



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

One bright Sunday morning, everyone in the town got up early and went to the local church. Before Mass started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from the devil incarnate. Soon everyone was evacuated from the Church, except for one elderly lady who sat calmly in her pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Satan was in her presence.

Now this

confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the older lady and said, 'Don't you know who I am?' The woman replied, 'I sure do.' Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?' 'No, certainly not' said the woman. Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?' The woman calmly replied, 'Because I've been married to your brother for 48 years.'

Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's

vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

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We welcome children and families from our three Primary Schools to the celebration of First Eucharist.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - August 17, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one.
One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23
2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36
Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

**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:

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: Kevin O'Brien

ANNIVERSARIES: Julie DaCosta, Luigi Fatone, Manuel Almeida (Jnr), Bruno Nesci, Caterina Iannuzzi, Gordon Brown, Bruno DiCristoforo, Guerrino Jerman, Donato Emanuelle

1 MONTH SINCE DEATH: Domenica Piccione

BAPTISMS: Aing Ayanang, Sebastian Lipski, Bennett Lowndes, Amelia Lunardelli, Archie Callaghan, Jai Welsh-Lewis, Lua and Ximena Wishart

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

Roster for Next Sunday, August 24, 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, 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
 - . **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

Cluster News:

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: This program is for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to be confirmed. **The program begins on Sunday Sept 7 and enrolments close Wed Sept 3.** For enquiries phone Frank Kearney at the Cluster Office Mon-Wed on 5278 1343.

THE HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP are conducting a Father's Day Raffle. There are a variety of prizes - tickets \$1 each or 3 for \$2. You can buy them after 8am and 9.30am Masses over the coming weeks. Good luck one and all!

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.

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 Cristina 5277 0979

CAR RIDE: A refugee family composing of mother, father and young child require transport to Church on Sunday. If you can help please ph Chris Nolan on 0430 150 855.

FESTA DI SAN BARTOLOMEO: 2.30pm Nella Basilica Di Santa Maria Degli Angeli. La Santa messa sara' celebrate da Padre Mick Fitzpatrick e Mons Murray. Dopo la Santa messa ci sara la processione fuori intorno della chiesa. 5pm - Verra offerto un rinfresco nella sala Santa Maria Yarra St Geelong. Invitiamo tutti gli Italiani di essere presenti alle funzioni religiose del nostro Protettore, manifestando la nostra fede e il nostro attaccamento alla chiesa Cattolica dimostrando le nostril nobili virtu' portate con noi dalla nostro indimenticabile e lontana Patria di origine. Questa grande e solenne festa annuale e' organizzata dal comitato di San Bartolomeo di Geelong.

FR MICK'S MATES COMMITTEE MEETING:

← **Wednesday August 20th - 4pm at the
Cluster Office. All welcome!**

SCHOOL MASSES FOR AUGUST

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)

UPCOMING CLUSTER EVENTS

Dates for your Diary -

Oct 26...	KRISTMAS FOR KUYA - Philippines Partnership
Nov 4...	MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON

MOVIE FESTIVAL for Fr Mick's Mates



When...	September 10, 2014
Time...	4pm & 7.30pm
Where...	St Mary's Plaza Theatre & Hibernian Hall
Cost...	\$20 - Includes Finger Food, Tea and Coffee served after 4pm Movie.

For tickets ph David Lunn 0408 378 982
or Noreen Haberman 5229 9352

Community News:

- Aug 20...** **CARITAS AUSTRALIA** is celebrating with thanks the generous support of parishioners for the last 50 years. You are invited to join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. Our story is your story.
- Aug 21...** **ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Featuring Greg Craven, Vice Chancellor of Aust Catholic University - "*Children, Cows and Catholicism*" at the CQ Club, 113-123 Queen St Melb 7am-9am. \$45/head, ph 0439 172 465.
- Aug 22...** **WESLEY CENTRE FOR LIFE ENRICHMENT:** An invitation to our fundraiser movie night - *The Hundred Foot Journey* at Readings Cinema Warn Ponds, 6.30pm. Starring Helen Mirren as Madam Mallory - tickets \$15 each available from the Wesley Centre Office. or ph 5222 4101.
- Aug 24...** **GEELONG COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA:** Celebrating Geelong's young talent - 3pm at McAuley Hall, Costa Centre for the Performing Arts, Sacred Heart College, Aphrasia St Newtown. Talented young local soloists perform instrumental and vocal solos with the orchestra. Tickets at the door or in advance - ph 5231 5595.
- 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.
- Sept 10...** **ANNUAL DEANERY DINNER:** At Dromoland House, Pakington St - \$45/person for a 2-course meal and a night of lively Cabaret music with Bert LaBonte and the Dave Gardner Quartet. Please contact Catherine Moon 5222 1977.
- Sept 14...** **RACE AGAINST DEMENTIA:** Memory Walk and Jog hosted by Alzheimer's Australia Vic in Eastern Park, Geelong. 8am start with live music, celebrity guests and a range of entertainment. To register go to memorywalk.com.au and sign up for the 2.4km walk, 7km walk or 7km run. More information ph Kristin Marshall on 9816 5746.

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.

To congratulate, celebrate and thank Fr John McCarthy for 50 years of loyal and devoted service to God and for his work in St Thomas Parish and CatholicCare, there will be a Concelebrated Mass, with refreshments to follow, at Lumen Christi Church, Kensington Rd Leopold on SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST AT 10AM. All parishioners and clients are welcome to honour him on this occasion. For any enquiries please ph Pam Scott on 0417 338 043.

CHALDEAN PATRIARCHATE'S APPEAL FOR URGENT HELP SOS:

The Isis militants attacked with mortars most of the villages of the plain of Nineveh during the night of 6th-7th August and now they are controlling the area. The Christians, about one hundred thousand, horrified and panicked, fled their villages and houses with nothing but the clothes on their backs. An exodus, a real *via crucis*, Christians are walking on foot in Iraq's searing summer heat towards the Kurdish cities of Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymijia, the sick, the elderly, infants and pregnant women among them. They are facing a human catastrophe and risk a real genocide. They need water, food, shelter etc.

Regarding the churches and church properties in the villages now being occupied by the Isis militants, we have reports of destruction and desecration. The old manuscripts and documents (1500) are being burnt.

As evident to all, the Central Government is incapable of enforcing law and order in this part of the country. There are also doubts about the capacity of the Kurdistan Region alone to defend the fierce advance of the jihadists. Clearly, there is lack of co-operation between the Central Government and the Regional Autonomous Government. This 'vacuum' is profited by the ISIS to impose their rule and terror. There is a need of international support and a professional, well equipped army. The situation is going from bad to worse.

We appeal with sadness and pain to the conscience of all and all people of good will and the United Nations and the European Union, to save these innocent persons from death. We hope it is not too late! (Louis Raphael Sako, Chaldean Patriarch of Babylon).

Next week - a call for prayer from the Holy Father.

/From Pt...

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of

her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

When we make our prayer intercessory,

either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honour which everyone deserves.