



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

Have you noticed that away from the Church we hear more about St Peter than we do about St Paul? It's because St Peter regularly features in jokes about heaven, like this one.

A man died and met St Peter at the gates of heaven. St Peter said, 'Before you meet with God, I thought I should tell you that we've looked at your life, and you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not at all sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?'

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, 'Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a woman who was being harassed by a group of bikies. So I pulled over, got out my wheel brace, and went up to the leader of the gang. He was a big, muscular, hairy guy with tattoos all over his

body and a ring pierced through his nose. Well, I told him he and his gang had better stop bothering the woman or they would have to deal with me!' 'I'm impressed,' St Peter responded, 'When did this happen?' 'Less than ten minutes ago' the man replied.

St Paul doesn't feature in many funny stories, except for the children who got rather confused about his life and wrote in their term paper that 'St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. That a Christian should have only one wife, which is called monotony. And in the end the natives of Macedonia did not believe in Paul, so he got stoned.'

Peter and Paul symbolise two facets of our Christian community: mission and maintenance. Paul was the great missionary and Peter was the great leader who held together the earliest disciples. Both were

crucial to the Christian community's expansion and survival.

The image of the missionary venturing out boldly to proclaim Christ to the world is so much more engaging than being a maintainer. But every organisation or institution needs someone to provide a clear focus and vision, and to establish structures that will see the group survive past the first generation. To this day we need our Peters and our Pauls.

Peter and Paul did not always have an easy relationship. We know from the Acts of the Apostles that they disagreed about a fundamental issue in the earliest Christian mission: for whom was the good news of Jesus intended? Peter thought it was just for Jews.

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Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

(Year A - June 29, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles,
these have taught us your law, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Their message goes out
through all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, you know all things;
you know that I love you.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Zech 9:9-10
2nd Reading: Rom 8:9,11-13
Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

**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

Slovenian.. 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

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: Bernice Stahl, Gerald Gorman, Petar Juran

ANNIVERSARIES: Philip & Alice Leyden, Ester Miller, Joseph Radojevic, Alki Dacosta, Rajko Jovic, Daniel Brady, Francesco & Serafina Lecchino, John Dempsey, Betty & John Keppel, Stanislaw Gwizdek, Jo Hennessy

BAPTISMS: Ryan Tamis

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, July 6, 2014

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

V Pavlovic

J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane, I Baulch

K McArthur

R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, D Farrar, R Zanardo, B Kline, L Greco

M&E Hoffman

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

E Cotter

J O'Neill

C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy

B Stocks

11.00AM

C Neilson

B Middleton, M Wright

V Trinder, R Pugh

D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien

Sr J McGonigal

N Neeld, P McGlinchey

B Pleasance

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:

FAREWELL BAZ

The times are a-changing - Basil (Baz) Flynn, the Principal of St Patrick's School, will be leaving the school to take up the position of being the Principal at Clairvaux Primary School, Belmont. Baz has been the Principal at St Pat's for the last nine years and in the 1980's was a teacher there for eight years. Both as a teacher and Principal he has made a significant contribution to the teaching and communal life of the School by his warm, affable personality and effective leadership. In the farewells taken place thus far the children, teachers, parents and the Pastoral Cluster staff, have shown their deep appreciation for what Baz has done. We wish him every blessing in his new role. Jan Fagan, who is presently the Deputy Principal, will take on the role of Acting Principal for the two remaining terms. In the coming weeks the selection process for a new Principal will begin.

MANIFOLD CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE MEETING: Wednesday 2nd July, 1.30pm in the Holy Spirit Hall. Please bring along a wrapped gift for Dutch Auction. Bookings and \$30 payment for Communion Luncheon, Tuesday 29th July at the Pumphouse Hotel Melbourne, can be made at the meeting. For information or transport contact Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Noella Duggan 5278 2142.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S WINTER APPEAL: Last weekend a collection for the Weekend Appeal was taken up at the Masses celebrated at Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Family. **\$2,032.70** was collected. many thanks to all who contributed.

THANKYOU: Pat and Joan Bourke would like to thank everyone from the Parish Cluster for your kind words, prayers and expressions of sympathy shown to us after the recent loss of our son-in-law, John. Our special thanks to Fr Gerard and Fr Mick for all your love and support.

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).

UPCOMING CLUSTER EVENTS

Dates for your diary -

- Sept 10...** **MOVIE NIGHT AT ST MARY'S THEATRE:** For Fr Mick's Mates - two sessions.
- Oct 26...** **KRISTMAS FOR KUYA:** Philippines Partnership
- Nov 4...** **MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON** at Holy Spirit Hall.

Community News:

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.**

Aug 21-23... PROCLAIM 2014 - Conference on the New Evangelisation "Living the Joy of the Gospel in Parishes": Come along to hear what one parish has done to grow from 1400 to 4000 committed parishioners. Workshops will provide practical ideas and tools for participants to take back and apply in the parish. To be held at **The Concourse, Chatswood (Sydney)**. Registrations close June 30th - more info see www.proclaimconference.com.au

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$28. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington St. For more information and reservations please phone Terry on 5221 7339.

ARCHBISHOP HART REFLECTS ON GOOD FRIDAY:

Good Friday is a Holy Day for Christians. Our community recognises its importance by observing it as a public holiday. A public holiday is a privileged and powerful mark of respect which honours all that the death of Christ signifies: sacrifice, faithfulness and the giving of self in love. It is a way to focus on these values as an important part of our Australian culture.

Australian Rules Football is also an historic and important part of Melbourne's culture. However, a proposal to schedule a game of football on Good Friday would fail to fully consider the spiritual needs of our community including the players, coaches, staff and volunteers of the AFL. It would take away that time and space which is not only needed by Christians but desired by all people to reflect and ponder on key issues about what it means to be human. In that sense, keeping Good Friday as a public holiday free from obligations or distractions is a symbolic acknowledgement of our need for time and space to enrich our lives with reflection, depth and quietness. It's not just about the 3 o'clock ceremony. It is about the day. From our awakening to the end of the day, it is the day Christians remember that Jesus Christ suffered and died for us so that we might know and enjoy the love of God for all eternity. It provides a window into values that are not controlled by consumerism, money-making or busyness.

Indeed, we live in a multi-faith society. This diversity needs not simply to be acknowledged, but also positively respected. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne therefore urges the AFL to continue to show the leadership and discernment they have in the past by not scheduling a football match on Good Friday and so preserve it as a day unique in our public calendar.

Inquiries: 0437 661 030 (no sms)

ACTION FROM REVIEW:

The over-riding response from you in the Review was the concern and the need for the Parish to better outreach to young people and young families. If you look around the Church on any weekend Liturgy it is clear that young families are often absent from our Eucharistic celebrations. We are endeavouring to gauge why this is so. To that end every opportunity that we have we will be seeking feedback from families. The three questions we will be asking parents at the Baptismal Program, Sacramental Nights and, hopefully, the parents in our Catholic school system, are 3-fold:

- 1. Why do you wish your child to receive the Sacraments?**
- 2. What can the Church do to be more relevant to you and your family?**
- 3. Are there any specific obstacles that stop you from being involved in the Church?**

Hopefully, having listened to the lived experiences of families, we can be a more relevant and life-giving Church for them.

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Paul argued it was for the Gentiles as well. What makes Peter's leadership so outstanding is that he not only listened carefully to what Paul said, but saw what Christ was doing among the Gentiles. He trusted that the working of the Spirit was bigger than he was, and that it included a man who never met Jesus and yet seemed to have a richer insight into where and how Christ was to be preached. That takes courage and humility.

Today we need to be careful that in Christ's name we do not bind things up so tightly that we leave no room for the Holy Spirit to challenge or surprise us. Having the courage and humility to 'hang a bit loose' is not weakness. It can be about trusting that Christ's saving love is still at work in unexpected ways with all people everywhere.

Peter and Paul show what can happen when we cooperate with Christ in living out his love. Things we never dreamt of become

possible. But their lives also show us the cost. Both of them died as martyrs. We may not be asked to embrace martyrdom in our lives, but in the way we run our race we are challenged to keep the faith and proclaim Christ by how we live. By doing so we are assured that when we come to heaven we will be greeted by Peter and Paul and with them we will behold the fullness of love, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for eternity.