



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

When I was sixteen I read the works of Jesuit Fr John Powell. In one of his books he wrote, 'We should never leave this world not having the people that we love know that we love them.' Now, I don't come from a particularly demonstrative family. We do not make regular declarations of our love accompanied by long hugs. So I took John Powell's line as a personal challenge.

At the time my sister was working with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and my brother was working in another city, so I wrote them both letters and told them I loved them. I never heard a word back.

That left my mother. I stayed in one

Saturday night and, with my heart pumping and my tummy churning, I approached my mother after dinner while she was watching the news on the TV. 'Mum, I have something very important to tell you.' My mother, not taking her eyes from the screen, casually said, 'Oh yes what's that?' 'Mum', I responded, 'I've never told you this before and I need to say it tonight.' As she slowly turned off the TV and faced me, I could tell there were now two hearts pumping and two tummies churning in that room!

I plucked up all my courage and came straight out with it. 'Mum, I just want to tell you that I love you.' And such was her relief that my mother replied. 'I hope so!'

And quickly turned the TV back on. There were no hugs and kisses, no violins playing or statements about how long Mum had been waiting to hear one of us talk of our love for her. As I walked back to my room I thought I would never take John Powell's advice again!

My brother and sister wrote to my mother asking her what was wrong with me. They all concluded it was a phase I was going through. I hope it is a phase I never get over!

Today's feast of the Holy Family is about faithful love that looks after the most important people in our lives. We all know that fights and bitterness can wreck families for generations. /Cont'd P2



We wish you all a happy, blessed and safe new year!

Feast of the Holy Family

(Year B - December 28, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord remembers his covenant
forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
In the past God spoke to our fathers
through the prophets; now he speaks
to us through his Son. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**The Epiphany**

1st Reading: Is 60:1-6
2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3,5-6
Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

**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: Dec 29: Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale 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: Russell Preston, Giovanni Chiavaroli, Peter Lahey, Jose Goncalves, Lidia DeAngelis

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Pino, Vittoria & Giuseppe Ruggeri, Frances Drew, Nell McFarlane, Filomena & Domingos Rodrigues, Zlatko Velcek, Peter Bahl

BAPTISMS: Aria McHenry, Sybil Sargeant and Esther Tobane

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

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, JAN 4, 2015.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
 Lectors
 Special Ministers
 Welcomers
 Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum
 V Pavlovic
 J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane, I Baulch
 K McArthur
 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
 Lectors
 Special Ministers
 Welcomers
 Projectionist

6.00PM

E Cotter
 J O'Neill
 C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy
 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
 Lectors
 Special Ministers
 Welcomers
 Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien
 Sr J McGonigal
 N Neeld, P McGlinchey
 B Pleasance

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 Tues of each month, 6pm at Berkely Lodge. 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:

PASTORAL CLUSTER OFFICE HOURS:

- Monday Dec 29 & Tuesday Dec 30... Office hours as normal
Wednesday Dec 31... Office manned intermittently. Please leave phone messages.
Thursday Jan 1... Office closed for Public Holiday
Friday Jan 2... Office manned intermittently. Please leave phone messages.
Week beginning Monday Jan 5... Office hours as normal

NEW YEARS DAY MASSES:

- New Year's Eve (Wed Dec 31)... 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's
New Year's Day (Thurs Jan 1)... 11am at Holy Family (a shared Croatian and English Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES :

- Monday Dec 29... No Mass at Vincentian Village
Tuesday Dec 30... 9.15am Mass at Holy Family
Wednesday Dec 31... 9.00am Mass at Holy Spirit
Thursday Jan 1... No 9.15am Mass at Holy Family
Friday Jan 2... 11am Mass at Holy Spirit
Saturday Jan 3... 9.00am Mass at Holy Spirit

THANKYOU:

Christmas is a time of gift giving and in the Pastoral Cluster we have been blessed with the gift of many good people and opportunities this year. Fr Mick and I would like to take this opportunity to offer heartfelt thanks firstly to all the Pastoral Cluster staff who have done a terrific job in pastoral, sacramental, liturgical and administrative roles. We are indeed very blessed to have the team that we have. This year again has been a year of a good number of achievements.

Secondly, to all those who volunteer their time and energy in the liturgies, Fr Mick's Mates, Philippines Partnership, mailouts, etc. Your generosity of effort and spirit is very much appreciated and you too share in the achievements of the life of the Pastoral Cluster community.

Thirdly, belated heartfelt thanks to Margaret Brown and Betty Rice who made up the hampers and other goodies for the Christmas sale for the Relay for Life team. Their generosity of effort raised \$3,000 for our team. - Frs Gerard and Mick

FAREWELL:

It is with sadness that I make the public announcement that Brian Everett, the principal of Holy Family School, has taken up an appointment of Principalship at St Margaret's, East Geelong. Brian has been the Principal of Holy Family for the last seven years and has been a very good educational leader and has made an invaluable contribution to the life of the school as well as to the parish. Brian has been an energetic advocate for our Columban Partnership.

We wish Brian every blessing in his new appointment. In the first term there will be an interim leadership team with the hope that a new Principal will be appointed at the beginning of Second Term.

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:

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.

GIVING A VOICE TO FAMILIES - 2015 Synod on the Family:

Following the recent Synod on the Family, Pope Francis and the Bishops' Synod are again seeking input ahead of their 2015 meeting. In response to feedback during the previous process, a simplified questionnaire has been developed for our local Church. The survey can be found at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015 A simple guide with the questions is available from the Life, Marriage and Family Office website at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily



POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS LEADING WOOLONGONG WELFARE WORKER TO VATICAN CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION:

Pope Francis has appointed Kathleen McCormack, the founding director of CatholicCare in the NSW city of Wollongong, to the Vatican's child protection body. Ms McCormack is among 8 new members of the Commission, led by American Cardinal Sean O'Malley, to advise him on safeguarding children from sexual abuse. The appointments were announced overnight in Rome.

The 17 member Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, was announced by the Pope in December 2013. It now consists of 8 women and 9 men, both clerical and lay, with new members coming from Australia, Britain, Colombia, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, United States and Zambia. It includes 2 survivors of child sexual abuse within the Church.

Mr Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council, said Kathleen McCormack will be a passionate and committed representative for people sexually abused in the Church in Australia and around the world.

'This appointment is an important recognition of Kathleen's life work spent in the service of children and other vulnerable people,' he said. 'It also recognizes the work being undertaken in Australia to address the crisis of child sexual abuse.'

Ms McCormack said she is honoured to be appointed to the commission and is ready to take up the challenge.

'This commission is about best practice in the future, not just for the children in our Church but for the children of our world. It's about the Church wanting to lead in the safety of children,' Ms McCormack said. 'We've been through a lot in Australia and although we have many policies and procedures in place, we still need to do much better. I believe the wisdom we will gain from the Royal Commission in Australia will be invaluable to the Pope's Commission.'

I give this commitment to abuse survivors in Australia: When I take my seat on this Commission the only interests I serve will be theirs and the only outcomes I will endorse will deliver abuse survivors justice and compassion.'

Peter Ingham, Bishop of Wollongong, said he welcomed the Pope's appointment:

'This appointment brings great honour to Kath and, indeed, to the Diocese of Wollongong. It is well deserved.'

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If today's feast means anything it is not about romanticising how difficult family life can be these days. It is about naming that forgiveness, compassion and kindness are the blocks upon which Christian family life is built. Without these virtues family life crumbles.

The best way to honour today's feast is to do something about the faithful love it

celebrates. I have often been with people on their deathbed when they speak about things they have left undone and would have liked to have achieved in their life. No one ever says that they wish they had spent more time at work. No one says they wish they had made more money. But many people say that they wish they had told those that they love, that they loved them. We shouldn't assume that our families know about our love for them

if we haven't said it. If we show it, we should be able to say it. So write a letter, make a call or go and see them, but let's pluck up our courage and tell our families that we love them. It's too late once we're dead.

And the best news is that when we profess our love to our families we'll see that today's celebration is in fact a moveable feast.