.30pm. Ph: 5221 4211, email: [info@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)
- Thursday April 24...** **St Joseph's College**, Newtown Campus: 135 Aphrasia St Newtown; Westcourt Campus: 31 Minerva Rd Herne Hill.  
Pre-register for our Open Day online at [www.sjc.vic.edu.au](http://www.sjc.vic.edu.au) Ph: 5226 8100, email: [sjcoffice@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:sjcoffice@sjc.vic.edu.au)