



# Pastoral Cluster

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## Reflection by Richard Leonard

After being nearly snowbound for two weeks, a Seattle man departed for his vacation in Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day at the conclusion of her business trip to Minneapolis. They were looking forward to pleasant weather and a nice time together. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the man was told he would have to wait for a later flight. He tried to appeal to a supervisor but was told the airline was not responsible for the problem and it would do no good to complain.

Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an e-mail, but due to his haste, he made an error in the e-mail address. His

message therefore arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before.

When the grieving widow opened her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and fell to the floor dead. Her family rushed to her room where they saw this message on the screen:

Dearest wife, Departed yesterday as you know. Just now got checked in. Some confusion at the gate. Appeal was denied. Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow. Your loving husband. P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here.

Old-time missionaries used to have a field day with today's gospel, or at least with part of it. While they may have liked the passages that suggested that heaven was *like* a treasure in a field or *like* a pearl of great price, they told us that hell was a

furnace of fire where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth. Some of those preachers seemed to know an awful lot about hell! It's as though they were travel writers who had visited the place several times just to warn us about what to expect when we got there. And do you remember how easy it was to get in? Many of us thought we had a first class ticket in our pocket most of the time.

Once, during a parish mission, where the visiting priest had given us an excruciatingly detailed description of hell, he told us, 'You could be dipping your hand in the holy water font as you leave the Church tonight and be struck down dead and sent to hell for eternity!' At the end of that session my cousin stood by the holy water font and watched everyone else dip their hand in, saying as they did, 'After you, after you.' She wasn't taking any chances!

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - July 27, 2014.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, I love your commands.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 55:1-3

2nd Reading: Rom 8:35,37-39

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21



### 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  
Filipino... 5.00pm every 3rd Saturday 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:

**July 28** - Brown family, 33 Bostock Ave; **Aug 4/11** - Sheahan family, 76 Sladen St; **Aug 18/24** - Trinder family, 20 Downie Pl.  
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:** Gabriella Cracco, Bill Cotter (Len's brother)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nikola Mikin, Louisa Rodrigues, Cosimo Mileto, Amirando & Maria Zanardo, Jozefa Pozar, Filomena Ferrad, Benjamin Fernandes, Anna Rezelj, Garry Dougherty, Peter Javni, Isabel Ramirez

**BAPTISMS:** Alfie Heffernan, Evie Hudich, Lenny Parsons

**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, Julita Aquino, Manuel Almeida, Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Barbara Mason, Patricia McMahon, Joan Gazenbeek

### 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, August 3, 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
  - **Legion of Mary -** Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
  - **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:

**FAREWELL AND WELCOME:** Firstly we say farewell to Mons James Murray who has been the resident in the unit behind the Pastoral Cluster Office. The Monsignor has now moved to Rice Village. We wish him every good health and blessing in his new abode. I'm sure in his customary outgoing and generous way he will contribute to the life at Rice Village. Secondly, we welcome Olivier, Patrick, Ishema and Serge, refugees from North Kivu - the north east of Democratic Congo, who will now reside in the unit for the next 3-5 weeks until a more permanent arrangement is made. Please make them very welcome.

**HELP REQUIRED:** Refugee family in Bell Post Hill area seeking assistance to get husband/wife and 5 month old baby to Mass each Sunday (baby seat provided). Please phone Christ Nolan 0430 150 855 if able to help.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** We extend a very warm welcome to the children from the Catechetical Program who will be receiving their First Eucharist on 27th July. We pray for the children and their families on this very important day.

### **HELP NEEDED FOR RCIA PROGRAM:**

The good news is that at this stage we have ten adults who want to inquire into the Catholic faith. Last Sunday's Gospel taught us that God's word flourishes in good soil. It is important therefore that we provide the best conditions for the faith to grow in our inquirers. The whole community needs to be involved by prayer, welcome and good example of how to live the faith. The ideal is for each inquirer to have a sponsor - someone to accompany him/her at the catechetical sessions and in particular to be with them at Sunday Mass. The catechetical sessions will be held at 7.30pm-9pm on Wednesdays throughout the school terms, commencing on Wednesday 13th August. The sessions will normally be at the Cluster Centre, Bell Park. I would love to hear from anyone willing to help in this important work. (Fr Mick)

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Education Assistance Program, Geelong Region**

A new initiative established by St Vincent de Paul in Geelong is its Education Assistance Program to support needy families to cover the cost of Catholic Secondary Education. SVDP recognizes that one of the most effective ways for people to break out of the poverty cycle is through good education. A brochure and information on how to support this program will be in the bulletin in coming weeks.

## MOVIE FESTIVAL for Fr Mick's Mates



**When... September 10, 2013**

**Time... 7.30pm**

**Where... St Mary's Plaza  
Theatre &  
Hibernian Hall**

**Cost... \$20 - Includes  
Finger Food, Tea  
and Coffee served  
after Movie.**

### **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - Principal Update:**

Baz Flynn has begun his new role as Principal at Clairvaux in Belmont. For the next two terms Jan Fagan will be the Acting Principal.

Over the next coming weeks the selection process for a new Principal will be undertaken.

I ask for your prayers that we make the best appointment in this important leadership role in the school and in the parish.

(Fr Gerard)

## 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.

## Cluster News /Cont'd:



### LEGION OF MARY:

The legion of Mary is a Lay Catholic Apostolic Movement beginning in 1921 in Ireland, with many millions of members throughout the world who, with special devotion to Mary, are at the service of the Church as she leads us to Jesus. We aim to assist the Priest and Parish in a deeper love of God especially through the Rosary and the works deemed necessary to foster our Christian calling. If you are interested in joining our group you are most welcome. We meet at 9.30am on each Friday at the Holy Family Community Centre. Ph John 0409 042 393 or Cristita 5277 0979

**PRIESTS' CONFERENCE:** On the evening of Monday 4th August through to Thursday afternoon, Fr Mick and I will be away at the annual Melbourne Archdiocesan Priests' Conference. In next week's bulletin there will be the Mass/Communion Service timetable for the Tuesday 5th Aug, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th of that week.

### SCHOOL MASSES FOR AUGUST

July 30...	11.30am - St Joseph's Year 9 School Mass at Holy Spirit Church
Aug 1...	9.45am - St Patrick's School (Gr 3/4)
Aug 8...	11am - Holy Spirit School (Gr 3/4)
Aug 14...	9.15am - Holy Family School (Gr 5/6)
Aug 15...	9.15am - Holy Family School (Whole School)
"	9.45am - St Patrick's School (Whole School)
"	11am - Holy Spirit School (Whole School)
Aug 21...	9.15am - Holy Family School (Gr 1/2)
Aug 22...	11am - Holy Spirit School (Gr 1/2)
Aug 28...	9.15am - Holy Spirit School (Preps)
Aug 29...	9.45am - St Patrick's School (Preps)

## Community News:

**July 30...** **GEELONG INTER CHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK INC:** Join the discussion at a Refugee and Asylum Seeker Policy Forum at the Wesley Centre, 100 Yarra St Geelong with speakers Richard Marles, Christine Couzens, Linda Cusworth and Rod Mackenzie. Enquiries to [yvonnea7@sov.neg.au](mailto:yvonnea7@sov.neg.au)

**Aug 16...** **CHORAL WORKSHOP** will be held at St Luke's Uniting Church Highton from 10am to 3.30pm. With Rick Prakhoff, Manfred Pohlenz, Hugh Davidson - morning and a/noon tea provided, BYO lunch. Cost \$20 - senior students no charg. Ph Jane 0447 238 432 by 1st August to register.

**Aug 31...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: Psalmfest** will be held at St Luke's at 3pm with proceeds to Anam Cara House. Dr Malcolm John Conductor, Brendon Lukin organ and Marianne Black and Allister Cox cantors. Ph Jeannette 5223 3554 to join the occasional choir and arrange for music to be prepared for you.

**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.

**AN OFFER OF SUPPORT:** The issue of sexual abuse and its horrible ramifications are becoming more known and understood. One of the important elements in the steps towards healing is to seek counseling. To that end the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse, Child Wise and the Australian Gov't's Department of Social Services, are offering free support, counseling and information to young people who want to talk about their own, or another person's experience of abuse. If you need to speak to someone about youth-youth or adult-youth abuse, Child Wise can help. Ph 1800 991 099, email [helpline@childwise.net](mailto:helpline@childwise.net) or text 0408 008 853.

**SACRED HEART COLLEGE ENROLMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2015:** Limited places are available in Years 9 and 11. Closing date for applications is Friday 22 August. Ph the Registrar, Judy Smith, for further information on 5222 0490.

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All this is not to underestimate the reality of hell. If we believe in heaven and free will, it has to be logically true that hell exists and that, consistent with some people's free, knowing and serious rejection of God and of love all their lives, these choices will destine decisions made for, and by, them in the next world as well.

There are two major differences, however, between how we used to speak about heaven and hell and what we say now. Just as we know the treasure hidden in the field or the pearl of great price are metaphors for heaven, rich and wonderful ones at that, they remain images that enable us to grasp an unimaginable concept. So it is with hell. How can we imagine life without love and God? We

have learnt that our guidebook regarding hell needs to be more circumscribed about what that destination or state of being holds. All we can confidently say is that hell is non-God.

The second change is that we are more careful about being so confident in regard to who is going there. Jesus tells us that God wants all humanity to be saved. We can't take that seriously and then have people slip into hell for a small infringement of the rules. If we read today's Gospel in a different way it can be a commentary on what God has done for us. Humanity can be seen as the treasure in the field that God has sold everything to own. We are the pearl of great price that God has moved heaven and earth to possess and we are the fish caught up in the net of God's love.

Our God is the one who became one like us, in Jesus the Lord, so that we might know, love and serve him. That's what today's Gospel is all about. Jesus reminds his disciples that in glimpsing the things of heaven they have to be like the master of a household. That's a rich image. In Jesus' day such a person would have provided protection, love, security and justice for all.

God has given us free will and treasures, both new and old, to help us protect each other, love each other, feel secure in the truth and act justly. But we need to know that the choices we make in regard to these things have implications for how we live now and in the life to come.