



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

The film *Forrest Gump* was once described as the 'battler's triumph'. On one level it was about how the last will be first. This story picks up where the film left off.

Forrest Gump dies and goes to heaven. On arrival St Peter informs him that there are three questions he has to answer before he can enter. 1) What days of the week begin with the letter T? 2) How many seconds are there in a year? 3) What is God's first name?

Forrest answers straight away, 'Shucks, there are two days in the week beginning with the letter T - Today and Tomorrow.' St Peter replies, 'That's not what I was thinking, but you have a point. How about the next one?' 'I think the only answer can be twelve.' 'Twelve?' St Peter asks. 'Shucks, there's

gotta be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd. . . . 'Hold it', interrupts St Peter, 'I see where you're going with this. Let's go to the final question.' 'Sure', says Forrest, it's Andy! 'Andy?' exclaims an exasperated St Peter. 'OK, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with Andy as God's first name?' 'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all', Forrest replied. 'I learned it from the hymn . . . ANDY walks with me, ANDY talks with me, ANDY tells me I am his own.' St Peter opened the pearly gates and yelled, 'Run Forrest, run!'

In today's Gospel, in which the first labourers are paid the same wage as the afternoon workers, what the early birds didn't reckon on was that they could have come much later and got the same deal. We would cynically call the afternoon workers, 'Johnny-come-latelies' and

chances are if we were confronted with the same situation we would be with the complainers.

This story was important to the early Church because generations of Jews waited and longed for the Messiah and, like the first workers, they were the first to respond to the call of Jesus and to work in the field of his Kingdom. For some of the early Jewish-Christians, including St Peter, it came as a surprise that the Lord was calling Gentiles to the life and work of Jesus' Kingdom as well. We can imagine that it rankled some of the early birds to see these Johnny-come-latelies taking charge of the Christian mission. This wasn't how it was supposed to be!

This story, then, is a wonderful commentary on how fickle we are and, luckily for us, how extraordinarily generous God is. /Cont'd P4

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - September 21, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress I will hear them,
and I will be their Lord forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 18:25-28
2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11
Gospel: Mt 21:28-32

**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 22: Spitale family, 4 Marathon Ave; **Sept 29-Oct 6:** Baum family, 96 Heytesbury St;

Oct 13-20: McShanag family, 39 Sladen St.

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: Walter Payne, Bernie Logan, Silvio Filiti, Ennio Accheni, Maria Mamidziak

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Barretta, Angela Giapieri, Nobby DaCosta, Xavier Almeida, Valli Glynn, Stoja, Blaz, Ivan & Frances Mrkogaca, Andrew Murray, Emanuele Donato, Harry Gazenbeek, Giuseppe & Gaetano Pino, Eric Brown.

BAPTISMS: Archer Atherton, Alex McCrorie, Zak Obrusanszky, Ava Day, Roma Ierna, Zara & Judah Munday, Freddie Walker, Luca Veronie, Emily & Lucy Walker

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Julita Aquino, Manuel Almeida, Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Barbara Mason, Thomas & Harry Mallon, Frank Atchison

Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list. Please phone the office on 5278 1343 if you wish names reinserted.

Roster for Next Sunday, Sept 28, 2014

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

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

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

M Carson

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

M Brown

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan,

J Cowell

11.00AM

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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Cluster News:



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH INTERNAL PAINTING:

The internal painting is now at a stage where normal services will resume.

ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL: The Annual Appeal for CatholicCare will take place at all Masses this weekend. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it next Sunday, or post it direct to the CatholicCare.

FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

On Wed 10th we had another successful and enjoyable Movie Festival for Fr Mick's Mates. Special thanks to the Fr Mick's Mates Relay for Life Committee for their hard work in the organisation of the evening.

Also thanks to the girls from Sacred Heart College who assisted with the serving and cleaning up.

Thanks also to those who assisted with the catering, cleaning up afterwards, and thanks for those who supported the event by their attendance.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Thoughts on Giving

"So the last will be first and the first last"

(Mt 20:16)

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start but how you finish". This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use.

Through our gratitude and generosity we help each other get to Heaven!

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:

- 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 4... COASTAL RAMBLE TO 3 LOVELY CHURCHES ON THE BELLARINE FOR 3 LOVELY CONCERTS:** Travel by luxury coach, morning and a'noon tea provided with lunch at Esplanade Hotel Queenscliff. Starts 10am at Hibernian Hall and returns around 5.30pm. All inclusive ticket \$85 full, concession and children \$75. For bookings/information ph Bernice on 5253 1402 ASAP as places are limited. Organized by Music at the Basilica Inc.
- Oct 11... MARCH FOR THE BABIES:** Show your support by wearing pink and/or blue and join our March at 1pm at the Treasury Gardens Melbourne (meet at the corner of Spring St and Wellington Pde).
- 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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE - 2014-15 Social Justice Statement, Victorian Launch:

Mass ... 12 noon, **Friday 26th September** in St Mary MacKillop Chapel, Daniel Mannix Building, ACU, 8 Brunswick St Fitzroy.
Launch ... 12.30pm in Mary MacKillop Room, 7 Brunswick St Fitzroy, with light refreshments afterwards.
For catering purposes RSVP justice@cam.org.au or ph 9926 5727 by **Wednesday 24th Sept.**

Sunday lunch is a great opportunity for families to gather. We invite you and your family to book a table to -



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.
Guest Speaker: Jorge Villegas*
Entertainment: Soul Sister Swing

If you wish to book a table please contact:

Parish:	Trish Stickland	5278 1343
Schools -		
<i>Holy Family</i> -	Steph Berginc	5278 4634
<i>Holy Spirit</i> -	Bern Boxer	5229 8298
<i>St Patrick's</i> -	Leanne Eastman	5229 4412

*Jorge is a street educator at KUYA Centre for Street Children. More about Jorge in coming weeks.

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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What we see in ourselves and others is only a glimpse of what God is like. God is so much more: more loving; more forgiving; more compassionate; and more just. And because God is so much greater than anything we could ask or imagine, we are constantly surprised at how he turns our expectations, our fears and predictions upside down. We constantly look for God in the big and spectacular and he comes to us poor, naked, sick, in prison and hungry.

God speaks through the most surprising people at the most surprising times.

That's why those people who have decided that God can only work in certain ways, places, people, institutions and times so often end up at the end of the line when it comes to religious wisdom. Michael McGirr in his excellent book, *Things You Get for Free* argues that there is a crisis of belief today, but that it's not the way we often think. In a brilliant turning of the tables, McGirr says that the crisis of belief is that

people inside the Church sometimes cannot believe that people outside its traditional structures can experience the love of Jesus. God loves and guides the Church, but is not bound by it. God is busy about making sure those who might be last have a chance to come in first.

Rather than resent this, however, let's thank God for being bigger than we are and for being just to all of us, no matter when, or how, we get the Word.