



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

Nguyen Van Mah is one of eight sons. In 1978 his poor farming parents had to decide which one of their 12 children would be sent on a boat from Vietnam. They knew there was a great risk that they would be sending their son to his death on the South China Sea.

At 4.00 am a knock on the door of the family home came and Mah said his goodbyes. He has not seen his parents since. Mah was blindfolded and travelled in the back of a truck for eight hours. He was led through the jungle to a beach where the blindfold was removed. Mah told me that sometimes at this moment people are shot by evil traders who collect the money without any intention of dispatching a boat. That families never hear from their children is no surprise.

Mah told me, 'We were lucky, we made it off

the beach.' There were 29 adults in a boat built for 10. Inadequately prepared for the two week trip, all the boat people were sick, hungry and exposed. Thai pirates attacked their boat, executed three men and raped all the women on board. They were to bury another six people at sea who died from the effects of the journey.

On sighting land, the remaining 20 people in Mah's boat thought hope had arrived. But the Malaysian Navy, under orders to fire on all Vietnamese boats, forced it to return to international waters. Mah told me, 'At this point I almost lost my faith in God and human beings. I was going to die.'

The boat began to take water and was noticed by a Dutch trading ship which rescued them and deposited them in the Philippines. Mah migrated to Australia 12 months later and is

now the local doctor in an outback community that could not get a doctor for two years.

Isaiah tells us today 'You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.' Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the love of God is fulfilled precisely in as much as we love our neighbour.

No pressing issue in the Western World, it seems to me, invites such hysteria as does immigration. Until recently, most western countries have been good in offering hospitality to people who have chosen to leave, or have had to flee their country of birth. Given our comparative wealth this hospitality is entirely appropriate. And it is also appropriate for our countries to have a threshold number for the sake of the common good. /Cont'd P4

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - October 26, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

All Souls Day

1st Reading:	Is 25:6-9
2nd Reading:	Rom 5:5-11
Gospel:	Mt 11:25-30

**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.

OUR PARTNERSHIP PRAYER

Lord,
we ask you to bless our partnership with the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, The Kuya Center Staff and the Columban Fathers in the Philippines. Bless our call to share in this mission with a generous and open heart. May our commitment be to hear the cry of the poor. The Lord hears the cry of the poor, Blessed be the 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 27/Nov 3 - Mileto family, 82 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:

Fr John Nagle, Patricia Hamilton, John Allinson, Rod Carter, Giovanna Letizia, Valerian Fernandes, Boris Ribaric, Sally Stokes

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen, Basil & Bernie Haberman, Giuseppe & Giovanni Gulli (Italy), Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick, Deceased members of the Vanjek family - Josephine (Snr), Ziuka, Frank, Jenny, Rudi (Snr) and Wendy, William & Gertrude Paul, Jozef Kot, Francis Murphy, Rocco & Francesca Danielle, Reg Doherty

BAPTISMS:

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PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Julita Aquino, Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Barbara Mason, Thomas & Harry Mallon, 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, Nov 2, 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

Projectionist

B Stocks

11.00AM

C Neilson

B Middleton, M Wright

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 Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Cluster News:



BEREAVEMENT MASSES:

The first weekend of November the focus of our Mass will be Remembering and Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones. As part of the Bereavement Mass there are leaflets entitled ***In Loving Memory Of*** that will be placed at the foot of the Cross. These leaflets are now available if you would like to take one and fill it out in preparation for the November Mass.

PASTORAL CLUSTER PLANNING DAY:

Please note - on **Wednesday October 29** the Pastoral Cluster Office will be closed for the Planning Day.

Ways you can support our Kristmas for Kuya function -

Wish List - The Wish List highlights 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 supplied by Ivan Babic, USI Sheetmetal & Insulation Specialists
- 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, Ivan Babic, Adventure Park Geelong, Holy Family, Holy Spirit and St Pat's Primary Schools for their generous donations.

WELCOME TO JORGE VILLEGAS, STREET EDUCATOR AT THE KUYA CENTER...

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

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.



WELCOME - APPOINTMENT OF ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: We extend a warm welcome to **John Grant**, who has been appointed the Principal of St Patrick's School. He comes to the school with 22 years as a Principal in three schools. The most recent being Principal of St Vincent de Paul in Strathmore, Melbourne - a school which is comparable in size to St Patrick's. I am sure that John will build on the impressive legacy of Basil Flynn, the former Principal. John has many fine attributes, although he did let out that he is a Richmond supporter (Fr Mick will have a kindred spirit). - *Fr Gerard*

VCE STUDENTS: Over the coming weeks we have many young people in our parish families preparing for VCE examinations. This is a stressful time for the students (and their families) and we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Community News:

- 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 9...** **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE REMEMBRANCE MASS:** In memory of Deceased students, staff and friends at the College Chapel 2pm. All welcome!
- Nov 12...** **INSPIRE GEELONG:** A networking breakfast brought to you by Sacred Heart College Alumni Association. 7-9am at The Pier, 10 Western Beach Foreshore Rd Geelong. Come yourself, bring a friend or book a table. Cost \$45/head - \$430 for a table of 10. Book online at shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au or ph Kelly Suvoltos, Alumni Officer on 5222 0403. All proceeds will support the work of Geelong Mums.
- 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.**
- Nov 15...** **CHANEL OLD BOYS REUNION:** For students who were taught by the Marist Fathers from 1958 to 1970. Details at ppodbury@bigpond.net.au

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.

SANCTUARY AND SERVANT OF LIFE - *The Christian Family*: Pamphlets are available in each of the Churches.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE is seeking a Part Time Liturgy Co-ordinator for 2015. This position will involve working as part of a team to plan and prepare school liturgies. A role description and application information is available on the SHC website www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au Applications for this position close at 4pm Wednesday 29 October 2014.

ST MARY'S DERBY DAY FETE: Saturday 1st November, 91m to 4pm. Great attractions, bargains, food, amusements and entertainment. St Mary's Parish Centre and Primary School, 150 Yarra St Geelong.

UNIQUE SILENT AUCTION OPPORTUNITY: Gavin Podbury Seminars has donated to St Mary's Derby Day Fete two tickets to his forthcoming ***From Conflict to Co-operation*** Seminar to be held at the Geelong Conference Centre, Eastern Gardens, on **Wed Nov 26**. Usual price is \$700/ticket but you can bid by phoning the Parish office on 5222 1977 during office hours. Updating of bids permitted at any times and details of Seminar can be emailed on request or are available in the magazine rack in the Basilica Narthex. Silent Auction concludes **Nov 7**. All proceeds to St Mary's Derby Day Fete.

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In today's Gospel, however, Jesus does not promise us that the love of God and neighbour is going to cost us nothing. Jesus' law of love involves sacrifice for us individually and as a nation. Through the acceptance of this teaching we are committing ourselves to being our neighbour's keeper. In another part of the same Gospel, Jesus tells us that 'those to whom much has been given, much will be

required.' Sadly, many of us want the good life for ourselves, while doing very little to help other countries become more liveable, and then we can reject people who want to share in the blessings we have worked for and inherited.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus being forced to flee Israel for Egypt as refugees. If the Holy Family were coming our way these days,

they might be sent back to King Herod. May this Eucharist see in us a change of heart that enables our faith to act justly toward all people everywhere. May our goodness and hospitality mirror on earth the welcome we hope to enjoy from Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the kingdom which is promised to all, irrespective of where any of us has been born.