



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to

the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one.

And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the

destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it. Now that will be life, and life abundantly.



Happy Mothers Day!

4th Sunday of Easter

(Year A - May 11, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know
my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7, 2nd Reading: 1Pet 2:4-9, Gospel: Jn 14:1-12



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
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 19 - Sharry family, 23 Lily St.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Leckie Holzer, Edward (Ted) Welsh, Ray Stephenson

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Shelley, Antonio, Giovanni & Maria Gurus, Katie Dacre, Clare Middleton, Teresa & Bill Hogan, Marjorie Hill, Giuseppe Maselli, Ken Gallagher, Mary O'Neill, Nicholas Hoare, Ripalda Sicuro, Giuseppa Salvo

1 MONTH SINCE DEATH: Gaetano Pino, Carmela Barbaro

BAPTISMS: Harlen Le, Oliver McCaughley and Maddison Wojcik

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, Anita Capicchiano

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 18, 2014

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

K Saunders

Lectors

B Rainbow

Special Ministers

A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Welcomers

L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, M Fiorillo, I Raj, T Herath

E Dalton

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

J McCarthy

Lectors

J McKenzie, Sr J McGonigal

Special Ministers

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

Welcomers

P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

Projectionist

11.00AM

G Langridge

G Brown, M Kroger

L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells

I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek

D Brown (even months), A Boras (odd)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

5.00PM

Commentators

K Maddalena

Lectors

K Maddalena

Special Ministers

T McNair

Welcomers

Projectionist

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:

MOTHER'S DAY MASSES: At the Masses of 5pm Saturday Ss P&P, 6pm Saturday Holy Spirit and 9.30am Holy Family the school children will help us celebrate the special vocation of Motherhood.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: Thankyou all for your continuing regular support. There is a set of **envelopes** for all **WEEKLY & MONTHLY** contributors in the foyer today. They are in **STREET** order. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to contribute regularly, using envelopes, credit card or bank transfer. Contact Helen with any queries: Helen.brislane@cam.org.au or leave a message at the Parish Office.

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 578 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 13...** **WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS DAY** will be celebrated at the 9.15am Holy Family Mass. Manifold CWL members invited to attend and we will have morning tea in the Cluster meeting room after Mass. For transport ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Tricia Joyce 5221 1986.
- 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.
- " **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm in Clairvaux meeting rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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
- " **BLUME'S FASHION SHOW** will be held 2pm at Holy Spirit Hall. \$5 entrance incl a/noon tea and chance to win Blume's voucher. Garments available to purchase on day - cash/cheque and we have a warm changing room. Transport or information ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- " **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** A reminder that Year 7 enrolments close **Fri May 23**. Contact Julie Cole the Registrar on 5226 8177 or 5226 8100.
- 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.

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 21st**, 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.

THE PARISH REVIEW

*In last week's bulletin responses to the Questionnaire of the first survey were reported. Outlined below are the responses to the two questions - **Two things I like about the Pastoral Cluster** and **Two areas in the Pastoral Cluster I would like to see**. Not everybody who completed the survey answered these questions.*

NO 38 - TWO THINGS I LIKE ABOUT THE PASTORAL CLUSTER

Sense of Community: (Includes comments like...)	141
Sense of feeling welcome, inclusiveness, friendly, a happy atmosphere, feels like home, etc.	
The Priests:	127
The Liturgy:	109
Availability of Masses [45], Preparation and celebration of the Mass [23], Music [9], Homily [9], Celebration of significant life events [8], Close proximity to home [8], Saturday evening 5pm Mass [7]	
Involvement Opportunities and Outreach:	68
Opportunities to be involved [21], Philippines Partnership [18], Pastoral Care [10], General involvement in local community [8], Good volunteer services, eg St Vincent de Paul [6], Relay for Life [5]	
The Co-operation and Success of the Cluster:	49
Administration:	33
Staff [17], Good communication [12], Good organisation and financial management [4]	
Spiritual Formation:	32
In general [19], Strong Sacramental Focus [6], Sacramental Programs [5], Variety of Prayer [2].....	
Church Buildings:	14
Family Focus:	11

NO 39 - TWO AREAS IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER I WOULD LIKE TO SEE:

The encouragement and the involvement of children, youth and young adults:	90
Responses included the provision of social and/or pastoral activities and ways to engage young people. Also strongly recommended was ways to engage young people in the liturgy such as establishment of youth choirs, youth Masses, Altar Servers, and more flexible Sunday liturgies. The employment of a youth worker.	
Improvements to the Liturgy:	27
Responses included less CD and more live music, hymns rather than incidental music, more challenging homilies, more consolidation of baptism welcomes and sacramental pledging, politics not to be preached, shorter Mass.	
More opportunities for faith formation and spiritual development:	26
Responses included having a parish mission, biblical studies (with the Priest), teachings on the Rosary, Church's doctrine, more Catholic teaching in the schools, weekly Sunday classes for children, timetable to enable people in the paid workforce to attend prayer services and weekday Masses, more opportunities for Devotional Prayer, eg Rosary, Divine Mercy	
The encouragement and involvement of young families:	23
Responses could be categorised into two broad areas - one the encouragement and support of families to be involved through the liturgy and outreach, the second that parents should take a more responsible role in their commitment to raising their children as Catholics.	
Better use of and improvement to facilities including the Churches and Hall:	20
Responses included the use of the land at Holy Spirit for garden, more off-street parking at Holy Spirit and Holy Spirit to be better looked after; the steps at Holy Family, sharing of hall facilities for parishioners, better lighting, amplification and provision for the deaf, looking forward to the completion of renovations at Ss Peter & Paul's, more flowers at Holy Family, more and better car parking at Holy Family, better audio and visual facilities at Holy Spirit	
Better communication:	18
Responses included better communication about changes to the Church, decisions made about Church facilities, activities in the parish including Children's Liturgy, special acknowledgement of the input of parishioners and better communication between the parish and the schools, the financial status of the Cluster	
More social events:	17
Responses included informal cuppas, events for older parishioners, across-cluster events, broader social mix of people for social events, provide transport, be more inclusive	
More volunteers to be involved:	14
Responses included volunteers for the liturgy, eg Offertory, social and pastoral work.	
More silence, reverence and reflection at Mass:	13
More Involvement of Laity in Decision Making:	8
Mass every Sunday at Holy Spirit:	7
More Pastoral Programs:	7
Responses included programs and outreach for housebound, sick and vulnerable, family visitation, parish community kitchen, men's support group, acceptance of gay community, respect for senior citizens, keeping in touch with new Catholics	
The 5pm Saturday evening Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's:	5
The responses focussed on the 5pm Mass originally being established as a quiet and shorter Mass and it seems to be drifting away from that.	
Guaranteed seats for regular Churchgoers at Christmas, Easter and Special Occasions:	4
Other suggestions included:	
Better welcome for new members at the alternative 11am Masses [3], More help for the poor in Geelong rather than overseas [1], Earlier Saturday Vigil 4pm [1], Alternate evening Masses [1], Bring back separate parishes [1], Special seat for mothers with crying babies [1], More 'Jesus' orientated [1], Recognise calls on family finances other than Church [1], Access to the Church outside of Mass times [1] Focus on Remembrance Day [1]	