



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 SJ

With very good reason, the story of the road to Emmaus is thought to be the best parallel we have in the New Testament to our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. This idea could be a little surprising for some who might think the Last Supper would hold more similarities. Luke, however, reminds his community, who are like us, that even though they, like us, are prevented from seeing Jesus, they can still have a life-changing experience of his presence.

The disciples are on a journey of faith and Jesus meets them where they are, as they are. This is a critical detail in the story. Jesus listens to their expectations, hopes and disappointments and only after they have expressed the reality of their situation, does Christ open the scriptures to them. In doing so he takes their disillusionment and enables them to see the connections with the story of salvation. This leads them to hope. Even then, they do not recognise who Jesus is until he breaks the bread and in that action he is revealed

as the one in whom they had been hoping. This experience drives them back to Jerusalem to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Every Sunday as part of our journey of faith we embark on our road to Emmaus. There is never any point in us coming here pretending to be different from how we actually feel and who we are. God sees our hearts and minds and wants to meet us in the midst of our lives, whatever they may be like. The Emmaus story teaches us that Jesus firstly wants to listen to us before he wants us to listen to Him.

Emmaus, however, was not just about the disciples and their lives, in the same way that the Eucharist is not just about our lives either. Christ opens the scriptures to us each week so that we can make sense of our experience, see the ways in which God is present and absent and recognise our own foolishness. As with the Emmaus disciples, we are welcomed to the table of the Lord where we recognise Christ in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the

cup. This meal enables us to go out from here and proclaim to all we meet that Christ is risen.

One of the things the Church values most deeply is its connection to the experience of the earliest Church. And rightly so. It's a great privilege for us to recall that what we do here each Sunday is built upon the faith and weekly celebration of countless generations.

And though, appropriately, many things can be different in various cultural settings for the Eucharist throughout the world, several elements always stay the same. It is the Risen Christ who accompanies us, listens to us, opens our minds to the scriptures, hosts us at his table, and sends us out to tell the world that He has been raised from the dead.

This is the best way to understand ourselves as 'traditional Catholics'. We share with thousands of generations the same fire of God's faithful love burning in our hearts as we are welcomed here each week, are listened to, taught, nourished and sent out to do our bit for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

3rd Sunday of Easter

(Year A - May 4, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus,
make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**4th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 2:4,36-41
2nd Reading: 1Pet 2:20-25
Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

**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:

May 5 - Kolotelo family, 23 Bostock Ave; **May 19** - Sharry family, 23 Lily St.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Fr Lou Heriot, Rocco Menchise, Jo Renfrey, Brian Barrett, Baby Feliz Antonia Alonso

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Murray, Carmel & Joe Phelan, Margaret Bohan, Ron Smith, Francesco Iannuzzi, William & Gertrude Paul, Giovanni, Mario & Giorgio Rusciti, Angelina DePalma, Vlado Virt, Maria-Grazia Lombardo

1 MONTH ANNIV: Maillina Broska

BAPTISMS: Ava Day, Oliver Doak and Theodore Waller

PRAY FOR THE SICK: June Bongiorno, Anna Alvaro, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza, Kath Leary, Terry Hart, Rita Duggan McDonald, Celia Erfort, Theo DaCosta, Tanya Cervek, Kulandai Raj, Monica Duggan, Graeme Allsop, Kathleen Nehill, Julita Aquino, Manuel Almeida

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, May 11, 2014

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, G Cracco

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

D Ryan

G Harrison, J Ryan

B Murphy, R O'Neill, J Ryan

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 McGlinchey

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

M Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

R Martin

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- . **Pastoral Cluster Luncheon -** First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
 - . **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:

PLEASE NOTE: Could any notices for the Bulletin including Deaths and Anniversaries, please be given to the Office **NO LATER THAN NEXT TUESDAY (6 May)**, as Bulletin will be prepared one day earlier than usual. Thankyou.

THANKYOU, THANKYOU! - There's a saying "it takes a whole village to raise a child", it likewise takes a whole village to have the Easter Ceremonies that we have. There are too many to thank individually, but to our sacristans, musicians, special ministers, readers, commentators, collectors, the RCIA team, co-ordinators - but thanks for a job well done. Your involvement enables us to celebrate well the core of our Christian faith. One person I would like to thank in particular is Frank Kearney, the Liturgy Co-ordinator for the Pastoral Cluster. Also special thanks to Sr Jean who led four sessions of Formation in Prayer and in doing so opened up the possibilities to experience a variety of prayer in our rich Catholic tradition.

PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM: This program is for children from Catholic families who attend a non-Catholic primary school. The children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The program begins on **Sunday 1st June** and finishes on **Tuesday 15th July**. The First Eucharist celebrations will be on the last two weekends of July. **ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON WED 28TH MAY**. For further details contact the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email cluster@cam.org.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are a way to save up to 50% or receive 2 for 1 offers from many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much, much more **AND** they are available for sale at the Cluster Office for \$55. Please contact Trish on 5278 1343 - all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates (available for collection now). Order forms available at the back of each Church.

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP are conducting a Mothers' Day Raffle. Tickets are available after 8am and 9.30am Masses this Sunday. There are a variety of prizes, cost per ticket is \$1 or 3 for \$2 and it will be drawn on Mother's Day. Good luck one and all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- May 5...** **FR RICHARD LEONARD**, well known author and commentator, will speak about the role of the Internet in our lives at a free community presentation in McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College, 7pm. His address ***The World in our Face - How do people of faith download the best and leave the rest?*** will be followed by supper. All welcome!
- May 7-8...** **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA:** Clonard College is presenting this classic Spanish play at the Kildare Performing Arts Centre, 225 Church St (Clonard College) next week. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Everyone welcome - enquiries to Janine McKenzie on 5278 2155.
- May 17..** **CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY OPEN DAY:** Invitation to a Reflective Experience 9.15am-1pm at the Auction Room, National Wool Museum with lunch to follow at the Black Sheep Café. RSVP by **May 9** to 0409 430 396 or noreen.nicholson@gmail.com
- May 14...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 'THE EVENT':** An evening of fine dining and the chance to share the story of a Sacred Heart College Alumni with guest speaker Kristi Van Es - Offspring Project. From 6.30pm at Lyndon Grove, \$50/person, 3 course meal with drinks from the bar - tables of 10. Enquiries to Kelly Suvoltos 5222 0403 or alumni@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au. All proceeds donated to Offspring.
- May 18...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Annual Luncheon Social 12.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall. Open invitation to members, widows and family. Cost \$10/person, bring a casserole or a sweet to share, drinks supplied. Ph Joe Lambert on 5229 8442 to confirm attendance. Proceeds to overseas missions.
- May 23...** **MAGNIFICAT - A night of Praise and Worship with Steve Angrisano** at Sacred Heart Church, cnr Rathdowne & Pelham Sts Carlton 7.30-9.30pm. \$5 entry - information ph 9287 5565, bookings via trybooking.com/83308
- May 23/24/25...** **WALK FOR THE RIGHT TO BE BORN 2014:** Join our 3 day fundraising trek through beautiful country Victoria on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail and Indigo Gold Trail. Your sponsorships will help Right to Life Australia continue its work for the unborn in Australia's Parliaments and help young mothers through our Pregnancy Counselling 24hr Helpline. More information and registration ph 9385 0100 or righttolife.com.au.

THE PARISH REVIEW

Outlined below are the results of the **first** Questionnaire. 545 people answered the Questionnaire. Many thanks to all those who answered the questions. The responses to the two questions - **The two things I like about the Pastoral Cluster** and **The two areas of improvement in the Pastoral Cluster I would like to see** will be in next week's Bulletin.

DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF RESPONDENTS:

What is your gender? Female 63.4%, Male 36.6%

Age category - U/18 2.6%, 18-25 1.5%, 26-35 2.8%, 36-50 25.6%, 51-65 18.6%, 65-75 21.7% and 75+ 27.3%

What parish do you live in? Holy Family 36.3%, Ss Peter & Paul's 12.4%, Holy Spirit 35.2%, Other 16.1%

Mass Attendance - More than once a week 16.3%, once a week 59.7%, once a month 10.5%, less than 10 times/year 13.5%

Place of Mass Attendance - Holy Family 45.0%, Ss Peter & Paul's 24.9%, Holy Spirit 23.2%, Other 6.9%

Number of Years Living in the Parish - Less than 5 14.0%, 6-10 years 13.5%, 11-20 years 13.5%, 21+ years 59%

First Language Spoken - English 85.9%, Language other than English 14.1%

***SA=Strongly Agree, A=Agree, U=Unsure, D=Disagree, SD=Strongly Disagree, O=Other**

My faith is supported and nurtured - SA 38.9%, A 52.4%, U 6.5%, D 0.8%, SD 0.2%, O 1.3%

The Saturday evening/Sunday Masses help me to pray well and give thanks to God -

SA 43.2%, A 46.2%, U 5.8%, D 2.3%, SD 0.4%, O 2.3%

The Homilies connect scriptures and live - SA 32.0%, A 54.6%, U 9.7%, D 1.7%, SD 0.4%, O 1.7%

The Easter/Christmas ceremonies are celebrated well - SA 46.6%, A 46.4%, U 2.8%, D 1.7%, SD 0.7%, O 1.8%

The Mass celebrations that have a specific focus on fathers, mothers, grandparents, Anzac and Australia Days help me to link faith and life - SA 34.4%, A 52.5%, U 7.1%, D 3.7%, SD 0.6%, O 1.7%

The significant life events of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals are celebrated well -

SA 43.1%, A 48.9%, U 5.2%, D 0.7%, SD 0.2%, O 1.9%

There is adequate opportunity to nurture and develop my faith through other prayer experiences such as Christian Meditation, Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc - SA 25.2%, A 52.5%, U 17.1%, D 1.5%, SD 0.2%, O 3.5%

I feel I belong - SA 36.7%, A 54.8%, U 5.2%, D 1.5%, SD 0.2%, O 1.7%

I think a newcomer would feel welcome - SA 25.3%, A 52.9%, U 18.6%, D 1.5%, SD 0.2%, O 1.5%

Our Parish Priests are effective Faith Leaders - SA 54.9%, A 38.0%, U 4.7%, D 0.6%, SD 0.4%, O 1.5%

The Laity are actively involved - SA 25.9%, A 54.3%, U 16.4%, D 0.7%, SD 0.2%, O 2.4%

The Laity are encouraged to be actively involved - SA 29.4%, A 51.9%, U 15.4%, D 0.4%, SD 0.2%, O 2.8%

The Laity are encouraged to be involved in decision making - SA 18.6%, A 42.8%, U 33.5%, D 1.1%, SD 0.4%, Other 3.7%

I am encouraged to be a Christian Disciple in my family, work and community life - SA 26.0%, A 59.7%, U 8%, D 2.6%, SD 0%, O 3%

I am sustained in my Christian Vocation - SA 27.2%, A 61.2%, U 7.8%, D 1.3%, SD 0%, O 2.6%

The Partnership with the Columbans and Sr Kate O'Neill in the Philippines is a valuable mission -

SA 41.9%, A 44.3%, U 10.2%, D 0.4%, SD 0.2%, O 3.0%

The involvement in the Relay for Life through Fr Mick's Mates is a valuable local community activity -

SA 50.6%, A 41.3%, U 5.9%, D 0.2%, SD 0%, O 2%

The parishioners are generous in the support of the Missions, eg Project Compassion and the local Church outreach such as Catholic Care - SA 30.7%, A 51.3%, U 16.0%, D 0.4%, SD 0%, O 1.7%

There have been good opportunities for social activities such as the monthly luncheons, Bay cruises, Melbourne Cup luncheons, etc - SA 23.7%, A 53.1%, U 19.3%, D 0.7%, SD 0%, O 3.1%

There ought to be more social activities - SA 11.6%, A 35.1%, U 42.6%, D 6.0%, SD 0.6%, O 4.1%

The sick and the frail are given good pastoral care through visitation/Communion rounds and the Masses of Anointing -

SA 28.8%, A 47.9%, U 19.6%, D 1.1%, SD 0.4%, O 2.2%

The bereaved are given good pastoral care through the funeral service, the follow-up support of the Bereavement Group and Masses for the Deceased in November - SA 30.4%, A 45.2%, U 20.6%, D 0.7%, SD 0.4%, O 2.8%

The work of St Vincent de Paul Society is known and valued - SA 34.8%, A 50.0%, U 11.2%, D 1.1%, SD 0.2%, O 2.6%

The Parish Primary Schools are an important dimension of the wider Church's mission -

SA 50.3%, A 42.4%, U 4.7%, D 0.9%, SD 0.2%, O 1.5%

There is good engagement of young people - SA 10.9%, A 34.2%, U 32.0%, D 15.0%, SD 4.7%, O 3.2%

Communication through the Bulletin, Easter and Christmas mail outs and the Web Page is clear and effective -

SA 28.8%, A 55.3%, U 11.1%, D 1.7%, SD 0.2%, O 3.0%

There is efficient and effective administration -

SA 26.1%, A 52.3%, U 17.5%, D 0.9%, SD 0%, Other 3.2%

The facilities such as the Churches and Halls are well maintained - SA 34.5%, A 56.6%, U 6.2%, D 0.4%, SD 0.2%, O 2.2%

I make a valuable contribution - SA 15.6%, A 50.5%, U 23.8%, D 4.5%, SD 0.2%, O 5.4%

I am delighted to announce that the Pastoral Cluster will host **Dialogue Among the Faithful: Conversations in Parish Life** for the Geelong Region on **Wednesday May 27th**, 7.30-9.30pm with supper at the Pastoral Cluster Centre. I will be inviting a few representatives from each parish to attend this gathering. The presenter is international speaker **Dr Aoife McGrath** and her insights will be of great value to assist us in our future planning and a follow-up to the surveys.