



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

Years ago I was asked to take a parish-based catechetics class for children from a government primary school. I started by trying to work out how much the children knew about the basics. I asked, 'When we make the sign of the cross, what do we say?' 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' came the firm reply. So far so good! I tried upping the bar. 'What do we call the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?' There was complete silence. I tried another track. 'What do you think of when you make the Sign of the Cross?' There was an awkward silence and then a bright little boy cheerily said, 'The old man, the young fella and the bird!'

No one can blame those children for the poverty of their images of the Trinity. Many older Catholics have similar images from paintings and holy pictures. The mystery of

the Trinity means that in whatever way we portray God as Father, Son and Spirit it will always be inadequate and incomplete. No one has ever seen God or the Holy Spirit. No one has a portrait of Jesus. All the images and words we use for the Trinity are more a reflection of our faith than the final word about God. God is always more than any name we use or any concept we have. The special insight into God we celebrate today is that relationships are at the very centre of who God is.

It took the early Christians four hundred years to fully grasp what Jesus was on about when he spoke of his relationship to the Father and Spirit. They struggled to understand how and why God would have three faces and yet exist as One Being – love as One, act as One. They settled the 'how' of the Trinity's

nature by teaching us that the persons of the Trinity are co-equal, co-substantial and co-eternal. They settled the 'why' of the Trinity by reflecting that their experience of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was an encounter of love. They knew the core of God was not an idea or a principle, but was a loving relationship. Furthermore, the early Christians knew that they were invited into this relationship.

What was true for them is true for us. Think about this for a minute: we believe that the God who creates, redeems and sustains the world seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege! What an invitation! What a God! /Cont'd P4

Trinity Sunday

(Year A - June 15, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Glory and praise forever!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was,
and who is to come.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Corpus Christi

1st Reading: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16
2nd Reading: 1Cor 10:16-17
Gospel: Jn 6:51-58



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:

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: Emma Reardon, Josipa Boras

ANNIVERSARIES: Marinko Skazlic, Martin Donnellan, Charlotte & Colin Henderson, Giuseppe LoPicco

BAPTISMS: Bonnie Ring, Rejoice Gerson, Nyrie Nuttall, Maxwell Menzies, Harrison O'Connor, Ella Haines.

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, Monica Duggan, Kathleen Nehill, Julita Aquino, Manuel Almeida, Anita Capicchiano, Juliette Kotorac

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 22, 2014

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

F O'Neill

Lectors

L Kelly

Special Ministers

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

Welcomers

L&E Kelly

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

A Sare, A/I Dugandzic

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

M Lacy

Lectors

M Carson

Special Ministers

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan,

Welcomers

J Cowell

Projectionist

11.00AM

M Foley

J Fraatz, L Eastman

M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

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:

A WARM WELCOME:

This week we will warmly welcome Bishop Long, the Auxiliary Bishop for the Western and Geelong Regions, to the Pastoral Cluster. Bishop Vincent will be the Principal Celebrant at the 5pm Saturday evening Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's. Some of the children from St Pat's will be present at the Mass as part of their commitment to Confirmation preparation.

FR MICK'S ANNUAL LEAVE: Fr Mick will be away until Saturday 21st June. We wish Fr Mick a restful and enjoyable time with his family.

RENOVATIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH: The next stage of the restoration work of Holy Spirit is underway. 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).



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.

PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP: As part of ongoing formation for our Columban Philippines Partnership, a team will be going to Manila for a week to visit the Columban Parish in Malate and Srs Kate and Claudia at the Kuya Centre. The team consists of nine teachers from the three Pastoral Cluster Primary Schools, Trish Stickland and Fr Gerard. We leave on Sunday June 22nd and return Monday June 30th.

EUCARIST COMMITMENT MASSES: We extend a warm welcome to the children and their families at our Commitment Masses over the next two weeks - **Holy Family** on the weekend of 15/22 June at 9.30am, **St Pat's** Saturday 14th and the weekend of 21/22 June, **Holy Spirit** on the weekend of 14/15 June and Saturday 21st June.

MASS OF ANOINTING: Traditionally we have had a Mass of Anointing followed by Luncheon at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on the Saturday closest to the Feast Day of Ss Peter & Paul. This year that would have been Saturday June 28th, but this year the Mass has been postponed until a later date because Fr Gerard will be in the Philippines.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE MONS: 2014 is a significant year for us in so many ways, and in particular it represents 40 years since the arrival of the Sisters of St John of God in Geelong. As history relates, our Sisters responded to the passionate invitation of Mons James Murray to establish a presence in Geelong to take over Holy Cross Hospital, following the decision by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to close all services. So early 1974 was indeed a very bleak time for our hospital and Geelong's Catholic community who had supported the hospital since 1948, and all seemed lost until Mons rallied forces to save the hospital. Mons was instrumental in convincing the Sisters of St John of God to come to Geelong; to take on this challenge and establish a team of supportive doctors and businessmen to guide the hospital back to good health. This foundation will always remain the bedrock of who we are.

In subsequent years, Mons has been an incredible companion and close friend to our Sisters, and a most wonderful support and mentor to our caregivers, constantly reflecting with great humility and dignity our core values and always encouraging us to 'keep the candle burning bright'. It is impossible to truly understand all Mons has given to us, however the redevelopment has provided us with the opportunity to acknowledge him in a small way. So from this day forth the new meeting room located next to our beautiful new Chapel will be known as the **Monsignor James Murray Room**. This space will be a place where decisions of significance will be discerned and made, so it is very fitting that Mons' name and contribution will forever remain present to help guide the future of our hospital, a hospital he dearly loves. Thank you for all you have given to us, Mons - **Stephen Roberts** (Chief Executive Officer)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 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, 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 22...** **WORLD REFUGEE DAY MARCH:** This Justice for Refugees March will begin in the Melbourne City Square 1.30pm, cnr Swanston & Collins St. Australia's current policies are violating human rights and are not in line with the UN Refugee Convention. This March for Justice for Refugees is organized by the Refugee Advocacy Network, a broad coalition faith-based groups, unions and community organizations. More info ph 0409 352 673 or 0404 728 104.
- 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) or Moira Wilding 5215 8739 (moira.wilding@sjog.org.au)
- July 27...** **ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS:** For couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 70th wedding anniversary this year. To be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart and couples will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily ph 9287 5579 imf@cam.org.au. **Registrations close Friday July 11th.**

Pope Francis has asked that we pray for the Synod on the Family to take place from 5-19 October 2014. We invite each household to join in offering this prayer - perhaps with Grace before your evening meal.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

Dear Heavenly Father,

Our Beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that we pray for the upcoming Synod on the Family. Please send Your Holy Spirit and fill all who take part with wisdom, courage and love. Sustain our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may guide us by his example of fatherly love.

In our families, help us always to follow in Jesus' footsteps by showing mercy to others, especially families who suffer separation from one another and those who feel unloved. Open our eyes, hearts and hands, so that we may recognise and serve You by helping our sisters and brothers.

These things we ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.
St Mary and St Joseph, pray for us.



/From P1...

It also follows that if relationships are at the core of God then, for those of us who accept the invitation into the Trinity's embrace, relationships are meant to be our core business too. We are not to be isolated believers or private disciples. The

degree to which we understand today's feast will be shown in the care we take in our many and varied relationships, be they social, intimate, professional, civic or international.

Every time we do anything to form new and

good relationships, mend those which are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, we discover one thing: Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast.