



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

These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the

waters of baptism at dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's

seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver, get dressed up and have somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out. In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. /Cont'd P4

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - October 12, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

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:**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 45:1,4-6
2nd Reading: 1Thess 1:1-5
Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

**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 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: Dimitrious Cassels-Rantall, Giuseppina Resciniti, Anna Lipinski, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Jack Beasley, Von Logan, Desmond Brown, Olive Pickett

ANNIVERSARIES: Albert Piccirilli, Annie & Harry Wallace, Margaret Murray, Joseph Gillett Snr, Mary Dacre, Len Callander, Salvatore Peralta, Jack Bohan

BAPTISMS: Noah, Mikayla and Kiara Doherty, Maya Fisk and Edward Killeen

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Julita Aquino, Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Barbara Mason, Thomas & Harry Mallon, Frank Atchison, Pat Walsh, Theo DaCosta

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 19, 2014

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo

L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo

R Allum

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, M Fiorillo, I Raj, T Herath

E Dalton

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

J McCarthy

J McKenzie, Sr J McGonigal

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

11.00AM

G Langridge

G Brown, M Kroger

L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells

I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek

D Brown (even months), A Boras (odd)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

5.00PM

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

K Maddalena

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T McNair

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:

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 -

Holy Family - Steph Berginc 5278 4634

Holy Spirit - Bern Boxer 5229 8298

St Patrick's - Leanne Eastman 5229 4412

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.

Introducing our Guest Speaker, Jorge Villegas -

Jorge Villegas is a street educator at Kuya Center for Street Children. Jorge has a Bachelor Degree of Arts majoring in Psychology. He has been working with street children in Manila since 2004 and has been the street educator of Kuya Center since 2011. He is married and lives with his wife in Caloocan City, metro Manila.

Jorge's passion for the rights of children and for transformative change is highly evident in his interaction with children on the streets. These children eke out a living through scavenging, begging and at times stealing and sex work. They sleep in the market place or on the footpath. Jorge conducts alternative education modules for the children as they are not able to go to formal school. These sessions include modules on the prevention of child labour, trafficking, primary health care, life goals and life planning.

Jorge brings his creative flair to the streets where he conducts classes during monsoon rains or in extreme humid heat! His gentle, encouraging manner draws the children to him. He establishes great rapport with the kids and they soon trust him. Jorge is a terrific role model who many of the children aspire to follow. Jorge counsels hundreds of street children and encourages them to change their lives. He has been instrumental in introducing Kuya Center to many children, who in turn have been transformed into responsible and proud Filipino citizens.

- Sr Kate O'Neill

Other ways you can support our Kristmas for Kuya function -

Wish List - Inserted into this week's Bulletin is a copy of the 'Wish List' which you may wish to support. There are a variety of programs that you can support. What the 'Wish List' shows is that a relatively small amount, by our standards, can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of our Filipino friends. Copies of 'Wish List' also available at the Office

Home 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

Kristmas for Kuya Raffle -

- One week's accommodation at Murray Valley Resort Yarrowonga, value \$500 - donated by David Lunn
- \$300 Myer Voucher
- Adventure Park Geelong Gift Card - 2 day tickets valued at \$78
- Hamper donated by Holy Family School
- Hamper donated by Holy Spirit School
- Hamper donated by St Pat's School

Tickets available after all Masses.

We thank David Lunn, Adventure Park Geelong, Holy Family, Holy Spirit and St Pat's Primary Schools for their generous donations.

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.



Community News:

- 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.

WANTED: Live in personal carer wanted for an elderly couple in the Geelong area. Full board provided and negotiated remuneration. If interested please ph 04 3752 2067

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - BELMONT BRANCH thanks its members and friends for donating \$315 to the 2015 Weekend to End Women's Cancers. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by the project organizers concerned.

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 poodbury@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.

SANCTUARY AND SERVANT OF LIFE - *The Christian Family*

"The family has a special role to play throughout the life of its members, from birth to death. It is truly 'the sanctuary of life: the place in which life - the gift of God - can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth' - *St John Paul II*

The Extraordinary Synod on the Family: 5-19 October 2014, called by Pope Francis is focused on the many ways in which the family serves the good of the human person. The Synod specifically encourages families to "*regain their role as active agents in society*". It further acknowledges the need to strengthen "*the family's ability to bring generations together so as not to neglect the young and the elderly*" and the need for "*just laws, such as those that ensure the defence of human life from its conception and those which promote the social goodness of an authentic marriage between a man and a woman.*"

Copies of *Sanctuary and Servant of Life* pamphlets are available in each Church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Thoughts on Giving

"And my God will supply every need of yours..." (Phil 4:19)

God really does provide for those that are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are sceptical and say it's just coincidence.

If you are sceptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

/From P1...

It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show

that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment - a wedding robe. Like theirs, our

baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away.