



# 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

When I was a boy, Sir Edmund Hillary came to speak at my school. I can remember the fuss surrounding the visit of the first person to scale Mt Everest. And though there is now a school of thought that holds that he was beaten to the summit by Tenzing Norgay, his Tibetan colleague, there was an aura around this New Zealander who had been to the top of the world.

Some of my usually dour teachers were in awe of Sir Edmund. There was more than a little hero worship going on that day. Rather surprisingly in his address Sir Edmund did not say very much about his adventure to the peak. He was much more interested in what we do to each other on the plains than what he did on the mountain top. He spoke about justice, peace and the dignity of humanity. I can vividly remember him

sending us out at the end of his speech to create a better world for all people everywhere. When questions came, there were several about whether he felt closer to God at the top of Mt Everest, and although he said he did, he mentioned there were life and death moments on the way up and down, where God's presence and companionship were much more real to him.

Hillary's visit to my school is not far from what happened to the disciples in today's Gospel. Matthew tells us that the eleven men who worshipped Jesus were commissioned by him to go out to the world and they were promised that he would stay with them until the end of time.

Worship is a word Catholics don't use all that often. While other denominations describe their liturgy as 'worship', we tend to use it only

in a more secular way like in 'hero worship' or 'not an altar at which I worship'. The concept behind this word, however, is an important one. To worship God is to admit that we are not God. We are creatures and our worship is directed toward our Creator, Saviour and Sustainer.

Whether we realise it or not we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' This changes our worship. We are not here just for ourselves. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still wants to accomplish. /Cont'd P4

## The Ascension of the Lord

(Year A - June 1, 2014.)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord,  
who ascends above the highest heavens;  
his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always,  
until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****Pentecost Sunday**

1st Reading: Gen 11:1-9  
2nd Reading: Rom 8:22-27  
Gospel: Jn 7:37-39

**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

### Vincentine 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:

If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help, ph Tina Montalto on 5278 9314.

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Connie Tolan, Giovanna Campanile, Marija Kacic, Sr Julian Doolan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Heyward, Gerald Drew, Harry & Ila O'Brien, Giovanna Leone, Robert Stolk, Brigid Duggan

**1 MONTH ANNIV:** Tim Mulroyan

**BAPTISMS:** James, Benjamin & Frances Gould, Georgia Johns and Pippa Stephenson

**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, 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, June 8, 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)

## Cluster News:

**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](mailto:Helen.brislane@cam.org.au) or leave a message at the Parish Office.

### **A FR MICK'S MATE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE SELLING ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AFTER ALL MASSES FROM THIS WEEKEND:**

*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.*



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S WINTER APPEAL:** Winter will soon be upon us and for the poor of our local community this can be a particularly difficult and demanding time. Our SVDP Conferences in Bell Park and Manifold have an impressive outreach. They are seeking your support for their Winter Appeal.

**St Vincent de Paul Conference Manifold Heights -** The Winter Appeal will be held at Holy Spirit Church on the weekend of 14/15 June

**St Vincent de Paul Conference Bell Park -** The Winter Appeal will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Family on the weekend of 21/22 June.

**FESTA DI SANT' ANTONIO:** Domenica 15 Giugno nella chiesa di St Patrick in Geelong West - alle ore 9.30am, sara' celebrare la festa in onore di Sant' Antonio. S. messa solenne celebrare da Mons James Murray. Dopo la santa messa ci sara' la processione all' aperto nel cortile della scuola. E distribuzione dei Panini. Tutti siete benvenuti.

**PASTORAL CLUSTER LUNCHEON:** For many years there has been a shared luncheon that has been open to all at Ss Peter & Paul's Hall after the 11am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Now that the Hall is commercially leased we no longer can use the small hall. To continue the tradition the luncheon has been changed to the **First Sunday of the month at the Holy Spirit Hall** - everyone is welcome, please bring a plate to share. **Our next luncheon is on June 1.**

**MANKFOLD BRANCH OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will hold their monthly meeting 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave, on **Wednesday 4th June**. New members most welcome to attend. For transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Noella Duggan 5278 2142.

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Next meeting will be held on **Monday 2nd June** at 7pm. Guest Speaker - Sr Jean McGonigle.

### **MOTHERS FOR MOTHERS HIGH TEA:**

*As part of our Philippines Partnership and in conjunction with Sacred Heart College, a successful and enjoyable Mothers for Mothers High Tea was held at the College. Not only was the afternoon a pleasant opportunity for the people to gather but also it was a successful fundraiser. The amount raised will enable us to forward something in the vicinity of \$10,000 to our Partnership in the Philippines and Sacred Heart College will direct their funds raised towards their Scholarship Program. Special thanks to Sacred Heart College for their hospitality in hosting this day and in particular a special thanks to all those who assisted in both the preparation and attendance. (Fr Gerard)*



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**FR MICK'S ANNUAL LEAVE:** Fr Mick will be away from Monday June 2nd until Thursday 19th June. We wish Fr Mick a restful and enjoyable time with his family.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO Mass at Grace McKellar on Tuesday 3rd June**. I am on an Archdiocesan Committee that requires me to go to Melbourne on that morning. Special Ministers to Grace McKellar are asked to come to Holy Family at the normal 9.15am time to receive the Hosts that they will give to the residents.

**COMMUNION SERVICES:** If I am unable to obtain a priest replacement on Tuesday morning, a Communion Service will be held. Also all the priests in the Geelong region have been invited to Bannockburn for a Memorial Mass for Fr Herman's mother who died in the Philippines on Saturday morning, June 7th. I plan to go to that Memorial Mass as a gesture of priestly solidarity for Fr Herman in this sad time for him. Again, if I'm unable to find a replacement, a Community Service will be held. (*Fr Gerard*)

**RENOVATIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH:** The next stage of the restoration work of Holy Spirit, hopefully, will be underway this Monday. The prime task is to mend the cracks in the external façade. The process involved is known as "stitching" and it is labour and time intensive. The works won't specifically intrude on our regular Mass timetable or Funerals. (There are no weddings during this time).

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE - WINTER EDITION:** Next week the free copy of the Australian Catholics will be available. The focus of this edition will be *Exploring what it means to value each human life*; articles include *The Value of a Life - living and flourishing with a disability*; *Women working together - advocating for life issues*; an article by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ on *Respect*. Always a good, worthwhile read.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- June 6-8... DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR SINGLE MEN:** 6pm at The Cliffs Retreat House, Shoreham. More information visit [whatsalifeor.com](http://whatsalifeor.com) or ph Fr Peter Hendriks on 0408 299 170 - [discern@whatsalifeor.com](mailto:discern@whatsalifeor.com)
- June 12... FREE TALKS FOR 2014: *Wellbeing at Work*** will be presented by Chris Mackey & Associates in the Geelong West Town Hall Supper Room. Details [admin@chrismackey.com.au](mailto:admin@chrismackey.com.au)
- June 13-15... MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** - Accommodation and all meals provided - starts 7pm Friday and ends 5pm Sunday in Melbourne. Details [vic.marriage.encounter@gmail.com](mailto:vic.marriage.encounter@gmail.com). (Next dates 15-17 Aug and 21-23 Nov)
- June 20... CHARITY LUNCH TO SUPPORT SAMARITAN HOUSE:** Melbourne Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and Geelong Mayor Darryl Lyons will be interviewed on ***A Mayoral Perspective on Homelessness*** by MC Ian Cover at the Charity Lunch in the Fred Flanagan Room at the Geelong Football Club commencing 11.45am for 12.15pm. Tickets \$80/person with drinks at bar prices. Tables of 8-10 - book online at [trybooking.com/82189](http://trybooking.com/82189), or Wing and a Prayer 75 Malop St. Cheques to **Samaritan House** and can be posted to PO Box 5047 Geelong 3219. All proceeds to support Geelong's Crisis Accommodation Centre for homeless men.
- June 26... ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL** will be offering a unit of study in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in 2015. In preparation a Taste and See session (introduction to CPE) will be held at the hospital 1-2.30pm in the Education Room, Clancy House. Come along and learn more about the CPE journey, the CPE process and what is required of CPE participants. To register or for more information please ph Bernadette Wurlod 5563 4588 ([Bernadette.Wurlod@sjog.org.au](mailto:Bernadette.Wurlod@sjog.org.au)) or Moira Wilding 5215 8739 ([moira.wilding@sjog.org.au](mailto:moira.wilding@sjog.org.au))

### GOLDEN JUBILEE RAFFLE RESULTS for Sisters of the Holy Angels in Australia:

<b>1st Prize:</b>	Tania Degoldi (Ticket No2049),	<b>2nd Prize:</b>	Gayan Fernando (Ticket No1121),
<b>3rd Prize:</b>	Petronella Perera (Ticket No0996)	<b>4th Prize:</b>	Roger Gurney (Ticket No1886)

### COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2014 RESULTS:

<b>1st Prize:</b>	M Kaironz (East Keilor),
<b>2nd Prize:</b>	M D'Elia (East Keilor),
<b>3rd Prize:</b>	M Gunnink (Mitcham)
<b>\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Cards:</b>	Julia M (Norlane), M Palmerio (Geelong)
<b>\$500 Coles/Myer Gift Cards:</b>	M Farzo (Mulgrave), F Woodhouse (F'tree Gully), Jacob Piwowon (Bennetswood), Sr Reba (Bayswater), Sharon King (Boronia), Sr Kaye (Clayton), Tina Vidos (Hoppers Crossing).

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Finally, we continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives or else we wouldn't be here. God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion-God who seeks our company as much as we need his.

In this Mass, then, let's thank God for the mountain top of Christ's Ascension that lifts us up out of our everyday life to celebrate that we are creatures, not the Creator. Let us hear again Christ's call to each of us to move away from the complacency of a spiritual cafeteria to a church moving out to change the world.

And let's rejoice in Christ's presence which abides before us, behind us, over and in us, within and without, now and forever. Amen.

