



# 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

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about

challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean.

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## - 6<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - February 15, 2015.)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

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

1st Reading: Gen 9:8-15  
2nd Reading: 1Pet 3:18-22  
Gospel: Mk 1:12-15

**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 1st & 3rd Friday

**Multicultural Centre:** 1.30pm - 1st Fri

**Vincentian Village:** 3.00pm Monday

## 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:

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:** Marko Levar, Alva Cudmore (Sydney) and Lonnie Gugliandolo

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bill Jess, Domenico Fama, Palma Ferraro, David Rhodes, Bruno Agnelti, Elsie Gillett, John Vanstan, Santa Maria Ripalda, Antonio & Anna Cicero

**BAPTISMS:** Zara Gentiluomo, Fletcher Johnson, Jett Black, Maggie Healy and Estelle Moody

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Thomas & Harry Mallon, Pat Walsh, Theo DaCosta, Denis Brown, Vernon Bowers, Myrtle Morkel, Suzanne Doots

**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, Feb 22, 2015

(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

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

<b>Pastoral Cluster Luncheon...</b>	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
<b>Holy Family Luncheon..</b>	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
<b>Holy Family Women's Group...</b>	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
<b>St Vincent de Paul...</b>	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
<b>Legion of Mary...</b>	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Baptism Preps</b>	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
<b>Children's Liturgy...</b>	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 & Pauls - 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11am Mass (during school term)
<b>Holy Family Choir Practice...</b>	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
<b>Manifold CWL...</b>	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
<b>Italian Mass...</b>	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
<b>Catholic Diners' Club...</b>	Second Tues of each month, 6pm at Berkeley 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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## Cluster News:

### LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER -

**Feb 14...** Welcome to Preps and Staff Commitment of Holy Spirit - 6.00pm Holy Spirit

**Feb 15...** Welcome to Preps and Staff Commitment of Holy Family - 9.30am Holy Family

<b>Ash Wednesday:</b>	<b>9.15am Holy Family...</b>	All Holy Family school students in attendance
	<b>9.30am Holy Spirit...</b>	All Holy Spirit school students in attendance
	<b>11am Holy Spirit...</b>	St Joseph's West Court Campus in attendance
	<b>12noon St Patrick's Chapel...</b>	All St Patrick's school students in attendance
	<b>1.30pm Multicultural Aged Centre...</b>	Residents of the Centre
	<b>7.00pm Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b>	

**PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:** This program is for children who are in Grade 3 or above and attend a non-Catholic school but have been baptised. The course will run over 4 weeks with a mixture of 1-hour evening meetings for parents and children (**7.30pm Wednesdays**) and Sunday morning lessons for the children during the first half of the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church. **Enrolments for this program close on Wednesday Feb 25. Contact the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email: [cluster@cam.org.au](mailto:cluster@cam.org.au)**

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Summer Issue 2015** - This season's edition is timely. The focus of this edition is on issues of War and Peace including articles remembering Gallipoli and the First World War; St Francis' Prayer of Peace; the Human Face of War, as well as other thought-provoking and interesting articles. The edition is available for free in all Churches this weekend.

## *Lent...*

The Lent season has a 2-fold character:

1. It recalls baptism or prepares for it
2. It stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy
- b) The same approach holds for the penitential elements.

During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social. In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged through Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

- *Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II*

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT.** On all other Fridays except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- a) **Prayer** - eg Mass attendance; family prayer; visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, or in other ways.
- b) **Self Denial** - eg not eating meat, not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere, or in other ways.
- c) **Helping Others** - eg special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened, or in other ways.

## FR MICK'S MATES:

- ♦ **REGISTRATION FORMS FOR FR MICK'S MATES RELAY FOR LIFE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF EACH CHURCH.**
- ♦ **A SINCERE THANKYOU** to those who assisted with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Your efforts raised \$1,662 for the fight against cancer. Well done!!!



March 13...  
 March 21/22...  
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 Sept 10...  
 Nov 3...  
 December...

Fr Mick's Little Mates  
 Relay for Life at Geelong Showgrounds  
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 Movie Night - at St Mary's (2 sessions)  
 Melbourne Cup Luncheon  
 Christmas Hamper - Sales and Raffle

## Community News:

- Feb 25... THE PASSION OF CHRIST: *Proclaiming the Passion*** - Rev Dr Chris Monahan CP at St Mary's Basilica, 7pm.
- " **MANIFOLD CWL Health Awareness Committee Fundraiser** at the Savoy Vibe Hotel cnr Collins & Spencer Sts Melb. 2-course lunch including complimentary drink, tea/coffee - cost \$50. Easy access by V/Line train. For tickets ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 1343.
- Feb 28... NIGHTSCAPE:** An exciting night of live music entertainment and/or dancing in the Pioneer Room at St Mary's, contact St Mary's Parish Office for ticket details on 5222 1977.
- " **ORGAN MARATHON - 'PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS':** 9am-9pm at St David's Uniting Church, Aphrasia St. \$5 entry - enquiries ph 5223 3554.
- Mar 4... PICTURING THE PASSION:** Caroline Danaher at All Saints Newtown 7.00pm.
- Mar 14... GAVAN PODBURY SEMINARS GEELONG ST PATRICK'S CUP:** Enjoy a 3-course meal in air-conditioned comfort from \$60 or hire your own umbrella with table and 10 chairs from \$170 or marquee from \$250 (discounted price for parishioners). Entry from \$12 conc, children free u/17. Ph Catherine Moon for tickets on 0409 007 913.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Will be held Friday 6th March, 11am at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St. Theme - ***Do you know what I have done to you***, written by WDP Committee in the Bahamas who, like Australia, are very concerned by the domestic violence in our countries. Your support in prayer and attendance will be appreciated. Our guest speaker will be Chaplain to Barwon Prison, Ms Marg Hayes. Everyone is welcome and a light lunch will be served after the Service. Transport is available if required - ph Amy O'Brien 5229 9911 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

**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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015)

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES - VICTORIA

#### *Working for a just, equitable and compassionate Victoria*

On the weekend of Feb 14/15, the Archdiocese has Catholic Social Services as its focus. This is **NOT** a collection, but rather an opportunity to acknowledge the many fine social services that our local Catholic Church are providing, in addition to the social outreach by our parishes, schools, hospitals and nursing homes. Under the auspices of Catholic Social Services Victoria, there are 50+ member organisations and the areas they cover are:

**Accommodation and support for adults and youth; Adoption and permanent/foster care; Aged care and support; Chaplaincy services - Prison, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health and Youth Welfare; Child Support, including out of home care; Disability care and support; Drought counselling and relief services; Drug and Alcohol counselling and support; Employment services; Employee Assistance Programs; Family and Relationship Services; Family support case management; Hearing impaired services; Homelessness support programs; Indigenous support programs; Loss and Grief Counselling and Peer Support; Marriage and Relationship education; Material assistance; Mental Health Services; Parenting education and support; Pregnancy counselling; Refugee and settlement services; Respite care and accommodation; School counselling; Support for prisoners' families; Women's support programs; Youth justice services; Youth support programs**

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Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot

be healed or is beyond hope.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have

received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.