



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

At the morning parade in Dachau on 22nd July 1943, six prisoners were found to have escaped. Retribution was swift and brutal. Randomly selected, 12 people were hanged. As the other prisoners watched their 12 fellow inmates gasp for breath, someone in the crowd cried out, 'Where is God?' Silence descended on the yard. The 12 bodies were now in spasm, jerking and struggling for breath. As everyone watched, the voice came again, this time more urgently, 'Where is God now?' 'My God', another voice yelled back, 'My God is hanging there'.

This sort of

faith is what today's Gospel is all about. Christianity is the only world religion that holds that God took our flesh, suffered, died and was raised to life.

It is certainly true that we have domesticated the scandal of the cross, even to the point that, these days, it dangles from various parts of people's anatomies. I often wonder, had Jesus been electrocuted to death, whether we would have little golden chairs around our necks? But while we have tried to tame the reality of Jesus' tortured hours in Jerusalem, the reality of the cross in each of our lives cannot be so commercially soothed.

Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. We are not meant to be lovers of

pain – just bearers of it.

We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world. This is easier said than done. When we suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

We are encouraged to see that suffering can be an opportunity to grow in love. If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well. */Cont'd P4*



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - August 31, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 33:7-9
2nd Reading: Rom 13:8-10
Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

**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:

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: Hannah Dean, Nikolai Skorodumow, Anton Skotnica, Boris Obranovich, John Wallace

ANNIVERSARIES: Katarina Zarik, Alex Middleton, Francesco Matarazzo, Bill Salt, Michael O'Dwyer, Kristian Verdnik, Norm Keith, Walter Augustyn, Marie Casey, Catherine & Tom Conway, Teresa & Carmelo DeLuca,

1st ANNIV OF DEATH: Angelo & Elodia Capra, George Bollard

BAPTISMS: Rupert and George McGuane

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 reinserted. Please phone the office on 5278 1343 if you wish names reinserted.

Roster for Next Sunday, Sept 7, 2014

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

R Allum

Lectors

V Pavlovic

Special Ministers

J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane, I Baulch

Welcomers

K McArthur

Projectionist

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

6.00PM

E Cotter

Lectors

J O'Neill

Special Ministers

C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy

Welcomers

B Stocks

Projectionist

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

5.00PM

C O'Brien

Lectors

Sr J McGonigal

Special Ministers

N Neeld, P McGlinchey

Welcomers

B Pleasance

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:

Internal painting of Holy Spirit Church has commenced. The Church will be closed until Friday Sept 12th.

- **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 St Patrick's Chapel 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr Gerard is away this week at a Seminar run by the Jesuits entitled *Organisational Change and Ignatian Spirituality*.

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.

MANIFOLD BRANCH CWL will hold their 2014 Annual Meeting 1pm in Holy Spirit Hall on Sept 17th. This will be followed at 2pm by our High Tea - all members welcome to attend. 2015 - \$20 Membership, Horizon \$20 and Scripture Diary \$10 can be paid for on this day. For information/transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063. **Please Note there will be no meeting 3rd Sept.**

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

For tickets ph David Lunn 0408 378 982, Noreen Haberman 5229 9352 or see rep after all Masses.

CAN YOU HELP? If you are a supporter of Fr Mick's Mate's Relay for Life team and would like to assist with the team's fundraising efforts, we are seeking help with catering or serving of the light meal on the night. If you have an hour to spare, the hard working committee would be most grateful of your assistance. Please contact the Cluster Office on 5278 1343. Thankyou - Trish Stickland

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. .

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

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.
- " **GEELONG FRAMED 2014 JUMPER:** SVDP has an online auction for a framed, team signed, Cats 2014 jumper on Club Bid (clubbid.com.au in the memorabilia category). Google [Geelong Framed 2014 Jumper](#) to access. Auction ends at midnight.
- Sept 6... **GRANDMOTHERS AGAINST DETENTION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN:** Launch of new action group at St Paul's Cathedral, cnr Swinston & Flinders St Melbourne, 2pm. For more information see grandmothersref@gmail.com
- 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.
- " **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall - cost \$10, all welcome!
- 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.
- Sept 21-26.. **PARISH MISSION:** With Fr Ray Sanchez CP at Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove. Morning sessions 10-noon Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri following 9am Mass which will be repeated nightly from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries ph 5258 1673.

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL: At all weekend Masses of Sept 6/7 a second collection will be taken up for this appeal. As the Archbishop notes: *Our support for our retired priests and sick priests who have shown us deep spiritual care, is a true sign of gratitude.*



Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon

When: October 26, 2014
Where: Capri Receptions - Buffet Luncheon
Time: 12.30 for 1.00pm
Cost: \$25 per head - drinks at bar prices.

If you wish to book a table please contact Trish Stickland on 5278 1343.

The focus of our partnership with KUYA and Sr Kate O'Neill is to reunite the street boys of KUYA with their families through the micro credit program. Through supporting this event we are asking the families within the Pastoral Cluster parishes and schools to gather as family to support this function.

On our recent visit to the Philippines the Director of the KUYA Centre, Br Luc said *"It is as important to know that we are with them in spirit as it is to support them financially"*, and Sr Kate said *"It gladdens my heart to have the people from my home town and parish support our work"*.

If you wish we would like to take this opportunity to bring our family photo to the function so that it can be taken back to the KUYA Centre and put in their display board showing our support.

If you are not attending the luncheon and wish to support this function and would like to send a photo back, please drop it into the Cluster Office. Also copies of the **Wish List** are available for you to make a donation.

Hand Made Flowers: The street children of KUYA have made beautiful paper flowers which will be available for sale closer to the function. All funds will go to our Philippines Partnership - *Trish Stickland*

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If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well.

Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing physical, personal, sexual, spiritual or emotional pain; it can also be in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. In every gift there is a burden. Following Christ's example, we are

called to share our gifts heroically with anyone in need, even to the end.

Some people complain these days that God is often presented as a big marshmallow, all sweet and soft. Today's Gospel shows the 'edge' involved in being a follower of Christ. I don't know of a more demanding vocation in our world than that of taking up the cross of being faithful, loving and selfless.

And while we are invited to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it

alone. If we have the eyes to see it and the humility to accept it, Christ, literally, hangs in there with us every step of the way.

So let's recall the first cross from which we take comfort as we bear our own crosses. 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'
