



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

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen until he was nearing the end. When he thought his death was imminent, and that he could probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received Holy Communion and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done. I think we should admit that this move has been a mixed blessing for the Church ever since.

On the positive side of the ledger it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. There is no question that Christianity moderated, cultivated and humanised some of the worst Roman excesses.

On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the

Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against Imperial Christianity in the 6th Century.

It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Year A - November 23, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power forever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**1st Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading:	Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8
2nd Reading:	1Cor 1:3-9
Gospel:	Mk 13:33-37

**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 24-Dec 1: Romios family, 85 Sunderland Rd;

Dec 8-15: Moore family, 39 Willana Ave.

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: Monsignor James Murray and Rosaria Bellia

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonio Zanghi (1month), Kevin Craven, Julia Brady, Hilda Pearson, Maria Sousa, Christine Whiteley, Mary Sells, Kevin Bohan

BAPTISMS: Ruby Gandolfo, Marcus Filipovic, James Kildea and Milla Hutchison

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Julita Aquino, Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Barbara Mason, Thomas & Harry Mallon, Pat Walsh, Theo DaCosta, Denis Brown, Vernon Bowers

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 30, 2014

(5th 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

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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Cluster News:

DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS:



This week the invitations to all known Catholics to our Christmas Second Rite Reconciliation and Christmas Masses will be available for collection. Again we call on you, if you can, to assist with this distribution. The invitations are in alphabetical order according to streets. Thanksgiving Envelopes have been integrated into this distribution.



- **LECTORS PLEASE NOTE:** Your copy of the new **Break Open the Word** is now in the Sacristy where you are rostered. Please collect it as soon as you can. Many thanks for your continued support.
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** A warm invitation is extended to all senior parishioners to attend the Mass and Luncheon on **Saturday November 29** commencing with **Mass at 10.30am and Luncheon at 12noon** in the Community Centre. If you wish to attend please place your name on the sign-up board (white form) in the Narthex and indicate if you require transport on the day. **Catering for the Function:** Please place your name on the sign-up board (pink form) in the Narthex if you can assist with the catering. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.
- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** Available for purchase from the Piety Stall in the Holy Spirit Church from 16th November until 13th December. Cards (pkts of 8) at \$7 and Calendars \$9 and Holy Family calendars available at \$9.
- **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will have their Christmas Luncheon on **Tuesday 2nd December**, 12.30pm at Bell Park Football Club Bistro, Calvert St Hamlyn Hts. All members invited to attend. Please bring along a wrapped Christmas gift value to \$5 to share. Bookings/transport ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Tricia Joyce 5221 1986.
- **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.

FR MICK'S MATES:

- * Thankyou to the parishioners in the Cluster. All 150 raffle books for Fr Mick's Mates are now distributed. The winner of the draw for a \$50 voucher at The Great Western is **Kerrin McArthur**. Your next date is to return all books by **December 14th**.
- * **Fr Mick's Mates Committee Meeting** - Tuesday November 25th, 4pm at the Cluster Office.
- * **Raffle Tickets \$1** - Crochet blanket, Gourmet Basket with relishes, jams, shortbreads, etc, Milana's Lingerie & Swimwear Voucher, Perfume Pack, Beauty Pack.
- * **Christmas Market Stalls** - Holy Family November 30, Holy Spirit December 7 and Ss Peter & Paul's December 13/14.

Community News:

- Nov 29...** **PHNA:** Last TLC for the year. Come along for lovely pampering and delicious afternoon tea at 36 Shannon Ave, Geelong West.
- Nov 30...** **RICE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MINI FAIR:** 11am-3pm featuring Des Cam Jazz Band with Christmas gifts, craft stalls, spinning wheel, Granny's Treasure Stall, gourmet preserves, cakes & biscuits, Devonshire tea, bbq lunch, Santa arriving on CFA truck, raffles, silent auction and more! 2 Marshalltown Rd, Marshall.
- “ **EVENING CONCERT FOR THREE ORGANS:** St Mary's Basilica, 8pm - featuring Tom Healey, Brendon Lukin and Frank DeRosso. Grand organ from the gallery, chamber organ from the transept and digital organ from the nave. Free (optional gold coin donation appreciated).
- Dec 1...** **RERUM NOVARUM ORATION 2014:** 7-7.30pm in the Daniel Mannix Building, Aust Catholic University, 8 Brunswick St Fitzroy. For information ph 9926 5727 or justice@cam.org.au
- Dec 5...** **ELVIS SPECIAL:** St Mary's Plaza Theatre 7.30pm featuring party songs followed by the 1968 TV Special. Raffles, door prize, supper - all welcome! A suggested donation of \$3 per head would be appreciated.
- Dec 6...** **LOURDES DAY MASS 2014:** The Order of Malta invites you to attend with Principal Celebrant Most Rev Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes.
- Dec 7...** **MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition - ph 9287 5579 or Lmf@cam.org.au
- “ **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** invites all members to join with them in a liturgy of Thanksgiving for the year and Christmas Carol Recital in the College Chapel at 2pm. A'noon tea will follow in the Reception Parlour at Sacred Heart College. For catering purposes please inform the Alumni Officer if you wish to attend - Kelly Suvoltos 5222 0403 or ksuvoltos@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

FREE LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS FOR ADVENT AT ST MARY'S BASILICA:

Monday Dec 1 -	12.30-1.15pm	Dion Henman from St Patrick's Melbourne
Monday Dec 8 -	12.30-1.15pm	Paul Taylor from St Francis Melbourne
Monday Dec 15 -	12.30-1.15pm	John Rivers from All Saints, East St Kilda
Monday Dec 22 -	12.30-1.15pm	Frank DeRosso, St Mary's Basilica organist

ADVENT MISSION:

Fr Richard Leonard SJ will present a 3-day Advent Mission at St Mary's Basilica from Monday Dec 1 until Wednesday Dec 3, after speaking at all Masses at St Mary's on the weekend of Nov 29/30. The daily programme will be Mass at 9am followed by the Mission Presentation at 9.30am with Morning Tea to follow. In the evening there will be a Paraliturg at 7.15pm followed by the Mission Presentation (the same as in the morning) at 7.30pm, followed by Supper. Topics are: Monday - *Making the best choices in my life in the light of faith*; Tuesday - *Jesus Christ for us and with us right here, right now*; Wednesday - *Liturgy: God's great love meets our frailty*. Everyone is most welcome!

REFORMS RESULTING FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION:

Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council, has called on all Catholic communities and agencies to stay in touch with the reforms which are starting to take place in the Church as the Royal Commission into child sex abuse continues its work.

"The Catholic Church is playing a very important role in contributing to the public debate around reforms which need to be made, particularly across civil litigation and redress for survivors of abuse. It is vitally important that the Catholic community, at the very least, is aware of these changes."

Mr Sullivan said the Church, through the Council, is working closely with the Commission on a new approach to helping survivors of child sexual abuse find justice.

"I encourage everyone to sign up to our weekly electronic newsletter, which gives a brief overview of the weekly work of the Council, news from the Royal Commission and media and other material."

To contact the Truth Justice and Healing Council:

Website: www.tjhcouncil.org.au
Email: admin@tjhcouncil.org.au
Phone: Michael Salmon 0417 495 018

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The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care

for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.

That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the

quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.