



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

A man died and went to the pearly gates. St Peter met him there. 'Before you meet with God,' St Peter said, 'I thought I should tell you that we've looked at your life, and you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not at all sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?'

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, 'Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a woman who was being harassed by a group of bikies. So I pulled over, got out my wheel brace, and went up to the leader of the bikies. He was a big, muscular, hairy guy with tattoos all over his body and a ring pierced through his nose. Well, I tore the nose ring out of his nose, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering the woman or they would have to

deal with me!' 'I'm very impressed', St Peter responded, 'When did this happen?' 'About two minutes ago!'

All Souls Day has its roots in the sixth century Benedictine tradition of praying to the dead. It was a way of recognising the human bonds which go beyond death. By the tenth century this feast was about praying for the dead, that they might know the merciful love of God.

It is appropriate today for us to think about what a soul is. In an increasingly secular society it's interesting to note that the word 'soul' persists in ordinary conversation. Many non-religious people use this most religious of terms to describe another person. We often hear how others are lonely, distressed, or lost souls. It can be said that someone has a 'beautiful soul' or that a piece of music, a painting or other work of art 'stirred my soul'.

We describe mellow jazz as 'soulful' and still alert others to distress by an SOS, 'save our souls'. These uses of the word reinforce St Thomas Aquinas' teaching that the soul makes us human, and sets us apart from other animals.

Nearly all the great religions of the world believe in a soul, or its equivalent – something that survives the annihilation of the body in death. I have come to the opinion that whatever else might characterise the soul, memory is an integral part of it.

I have done several funerals of people who have suffered from Alzheimer's disease. These are rarely very sad occasions because the family invariably says that they 'lost' their loved one months or years before. Why? Because increasingly their loved one couldn't remember anyone or anything. /Cont'd P4

All Souls Day

(Year A - November 2, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

1st Reading: Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12
2nd Reading: 1Cor 3:9-11,16-17
Gospel: Jn 2:13-22

**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:

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: Maria Abreu (Portugal), Eileen Egan, Fabrizio Tassalini, Maria Sacca, Ada Lewis, Sydney Hedley

ANNIVERSARIES: Jose Medeiros, Jose Mairos, Judite DaRosa

BAPTISMS: Harry Pundij, Zara Dimovski-Maselli, Leo Ditchfield, Zara & Judah Munday, Emily Noonan

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 9, 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

R Martin

Cluster News:

Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon - feedback:

Last Sunday's Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon was a great success! Capri Receptions was at capacity. Many thanks to all those who supported the Luncheon, the raffles, the Wish List, and a special thanks to all those who were involved in the planning, preparation and implementation of another great Pastoral Cluster event. I would like to share my welcome speech for the Kuya Luncheon with you.

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to you all.

A special welcome to our guests - Bishop Vincent Long, the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (Sr Kate's Order), Fr Gary Walker - Provincial of the Columbans, and Jorge Villegas our guest speaker who works as an educator on the streets of the shanty towns of Manila. To one and all - you are all very welcome.

Today is a celebration!

- *There will be good food and we thank **Masimo** and the team at Capri Receptions for the excellent service that they provide.*
- *We will listen to the music of **Soul Sister Swing** which is always entertaining and good fun.*
- *To have so many members of the community gathered together for a good cause is always engaging and uplifting.*
- *To have the opportunity to listen to the remarkable work of Jorge will be inspiring.*

All of this is well worthy of celebrating.

Personally, today is a celebration of these things, but much more. It is a celebration of the journey of the Partnership. Some ten years ago I was approached by the Columbans to see if the Pastoral Cluster would be interested in being engaged in the Overseas Missions of the Columbans - a Partnership of the local Church with an international mission. At the outset the Columbans were a bit vague on how the Partnership would transpire. The journey at times has been a slow and evolving process. But as I look out this afternoon at the capacity crowd, I can see by your presence that the Partnership is now valued.

*An important group in the Partnership have been our three Parish Primary Schools - **Holy Spirit, Holy Family and St Patrick's**. Our three Parish Primary Schools have been involved in a variety of fund- and awareness-raising activities over the last ten years. I would like to share with you one of the fruits of this Partnership for the school communities.*

Each year all Catholic Schools in Victoria are required to undertake what is called a School Improvement Plan which covers many areas of school life. One of the areas covered is the area of Social Justice. The students, teachers and parents are surveyed. They are asked the extent to which staff/students feel that Social Justice is important, and to which they have the opportunity to participate in Social Justice activities. Similarly the parents are surveyed as to how well they see the school providing opportunities for their children to be engaged in Social Justice activities. The surveys found that our three schools are all in the top 1-5% of all Catholic Schools in Victoria - a remarkable effort and well worthy of applause. The Schools' involvement in the Partnership has been instrumental in this success.

*There are many people to thank for today's Luncheon, but there's one person I'd like to pay particular tribute to and that's Trish Stickland. In 2007 when we invited **Fr Brian Gore**, a Columban, from the Philippines and who had been imprisoned for his stance on Social Justice, he said at the dinner that Social Justice demands that we do not remain 'comfortable Catholics' and we don't just 'dip our toes into the waters of social concern'. Trish has jumped into our Partnership with both feet. On your behalf I thank her for her generosity of effort and spirit and organization and managerial skills that have not only brought today's function to fruition, but also many other functions we have had as part of our Partnership. Heartfelt thanks.*

Please enjoy today as we begin with our new Partnership Prayer. (Fr Gerard)

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' are available at the Office.

A VOTE OF THANKS:

Let me begin with a very big thankyou to all who assisted with bringing the Kristmas for Kuya luncheon together on Sunday, especially the school co-ordinators - Steph Berginc, Bern Boxer and Jan Fagan/Leanna Eastman. Amidst Confirmations, Jorge's 10-day itinerary visiting schools and parishes, we achieved something truly amazing with 418 people gathering for lunch. Congratulations on a job well done! Jorge departed on Monday for Sydney at 9am and Br Paul Murphy messaged to say he had arrived safely.

Special Thanks to all parishioners who supported the function through the raffle and donations. Your generosity is much appreciated and below is the impressive results of a collective job well done.

Combination of the Raffle, Silent Auction for stay at Mantra Lorne, Flowers made by the boys from Kuya Center, Schools and other donations amounted to close to \$41,316.75 less expenses (\$1,942)

Together with the \$10,000 raised at our Mothers for Mothers High Tea that was forwarded onto Sr Kate in May to support their Micro Credit Program in Manila, in 2014 we have raised **\$51,316.75** for our Partnership.

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

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.



BEREAVEMENT MASSES:

This weekend 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** where you can write the names of deceased family and friends that you would like prayed for. These leaflets will be placed at the foot of the Cross and will remain there for the duration of November.

FR GERARD ON THE MOVE:

From early November I will be moving out of the top floor of 1 Malone St Geelong residence and relocating to the Unit at the back of the Pastoral Cluster Office in Separation St. I approached Catholic Super Fund who lease the ground floor, to see whether they would be interested in leasing the upper floor. Thankfully they said 'yes'. My primary motivation in approaching them was that the shortfall of our Thanksgiving collections at present fall below our costs. (Fr Gerard)



- **PLEASE NOTE - OFFICE CLOSURE:** The Pastoral Cluster Office will be closed on **Tuesday November 4th** - Melbourne Cup Day.
- **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.
- **THANKYOU:** Frank and Val Atchison, along with their family, would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Fr Mick, Fr Gerard and all the parishioners of the Cluster for their prayers, concern and support during Frank's recent illness. It was greatly appreciated.

Community News:

- 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...** **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- 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

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 the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please ph Terry on 5221 7339.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SCHOOL OPEN DAY - Friday 7th November, 9am-11am

Holy Spirit Parish School would like to invite you to an Open Day on Friday 7th November. The school would like to showcase the new learning spaces and how staff have adapted some of the existing classrooms. Holy Spirit Parish School is proud of what has been achieved and would be delighted to welcome back past students or parents, interested parishioners or prospective members of the community.

We will be holding a short liturgy and blessing at 9am followed by an opportunity to tour the building. Please feel free to drop in anytime during the two-hour period.

/From P1...

We hold to caring for the body from the womb to the tomb, because we believe that human dignity must always be respected. There are now theories about how even the memories of the circumstances of our conception and birth have a bearing on the way we live our lives. It is also apparent that even when people seem to have lost their memory, or are unconscious, that there is some recognition of some things at a very deep level.

Soul as memory means that when I meet God face to face, I will remember who I am and how I lived, and God will remember me. It's also a comfort for us to think that we will be reunited with those we have loved who have died before us, because we remember each other.

And what is best about a 'remembering soul' is that it is purified. In the old catechism we used to say that heaven was

the place where we are perfectly happy with God for eternity. If we think of purgatory as a stage rather than a place, then it's possible to reclaim it as a moment when we see the fullness of God's sacrificial love for us, and recall our sometimes destructive behaviour toward ourselves, others and the world. Purgatory can be a moment where our memory is purified so we can be eternally happy with God in heaven.