



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

A furore broke out in a country diocese some years ago about the retreat style of a priest who was taking Catholic students in their last year of high school or who were attending university away for weekend retreats. On the Friday night of the retreat this priest would tell the young people that by the end of the weekend they should make a decision about their Christian faith.

Some parents were shocked that their young people were given an ultimatum that included the possibility of rejecting their faith. The priest replied that Catholic youth have to make all sorts of decisions regarding career, lifestyle,

residence, studies and relationships. Religion, he contended, often fell by the wayside, either not important enough on which to make a decision, or relegated to the personal shelf of neglect to be possibly taken down and dusted off years later for a hatching, matching or dispatching.

The priest argued that this wasn't good enough. After 12 years of Catholic education or many years of catechetics the Church had to take the risk of calling for a personal decision for faith. Some of the young people consciously chose membership in the Church. In making such a profession of faith many reported having a deep encounter with God and an experience of their faith in Christ. Other

students made decisions against belonging to the Church, which is, of course, never irrevocable.

The entire retreat process was based on the question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?'

The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - August 24, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake
the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church; the gates of hell will not
hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9
2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2
Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

**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 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: Michelle Lawless, Keith Dobbins

ANNIVERSARIES: John DaCosta, Angelina Ferraro, Lawrence Noronha, Mrs Noronha, Deceased of Ivetac and Cvitan families, Francesco Abate, Christine Sutherland, Michael Degoldi, Bruno Nicolich, Francesco Alteri, Marianna Boccasini and one year anniversary of Win Atkinson

BAPTISMS: Mia Bell, Asha Brooks, Milla Law and Jude Lymer

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

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 31, 2014

(5th 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

11.00AM

G Langridge

G Brown, M Kroger

L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells

I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek

D Brown (even months), A Boras (odd)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan

Welcomers

J Cowell

Projectionist

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:



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH INTERNAL PAINTING:

From Friday August 22nd the Holy Spirit Church will be closed for a couple of weeks to enable the painters to paint the interior of the Church.

- **The normal weekday Masses will be held in the Holy Spirit Hall.**
- **The Saturday evening Mass on August 30th will be held at 6pm at St Patrick's Chapel (cnr Petrel & Britannia Sts Geelong West).**
- **The First Eucharist Mass on the Saturday evening of August 30th will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's at 6pm.**
- **On Sunday August 31st the 11am Mass will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's.**
- **The following week on Saturday Sept 6th the 6pm Mass will be held at St Patrick's Chapel.**
- **The Sunday Sept 7th the 11am Mass will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's.**

The hope is the Church will be ready for the following weekend's Masses.

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!

PLEASE NOTE:

The Cluster Lunch at Holy Spirit on September 7 has been cancelled.

MOVIE TICKET SALES:

There will be a representative selling tickets at all Masses this weekend.

For clarification - The Finger food is served at 6pm - after the 4pm movie and before the 7.30pm movie. If you wish to support this event with catering your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Ph Trish on 5278 1343.

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 6pm.

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

SCHOOL MASSES FOR AUGUST

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
Nov 30... CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL - Holy Family
Dec 7... CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL - Holy Spirit
Dec 13/14... CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL - Ss Peter & Paul's

FESTA DI SAN BARTOLOMEO:

Domenica 24 Agosto 2014 - 2.30pm Nella Basilica Di Santa Maria Degli Angeli. La Santa messa sara' celebrata 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.

Community News:

- 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 Anne Lee-Robertson 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.

NIGHTSCAPE: The next social event will be held on August 30. Come and join other fun lovers in the warmth of the cozy 'Pioneer Room' for an exciting night of live music, entertainment and/or dancing. Mark Saturday 30th August in your calendar for an escape from the winter blues. The 'Pioneer Room' is on the 1st Floor, St Mary's Parish Offices, 150 Yarra St. \$10/head at the door/other locations **OR purchase tickets online** (via your mobile) from <https://register.canbook.me/nightscape30-08-2014> (NB: 80c online booking fee applies). Call 'Information Line' 5280 8006 for enquiries, over the counter ticketing assistance **OR** email nightscape@iinet.net.au for enquiries.

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESS OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLY FATHER (7 August 2014)

The Holy Father is following with deep concern the dramatic news reports coming from northern Iraq, which involve defenseless populations. Christian communities are particularly affected: a people fleeing from their villages because of the violence that rages in these days, wreaking havoc on the entire region.

In light of these terrible developments, the Holy Father renews his spiritual closeness to all those who are suffering through this painful trial, and makes the impassioned appeals of the local bishops his own, asking together with them in behalf of their sorely tried communities, that the whole Church and all the faithful raise up with one voice a ceaseless prayer, imploring the Holy Spirit to send the gift of peace.

His Holiness urgently calls on the international community to protect all those affected or threatened by the violence, and to guarantee all necessary assistance - especially the most urgently needed aid - to the great multitude of people who have been driven from their homes, whose fate depends entirely on the solidarity of others.

The pope also appeals to the conscience of all people, and to each and every believer he repeats: *May the God of peace create in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation. Violence is not conquered with violence. Violence is conquered with peace! Let us pray in silence, asking for peace; everyone, in silence. Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us!* (Angelus, July 20, 2014)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Thoughts on Giving

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" Romand 11:35

St Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship.

We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all.

God made everything.

All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to him.

Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

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And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the

disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families.

It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face

of Christ in today's world and whether they could find a home with us.

And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?' How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion.