



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer.

Eventually they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge. They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours; lines of code streaming up the screen. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes and takes out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with. Satan is visibly upset, and cries, 'I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out.' 'Very well, then,' says God, 'let us see if Jesus fared any better.' Jesus enters a

command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished. He stutters, 'But how? I lost everything, how can Jesus' program be intact?' God chuckles and says, 'Ah - because Jesus saves.'

On this final Sunday of Advent the Church moves our gaze to the Annunciation. The whole scene hinges around one word: 'Yes.' Mary's fiat sets in motion the entire Christian drama. In his film *Jesus of Nazareth* Franco Zeffirelli pictures the Annunciation this way: Mary is asleep at night when a gust of wind opens a high window. Afraid at all the commotion Mary gets up and starts to pray. As she prays, we see her face change and her

body bend over. With tears in her eyes, Mary looks up through the window to the moonlit sky and simply says, 'Yes'. The swirling wind dies down at once.

In recent years successive popes have reminded us that the best devotion to Mary is one that leads us to do what she did: say 'yes' to Jesus. Mary is not a stop on our journey of faith; she is a guidepost that always sends us on to Christ. Mary does not save us, for we believe she needed to be saved by Christ as well. That's why she could say yes in the first place. Mary recognised the gift and the giver and became the bearer of God for the world.

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May you all be blessed with a happy and holy Christmas



4th Sunday of Advent

(Year B - December 21, 2014.)

ADVENT RESPONSE:

I am the servant of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord;
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Holy Family

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

2nd Reading: Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

**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.

- Christmas Masses -



December 24...



5.00pm Ss Peter & Paul's
5.30pm Holy Family (focus on the children)
7.00pm Ss Peter & Paul's
8.00pm Holy Spirit
Midnight Holy Family (Carols from 11.30pm)

December 25...

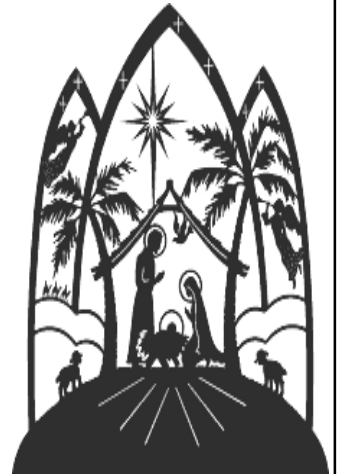
9.00am Holy Spirit
9.30am Holy Family

2ND RITE RECONCILIATION:

Monday December 22... 7.30pm Holy Family

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN CROATIAN:

December 24... 9.00pm Holy Family
December 25... 11.30am Holy Family



ITALIAN MASS CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.00am at St Patrick's Chapel, Geelong West

LITHUANIAN MASS CHRISTMAS DAY:

9.30am at Ss Peter & Paul's Church



- Christmas Rosters -



Rosters for the Masses over the Christmas Eve/Day are below. **We still need helpers where there are ****. You do not have to be from the parish where you will be attending Mass - you can still help out.** If you can assist, please phone Frank 5278 1343 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Lectors please note: The readings are for the "NIGHT" Mass on Pg 18/19 of 'Break Open the Word' for ALL Masses on Christmas Eve, including Midnight Mass.

Holy Family

5.30pm

Commentator F Kearney
 Lectors Children
 Sp Ministers L Sells, B McFarlane, E Kelly, J Genova, P Ruggeri
 Projectionist F Kearney

Midnight

M Baird
 D Lunn, A Negro
 M Baird, M Fiorillo, D Lunn, V Resciniti, ****
 C Resciniti

Ss Peter & Paul's

5.00pm

Commentator A Henderson
 Lectors G Tolan, K Maddalena
 Sp Ministers G Tolan, A Henderson, K Maddalena
 Projectionist ****

7.00pm

B Middleton
 M Martin, M Gifford
 P McGlinchey, B Middleton, M Gifford
 R Martin

Holy Spirit

8.00pm

Commentator M Kroger
 Lectors G Brown, J McCarthy
 Sp Ministers C Laffy, R Pugh, ****
 Projectionist D Brown

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Lectors please note: The Readings are for the "DAWN" Mass on Pg 20/21 of 'Break Open the Word' for ALL Masses on Christmas Day.

Holy Spirit

9.00am

Commentator E Cotter
 Lectors J Sheahan, J O'Neill
 Sp Ministers R O'Neill, J Sheahan, E Cotter
 Projectionist ****

Holy Family

9.30am

Commentator M Lukesic
 Lectors B Rainbow, P Gizycki
 Sp Ministers M Fiorillo, H Verdnik, I Baulch, I Raj, P Carmody
 Projectionist C Resciniti



Roster for Next Sunday, Dec 28, 2014

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill
L Kelly
L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane
L&E Kelly
R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic
M Baird, P Gizycki
D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti
A Sare, A/I Dugandzic
C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy
M Carson
C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman
M Brown
T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson
G Tolan
A Henderson, G Tolan,
J Cowell

11.00AM

J Fraatz, L Eastman
M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius
M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski
R Zarb

OUR LADY'S STATUE: Dec 22-29: Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Jose Goncalves (Portugal), Gertrude Perilli and Fr Vin Creed

ANNIVERSARIES: Boris, Eva & Andrew Uroda, Ignatius Sawczyk, Joseph, Catherine & Felix Capicchiano, Charles & Marjorie McShanag, Giuseppe Pitaro, Leslie Cranbourne, Stanislaw Niekrasz, Ripalda Sicuro, Concetta Gangemi, Domenico Giovanni, Rosetta Santamaria, Giuseppa Gangemi, Vincenzo Salvo, Zlatko Velcek

BAPTISMS: Lily Dahm

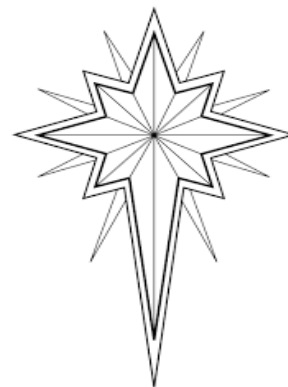
PRAY FOR THE SICK: Julita Aquino, Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Thomas & Harry Mallon, Pat Walsh, Theo DaCosta, Denis Brown, Vernon Bowers, Brian Carr

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.*

Ss Peter & Paul's Church celebrates Christmas with the return of the Nativity Scene on the lawns of the Church grounds.

We are most grateful to the Spina Bros (Rob, Mario, Tony and Fred) for the construction and restoration of the original statues to their former glory. Listed below are details of businesses who kindly assisted with this project.

- **Security -** Barwon Security
- **Building -** Calco Trusses & Timber, Barwon Tce South
Geelong (Stuart, Justin, Paul & Staff)
Leens Building Supplies, North Geelong (Jack & Staff)
- **Perspex -** Murooba Products, 8 Albert St Moolap (Gordon)
- **Electronics -** Jaycar Electronics, 48 Mercer St Geelong
- **Animal Statues -** Simply Perfect Pieces, 1 Murray St Colac (Helen, Rodney & Staff)
Sacred Art Studios, 7274 Chiffley Dve Preston (Guissepe)
- **Star -** Delighting, Newtown (Neil)



FR MICK'S MATES:



2015:

February...	Team Registrations - forms available at all Churches
February 8...	Fr Mick's Mates BBQ - at Bunnings
March 13...	Fr Mick's Little Mates
**March 21/22...	Relay for Life Event at Geelong Showgrounds (Please note change of date)
September 10...	Movie Night - at St Mary's (2 sessions)
November 3...	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
December...	Christmas Hamper - Sales and Raffles

**** PLEASE NOTE: Relay for Life Event Change of Date** - Due to venue being double booked it will now be held on **March 21/22, 2015**

RAFFLE RESULTS: 1st - Betty Ladich; 2nd - Chris Colley; 3rd - Amy O'Brien, 4th - Bridget Thomson, 5th - Marguerite; 6th - M Martin.
Please collect your prize from the office.

Cluster News:

- ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY FAMILY AND SS PETER & PAUL'S CONFERENCES - JESSE (GIVING) TREE APPEAL:** Thankyou to all the parishioners and other groups for responding so magnificently to our Appeal for donating food and presents. On Tuesday this week 70 families involving 119 adults and 49 children in our areas received a box of food and presents for the younger children. Thanks for your generosity. We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

HELP!

Over the holiday period we have Lectors and Special Ministers away. If you can arrange for people to replace you, please do so. Also, if you are at a Mass and we seem short on people who do your role, please help out on the day. Thankyou for your commitment during the year and we trust you have a happy and holy Christmas.
- Frank Kearney

Community News:

- Dec 21... GEELONG CROATIAN COMMUNITY 7TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Featuring a collection of traditional Croatian and International Christmas songs and Carols at St Mary's Basilica 6.45pm following the 5.30pm Mass. All welcome - free entry. For further information ph Vesna Grgic on 0403 183 123.
- Dec 25... GEELONG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER:** Christ Church Hall, cnr Moorabool & McKillop St from 9.30am-3.30pm with lunch 12noon. For catering purposes ph SVPD 5221 9170 or 0408 133 561. Available to any person or small family at no cost who may be alone and would like to join others to celebrate this special day in true Christmas spirit.
- Jan 24... SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS GOLDEN JUBILEE IN AUSTRALIA 1964-2014:** A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners within the Pastoral Cluster to join us in celebration of our Golden Jubilee in Australia. Commencing with 11am Mass at Holy Family Church Bell Park, followed by morning tea in the Mercy Room (Holy Family Primary School). All welcome!
- Feb 2... SACRED HEART COLLEGE MAGUIRE CELEBRATION:** An open invitation is extended to all members of the Sacred Heart College community to the annual awards presentation and launch of the 2015 school year. 6.45pm at Simonds Stadium, Geelong Football Club, concluding with refreshments in the Deakin Cats Community Centre at Simonds Stadium.

'Consecrated life is a call to incarnate the Good News, to follow Christ, to take on 'Jesus' way of living and acting as the Incarnate Word in relation to the Father and in relation to the brothers and sisters.' (St John Paul II, Vita Consecrata, n22)

In practical terms, it is a call to take up his way of life, to adopt his interior attitude, to allow oneself to be invaded by his Spirit, to absorb his surprising logic and his scale of values, to share in his risks and his hopes.

We pray for many young people to hear the call to take on the way of living like Jesus.

We pray that each of us will allow ourselves to be 'invaded by his Spirit' and share in his risks and hopes.

/From P1...

In this final week of Advent let's keep reminding ourselves of this simple but life-changing fact: Jesus saves us. Jesus saves us from death. Jesus saves us from living lives devoid of purpose and meaning and Jesus saves us from ourselves.

We don't save ourselves. We cannot earn salvation by good works or prayers or penance. And, as difficult as it is to hear,

we cannot save anyone else. That includes our children, spouse, grandchildren, parents or friends.

Our prayers, good works and faith are the responses we make to the salvation of Christ we claim here and now. And how we live is the way by which those we love will find the gift of God's salvation for themselves.

In the midst of this frantic final week before Christmas when so many other things can distract us from what this grace-filled feast is really all about, let's take a moment to join Mary in accepting into our lives and hearts the greatest of all gifts - our undeserved salvation, Jesus Christ the Lord.