



# 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

In the time of Jesus almost everything they couldn't understand was put down to a demon or an evil spirit. In the Talmud, (a large book dating from around the time of Jesus that contains the collected teachings of the Rabbis), several pages are devoted to the healing of 'fevers'. Even though we have become more advanced in our medical knowledge, it's surprising how this thinking still persists. While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament.

There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly

different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

The differences between the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the other healing stories in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel are striking. Rather than in a public space and in front of crowds this personal healing occurs in the privacy of Peter's house. By contrast to the command for the demons to be gone, in his bedside ministry Jesus never mentions a demon and uses no words. Instead he gently takes her by the hand and helps her to her feet. Unlike the others Jesus heals, of whom we never hear about their response, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law leads her to an act of service. Given all the details Mark give us

of this encounter it's a pity he never tells us her name.

Sometimes we can think of Jesus' miracles, then and now, as acts of dazzling power. The problem with this idea is that if we see Jesus as going around 'zapping' people it's hard to figure out why there were times when he could not perform any miracles at all, or that they happened in stages. Whatever else miracles are, they are deeply personal encounters of faith.

As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch set free the healing power God had placed in them.

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

(Year B - February 8, 2015.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord  
who heals the broken-hearted.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Lev 13:1-2,44-46  
2nd Reading: 1Cor 10:31-11:1  
Gospel: Mk 1:40-45



### 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:** -

## 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:** ec 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:** Aileen Battye, Emmy Gold, Anne Casey

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Antonio Cecero, Maria & Antonio Polimeno, Bill Hogan, Vince Fazio, Michael Nagy, Rocco & Salvatore Daniele, Erminia Mazza (10th), Tony Langerano (1 month)

**BAPTISMS:** Elena Nardi, Isabel and Ava Walsh

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Julita Aquino, 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 15 2015**

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo

L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo

R Allum

### 9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, M Fiorillo, I Raj, T Herath

E Dalton

C Resciniti

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 6.00PM

J McCarthy

J McKenzie, Sr J McGonigal

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

### 11.00AM

G Brown, M Kroger

L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells

I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek

D Brown (even months), A Boras (odd)

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 5.00PM

K Maddalena, A Beachel

K Maddalena

T McNair

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- **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  
Ss Peter & Paul's meet 4th Thursday 2pm in the Small Hall  
Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
- **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)
- **Playgroup -** Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- **Manifold CWL -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month
- **Italian Mass -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- **Catholic Deanery Solo Group -** Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- **Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon -** Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.
- **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.pastoralclustergeelong.org](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## **Cluster News:**

### **FAREWELL FRANK:**

After seven years of employment at the Pastoral Cluster, Frank Kearney has decided to retire. On your behalf I would like to offer sincere thanks and gratitude to Frank for all his generous efforts in his role as Sacramental and Liturgical Co-Ordinator. The Catholic community of Geelong have been blessed to have Frank. For many years he was the Principal of Our Lady's (now Holy Spirit) School, St Robert's School and Holy Family School. In this role he provided great service, leadership and faith formation to many young people in his charge. When he came to the Pastoral Cluster, he continued to provide that same service, leadership and formation - primarily to the children in the Catechetical Program. He also enriched our liturgies through co-ordination, organisation, powerpoint presentations, etc. Frank also was very generous with his time and efforts in the many and varied activities associated with parish life. I personally have valued Frank's advice and commonsense wisdom. We owe Frank a debt of gratitude and we wish Frank and Marg an enjoyable retirement with their family and grandchildren - *Fr Gerard*

### **MESSAGE FROM FRANK:**

*All good things come to an end! After 15 years at Holy Family School and in the Cluster Office, I have decided to retire. With my wife Marg retired, a growing number of grandchildren and elderly parents, now appears to be the time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Gerard for the chance to be part of the Cluster Team over the last 7 years. It gave me the privilege of sharing my faith with many families during sacramental preparation. I trust that those involved gained the chance to think about and deepen their own faith. Thankyou also to all the Cluster Staff - Trish, Bernadette, Katharine, Helen, Chris and Dolores, for their friendship and support over the 7 years. A special thanks to Fr Gerard and Fr Mick for their friendship, but also their wisdom and guidance. Finally, thanks to the parishioners who have been great to work for/with over the years. Although I have officially retired, I'm sure I'll still be involved in many ways!*

### **LITURGY IN THE CLUSTER:**

- Feb 6...** Holy Spirit School held their Opening School Mass.
- Feb 8...** Welcome to school-age children beginning their Baptismal Program - 9.30am Holy Family
- "** Welcome to Preps and Staff Commitment of St Patrick's - 11am Ss Peter & Paul's
- Feb 10...** Opening Year Mass for Holy Family School - 9.15am Holy Family
- Feb 11...** Opening Year Mass for Clonard - 1.30pm St Mary's Basilica
- Feb 13...** Opening Year Mass for St Patrick's - 9.15am St Patrick's School
- 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

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| <b>Ash Wednesday:</b> | <b>9.15am Holy Family -</b><br><b>9.30am Holy Spirit -</b><br><b>11am Holy Spirit -</b><br><b>12noon St Patrick's Chapel -</b><br><b>1.30pm Multicultural Aged Centre -</b><br><b>7.00pm Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b> | All Holy Family school students in attendance<br>All Holy Spirit school students in attendance<br>St Joseph's West Court Campus in attendance<br>All St Patrick's school students in attendance<br>Residents of the Centre |
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- ♦ **LENTEN PROGRAM 2015:** A 6-week Lenten Resource, based on the Sunday Gospels, containing explanation of and reflections on the Gospel as well as guided meditation, is available as a resource for small groups, staff reflections, families and individuals. Anyone wishing to belong to a group for this Lent is asked to fill in their details on a clipboard available at each of the Churches. **We must know by Monday Feb 9th how many books etc to order.** (Fr Mick)
- ♦ **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 baptized. 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)



## FR MICK'S MATES:

- ♦ REGISTRATION FORMS FOR FR MICK'S MATES RELAY FOR LIFE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF EACH CHURCH.
- ♦ BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE - SUNDAY 8TH FEB: 8.30 to 4.00pm - come along and enjoy a "snag" and help support Fr Mick's Mates!



February...

Feb 8...

March 13...

March 21/22...

Team Registrations - forms available at all Churches

Fr Mick's Mates BBQ - at Bunnings

Fr Mick's Little Mates

Relay for Life at Geelong Showgrounds

## Community News:

- Feb 8...** MUSIC OF MONTEVERDI WITH HARP: 3pm at St Mary of the Angels Basilica, tickets \$25/20 at the door or at GPAC. Free program and a'noon tea. Music at the Basilica enquiries 5223 3554.
- Feb 11...** KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Feb 15...** KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Social Luncheon get together at Belmont Seniors Centre Dining Room, 52 Thomson St. 12noon for nibbles/drinks followed by 2-course cold collation & dessert. \$26/head all inclusive. Open invitation to members, widows, family & friends. **Bookings essential by 9th Feb to Frank Khan on 5243 4926.**
- 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.

**THANKYOU:** Our sincere thanks to Bishop Vincent, Frs Gerard and Mick and all the brother priests far and near, all the parishioners of our Cluster Parish and St Mary's Geelong, Frank and all the choir members, Polish community and to all the well wishers. Our heartfelt thanks for being with us to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received for the past 50 years of our mission in Australia. We assure all of you our prayers. May God bless you - Sisters of the Holy Angels.

**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)

**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 will be available as usual for free next week.

### 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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For others it came through another person's intercession. The same holds true for us today.

Furthermore, being anointed, celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist, going to a place of pilgrimage, fasting, being prayed over or meditating can have a similar effect. Looked at in this way we can see

why some people are healed and others are not. If a personal encounter with Jesus did not always lead to healing, then why should it surprise us that some other encounters these days do not always unlock God's healing within us.

Small and large-scale miracles are happening everyday. Today's Gospel reminds us that

they do not happen for show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith. Taking Peter's mother-in-law as our model we are healed and strengthened so that we can witness to God's saving power, serve the Kingdom of God in any way we can, and continue to wait on the Lord.