



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

When couples who are going to be married in the Church come to see me for the first time I get them to fill out a brief questionnaire. The last two questions on the form ask: 'What do you like best about your partner?' 'What do you like best about yourself?' The first question usually presents no problems, although it can hold a few surprises and sometimes a playful punch if the right answer is not forthcoming!

The second question seems to present all sorts of difficulties, especially for prospective grooms. Some of us find it hard to name the God-given qualities we value most in our character. Some couples try to pass it off, 'That's for others to say' or, 'I don't want to blow my own trumpet.'

Others try to dismiss the question as being new age or trendy.

But the question does, in fact, cut to the heart of both today's second reading and Gospel. 'You must love your neighbour as you love yourself.' We cannot say in the same breath, 'I hate myself, but I am a good Christian.' For St Paul, love of self was not indulgent, but the cornerstone of our mission to love as Jesus loves us. Paul knew the difference between self-love and self-adoration. Our love of God is expressed in the healthy and appropriate esteem we have for ourselves. Put another way, we cannot love anyone else if we don't love ourselves. If we have poor self-esteem then often we need others to fill up this gap in our self-love. Most relationships cannot sustain such a demand.

The Church has to take some responsibility for this state of affairs. We used to be taught that mortification and self-denial were good Christian virtues, and indeed they can be. When properly understood they are never opportunities for self-hatred. The sanest spiritual writers in our tradition saw these virtues as paths of closeness with God and service of our neighbour.

One such writer was St Ignatius Loyola who in the Spiritual Exercises saw that it was precisely as sinners that God loves us. He saw that one of the greatest gifts the Lord can give us is when we see our sinfulness for what it is, but are not overwhelmed by it, and that we experience the power of God's love for us who calls us to walk as children of the light. /Cont'd P4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - September 7, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
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:

Sept 1-8: Mileto family, 82 Sladen St; **Sept 15-22:** Spitale family, 4 Marathon Ave.

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: Antonina Coppolino, Carmel Lynch, Betty Sell, Maria Berno (Italy), Milica Siketa, Mate Druzic

ANNIVERSARIES: Orlando & Iole DiCristoforo, Bruno DiCrostoforo, Giuseppa Lagama, Domenico Coloprisco, Teresa Valitutti, Harry Mallon, Salvatore Rotiroti, Vincenzo Pitaro, Ron Sells, Catherine Knowles, Giustina Oddi, Tony Balkin, Maurice Glynn

1st ANNIV OF DEATH: Anthony Bongiorno

BAPTISMS: -

PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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 14, 2014

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, G Cracco

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

D Ryan

J Ryan

B Murphy, R O'Neill, J Ryan

M Brown

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

M Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

R Martin

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.**
- **On Saturday Sept 6th the 6pm Mass will be held at St Patrick's Chapel.**
- **On 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 WELCOME: Next Sunday Sept 14th during the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family, the children and parents involved in the Parish Confirmation Program will be welcomed and make a commitment to be fully involved and prepare well for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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. 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.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Copies are available in all Churches this Sunday for free - please take one. This is a special Youth Edition and some articles include: *Be Brave - Ask Jesus what he wants from you, how can we find the courage to do what's right and be the people we're supposed to be? How to be a Catholic - What's expected of a young Catholic? Ask Papa Frank - Encouragement to do the right thing; Overcoming your worst fears - Tackling some of the biggest fears teenagers face; A Positive Path to success - The courage it takes to be a professional sportsperson; and much more!*

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:

7.30pm Session - SOLD OUT!

4.00pm Session - 8 TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

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

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.* For tax deduction purposes please use envelopes on seats.

Community News:

- 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.
- “ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- “ **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.
- “ **SALVATION JANE CONCERT:** A special afternoon concert at St Bernard's Belmont, 74 Fryers Rd Belmont, at 4pm. A beautiful afternoon of superb harmonies, soaring vocals and fun and laughter, tickets \$15/head with partial proceeds going to St Bernard's sister parish, Mannya in Uganda. Tickets available via [facebook.com/salvationjanereunited](https://www.facebook.com/salvationjanereunited) and trybooking.com (search Salvation Jane Geelong CD Launch) or at the door (booking ahead preferred).
- 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.
- Oct 22...** **SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP:** Conducted by Wesley LifeForce at Quality Hotel Bayside, 13-15 The Esplanade from 9am-4pm. No charge to attend the workshop. The program helps participants recognize when a person may be having thoughts of suicide and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them. To register use the following link: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wl-3143-wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-6hr-workshop-geelong-vic-tickets-12682889865



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.
Entertainment: Soul Sister Swing

If you wish to book a table please contact:

Parish: Trish Stickland 5278 1343

Schools -

Holy Family - Steph Berginc 5278 4634

Holy Spirit - Bern Boxer 5229 8298

St Patrick's - Leanne Eastman 5229 4412

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*

/From P1...

Jesus in today's Gospel attends to this destructive side of our human nature. Jesus teaches us that those who do not love their neighbour as they should are to be treated with dignity and respect and offered every opportunity to seek forgiveness until it is clear they can no longer be a part of the Christian family.

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God's love and forgiveness. And,

although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that 'anything goes'. It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God,

from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.

And we know when these qualities are taking deep root in us because answering a question like, 'What do you really like about yourself?' is a piece of cake!