



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

Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the

'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a

new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - October 5, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 25:6-10
2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Mt 21:1-14

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: 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: Michael Wood, Maria Frittoli, Ana Kapornjai, Manuel Almeida

ANNIVERSARIES: A Fernandes, Norma Moody, Vladd Zavic, Antonio Palana, Margaret Mary Cranbourne, Joseph Stewart (Snr), Margaret Donnellan, Ernest, Ellen & Greg Thompson, Anton Topic, Helmut Schneider, Wally Wasik

BAPTISMS: Gemma Bye, Hazel Carollo and Saskia Fitzgerald

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Julita Aquino, 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 12, 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, E Glynn

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

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:

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON:

Fr. Mick's Mate's Melbourne Cup Day Chicken & Champagne Luncheon - \$20

Date: Tuesday November 4th
Time: 12noon
Venue: Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts

Tickets will be available for sale after all Masses in the coming weeks.



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*

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.

PUBLIC ROSARY: Please join the Legion of Mary for a Public Rosary. As we all know, Australia is in need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God's merciful blessing upon our country through the powerful intercession of Mary our Mother. Join us in praying for our nation on **Saturday Oct 11th at 11am**. To be held outside St Peter & Paul's Geelong West. Please ph John 0409 042 393 for more information.

Community News:

Oct 8... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.

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

Nov 4... **AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR AT THE BASILICA:** *Lux Aeterna with an orchestra of period instruments* - Douglas Lawrence, Conductor. 3pm at St Mary's Basilica - \$30/25 at GPAC 5525 1200 or at the door

Nov 14... **WINDFIRE CHAMBER CHOIR AT ST PAUL'S:** *Rejoice! The music of Henry Purcel with choir, soloists, organ, harpsichord and trumpet.* 8pm at St Paul's Church, Latrobe Tce - Tickets \$25/20 at GPAC or at the door.

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.

CHANEL OLD BOYS REUNION: Former students of Chanel College are invited to a reunion to be held in Geelong on November 15. Please forward your name, DOB and the years you attended Chanel to ppodbury@bigpond.net.au. You will be contacted regarding the reunion details. If you can't attend the reunion please forward your details for our database. **This reunion is for students who were taught by the Marist Fathers from 1958 to 1970.**

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$28. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please ph Terry on 5221 7339.

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

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

This year's Statement is about Australians and their love affair with sport, be it as participants or supporters. The Statement reflects on how sport brings together and builds up community, how it makes a great contribution to the well being and health of individuals, both mentally and physically. The conclusion is that sport at its best is an affirmation of the dignity of the human person, and hence is good and to be actively encouraged. The Bishops also acknowledged that there can be a dark side to sport which includes the 'win at all cost', the use of illegal drugs, excessive gambling and the potential for criminal involvement. On this dark side of sport there is a need for our society to be vigilant. Finally, the Bishops speak of the image of sport as a metaphor for striving for the ultimate prize of heaven. As Pope John Paul II in 2002 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'*.

There are only a few copies left at the back of the Church, but if you'd like to know more about this Statement and the work of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC), visit the ACBC website at www.catholic.org.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Thoughts on Giving

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone" (Mt 21-42)

Jesus was the cornerstone and he was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others, it is a sign that God is alive and well.

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The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have

thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.