



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 young priest was sent by his bishop to a parish that had a 'red light district' within its boundaries. On his first day in the parish a nun, who had worked in the area for many years, took him on a tour of her beat, the area where all the women-in-prostitution were plying their trade. As they went along Sister introduced the priest to her friends Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane. 'Sister it's fantastic that you know these women so well', he said. 'Don't worry', replied Sister, 'you'll know them in no time as well, and they'll know you by name too.'

Seized by panic, the young priest had visions of the bishop, the parish priest or, worse still, his mother coming to visit and walking with him down the street as Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane all wave and call out across the road, 'Hello Father'. Who

would ever believe he only knew them pastorally?

'Truly I tell you that prostitutes and tax collectors are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God.'

The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written.

It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to

be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - September 28, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.

But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 5:1-7
2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9
Gospel: Mt 21:33-43

**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 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: Augusta DeJesus Pinto, Nancy Warne, Peter Alsop

ANNIVERSARIES: Christalina Fernandes, Joseph Almeida, Margaret Gartlan, George Carmody, Jennifer McLaurin, Marjorie & Irene Dempsey, Marie Donnellan, Ivan Lukesic, Manual & Dinis Ramos, Vera McGrath, John O'Loughlin, Angela LaSpada (1 year)

1 MONTH SINCE DEATH: Antonina Coppolino

BAPTISMS: Thomas Dans, Chloe Arico, Sonny Barsic, Max Ferguson and Rory Howard

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, Oct 5, 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 Partnerships with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:***

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Cluster News:



DEANERY ROSARY PILGRIMAGE: The Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct 7) which is traditionally a day to pray for peace in the world. A Rosary Pilgrimage around the Geelong Deanery will be conducted by the Legion of Mary on **Saturday, 4th October**.

Timetable: 8am Mass at St Francis in Corio, 10am at Holy Family Bell Park, 11am St John the Evangelist Bannockburn, 12noon St Bernard's Belmont, 1pm Nazareth Church Grovedale, 2.30pm Star of the Sea Ocean Grove, 3.30pm St Thomas' Drysdale, 4.30pm St Mary's Basilica. For more information ph Adela Buaya on 0409 135 589.

BLUME'S FASHION SHOW: This will be held 10.30am in Holy Spirit Hall on **Monday October 6**. Spring clothing available for purchase on the day by cash, cheque or card. Separate fitting room to try on clothing. CWL members a plate for morning tea please. For transport ph Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Amy O'Brien 5229 9911. All cluster ladies very welcome to attend. Admission \$5 includes morning tea and chance to win a Blume's voucher.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2014-15 - AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE:

A Crown for Australia - Striving for the Best in our Sporting Nation...

The 'crown' of the title recalls St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, writing of an athlete's rigorous training in order to win 'a wreath that will wither' (1Cor 9:24-27). In the words of the Statement, the athlete's reward is 'a forerunner of the imperishable crown that we are striving for in our spiritual lives'.

Australians are passionate about their sport, whether as participants or as supporters, whether following the fortunes of their local club or their national team. Sport brings us together, builds communities and lets us celebrate the joy of movement and skill.

Sport also holds a mirror up to our society. As the Statement says, we like to think that it reflects the best in us as individuals and as a community - but we also have to admit that it can reflect the worst in us. Sport can show us a side to our society that is not only ugly but often unjust as well.

We are becoming too familiar with violence and abuse of drugs and alcohol, both on the field and off it, on the part of players and of spectators. Tragically, the very sport that can bring disparate communities together can also become a megaphone for racism or sexism. Yet as the Statement says, 'The goal of sport is the good of humans everywhere'. How, then, can we help build the Kingdom of God through our sporting experience - whether playing or cheering from the sidelines?

One important way is to honour sport's genius for inclusion and recognition. Think of the great gift that indigenous sports people, both men and women, have given Australia. This Statement includes moving accounts of groups of outsiders who have found purpose and empowerment through their participation in sport - young men from refugee backgrounds in one case, or homeless men in another.

Not least, sport makes a great contribution to the wellbeing and health of our society, both mental and physical. At a time when our life is becoming more and more sedentary, sport can ensure that we develop, care for and rejoice in the bodies that are a precious gift from God. Sport is one of the most important weapons against growing rates of obesity and circulatory disease.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II prayed that God would help the sports people he had met to be 'athletes of the spirit, to win your inestimable prize: an imperishable crown that lasts forever.' We join St John Paul in that prayer.

With every blessing - *Christopher A Saunders DD, Bishop of Broome, Chairman of Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.*

FR MICK'S MATES COMMITTEE MEETING:

4pm Wednesday 1st October
Pastoral Cluster Office
Agenda - Melbourne Cup Luncheon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 P&P

Community News:

- 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.
- " **NIGHTSCAPE:** An exciting night of live music, entertainment and/or dancing to be held in the Pioneer Room, 1st Floor St Mary's. \$10/head at the door or call information line 5280 8006.
- Oct 9... **CHRIS MACKEY & ASSOCIATES:** Free talk at the Geelong West Town Hall Supper Room on *Interpreting Dreams*. All welcome - for details email admin@chrismackey.com.au
- 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

WOOL NEEDED: If anyone has unwanted wool, especially in bright colours, the Refugees in Geelong will put it to a good cause in making craft items. Please leave at **Wing & A Prayer** in Malop St or ring Sue O'Donoghue on 0429 784 331. Thankyou.

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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He went to where they were, as they were. And we do the same because this is precisely what God has done for us. God didn't wait for us to 'talk the talk' before we could 'walk his walk'. Jesus came to us when we were religiously dumb and immobile and showed us how to speak, what to say and where to walk.

The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives,

our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own

society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

May this Eucharist give us the strength to not only 'look good', but to 'be good', to start over if we need to, and do our best to live out the faith we profess. May it strengthen us to find the Lord where he is, and not keep looking in the places where we would prefer him to be.