



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 recent years the Ten Commandments have become an unusual staging ground for various groups within the Church. Some people complain that young Catholics don't know them off by heart. This position is countered by those who say that rather than being able to recite them we should live them, though it's hard to see how we can do one without the other. Still, others rightly claim that Jesus summarised them in his new commandments, 'To love God with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.'

The problem with teaching the Ten Commandments is not what they say, but how they say it. The idea of 'coveting' anything, but especially 'wives, slaves, ox and ass' are all a bit dated these days.

In an article entitled 'Preaching to the Modern Pagans' journalist Bryan Appleyard tells how he interviewed a person who kept quoting them at length. Later he decided to read them for the first time since childhood and he was struck by their insightfulness into the human character. Appleyard thought all the Ten Commandments needed was a makeover so that we can reclaim the power of them.

'You shall have no other gods beside me.' Be serious!

'You shall not carve idols for yourselves ...nor bow down before them.' Get real!

'You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.' Be humble!

'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day ...' Be quiet!

'Honour your father and your mother ...'

Respect age!

'You shall not kill.' Do not kill, for all murder is suicide!

'You shall not commit adultery.' Mean what you say!

'You shall not steal.' Do not steal, or all the world will die!

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.' Honour others, their frailties are usually your own!

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house or wife' ... Be kind, be generous and don't play around!

So by putting some ancient words into the modern vernacular we are exhorted this Sunday to seriousness, facing reality, humility, creating space, respecting age, honesty, and fidelity, and we are bluntly told to stop killing and stealing. /Cont'd P4

- 3rd Sunday of Lent -

(Year B - March 8, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 2Chr 36:14-16,19-23

2nd Reading: Eph 2:4-10

Gospel: Jn 3:14-21



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:

Mar 9: Washington family, 10 Shannon Ave; **Mar 16-23:** Iannuzzi family, 17 Roxby St

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: Mons Brian Walsh, John Curytko, Rosa DeAngelis (Italy), Leanne Mills and Marie Kearney

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Bourke, Joe Trinder, Amy Glynn, Frank Marcola

BAPTISMS: Astrid, Ingalil & Rory Jenkin, Claudia Martinez, Olivia & Sofia Landy

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, Mar 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:

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	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 & Pauls - 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11am Mass (during school term)
Holy Family Choir Practice...	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
Manifold CWL...	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays 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 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

Lent...

The 2015 focus of Lent in the Pastoral Cluster is **OUTREACH**. One of the signs of the times of our community is that many people are housebound or isolated and would welcome an opportunity to go to a pleasant community function, but often don't have anyone to go with. **The invitation as part of Lent is if there is someone that you know who is in this position, we would like you to invite them to come with yourself to one, or some, of the following functions:**



Wednesday March 11: Light Luncheon catered by the Sisters of the Holy Angels, followed by Movie 'Driving Miss Daisy' to be held at the Pastoral Cluster Community Centre from 12noon

An opportunity to gather to share lunch and enjoy a movie with your fellow parishioners.

Sign-up boards are available at the back of each Church. All welcome!!

Tuesday Mar 17...

St Patrick's Day Sing-a-long at the Holy Spirit Hall, 1-4pm with Devonshire tea provided.

Thursday Mar 26...

Eucharistic Adoration at Ss Peter & Paul's, 10am-5pm. From 4-5pm there will be an opportunity to experience Christian Meditation as a form of prayer.

Wednesday Apr 1...

Mass of Anointing at Holy Spirit Church with Luncheon to follow in the Hall

LENTEN PROGRAM 2015 "ARISE": Groups reflecting on and praying about the coming Sunday of Lent's Gospel are meeting at the Pastoral Cluster Centre at the following times - **MONDAY 10AM, WEDNESDAY 10AM, THURSDAY 7PM.** Everyone welcome!

SPECIAL MINISTERS WANTED: Another valuable and meaningful Outreach in the local community is being a Special Minister to visit the elderly and the house-bound to pray with them and to give them Holy Communion. If you are interested in this ministry, there is an opportunity to be involved with the Holy Spirit Special Ministers who visit on Wednesday mornings. If interested contact John on 0409 042 393. Alternatively we are also seeking volunteers to assist with Communion rounds at the Multicultural Aged Care Centre. Please phone the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

At the Rite of Election on Feb 22 in St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, our Catechumens **Nancy Henderson, Hans Mulia, Brendan Grayson and Michelle Rundle** became our **ELECT**, ie approved by the Archbishop to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Our already baptized candidate **Kirsten Day** was also accepted to be received into the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. On the next three Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate the **SCRUTINIES** - rites which are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, to bring out and then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The **First Scrutiny** will be celebrated at 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's this Sunday, March 8th. The **Second Scrutiny** will be celebrated at 11am Mass at Holy Spirit on Sunday 15th March, and the **Third Scrutiny** will be celebrated at 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on Sunday 22nd March. Please pray for our elect. **NB:** Readers at the Scrutiny Masses, please note that the readings will be from Year A - see pages 150-155 "Break Open the Word"



EASTER MAILOUT: Calling all Pastoral Cluster 'Posties'! Your assistance is again required to help with the delivery of invitations to our Easter Ceremonies to all known Catholics within our Cluster. The envelopes are available at the back of each Church this weekend and are organized alphabetically by street. If you can take your own street as well as those close by, your efforts would be much appreciated and we ask that they be hand delivered over the next two weeks. *Special thanks to those who have helped prepare the invitations for mailout.*



FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE

Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Rd, East Geelong - Enter via Gate 2
12noon Saturday March 21st - 12noon Sunday March 22nd

Program for Saturday March 21

11.45 Opening Ceremony, 12noon First Lap - Carers & Survivors,
1pm the Carers & Survivors Afternoon Tea, 8.30pm Candlelight Ceremony

All Fr Mick's Mates are invited to join the team for a BBQ at 7pm. Please bring a salad to share.

Anyone available to assist in setting up our site at 10am Saturday March 21, please ph David on 0408 378 982.

Final week for Registration forms - available at the back of all Churches this weekend.

FR MICK'S LITTLE MATES: All three Parish Schools are connected with the wider Parish as part of our involvement in Relay for Life. The school community, especially the students, are known as **Fr Mick's Little Mates**. On Friday 13th all the P-2 students will meet at St Pat's, all the 3-4 students meet at Holy Family and the 5-6 students at Holy Spirit. There will be a variety of activities with the focus on **Celebrate Being Alive**. Fr Mick will visit the three schools and do a few laps.

Community News:

- Mar 11...** **POETRY OF THE PASSION:** By Rod Horsfield, Wesley Church at 7pm.
- 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.
- Mar 15...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** The Gesualdo Consort presents the music of 17thc composer Carlo Gesualdo at St Mary of the Angels Basilica 3pm. Tickets \$25/20 at the door or GPAC. Free program & a'noon tea. Enquiries 5223 3554.
- Mar 17...** **ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATIONS:** Mass at St Mary's 7pm followed by social get-together in the Pioneer Centre with guest musicians, singers and Irish dancers. For catering ph 5222 1977 before Friday March 13.
- Mar 18...** **PLAYING THE PASSION:** Tom Healey at St Paul's, Geelong West.
- Mar 20...** **CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Two information sessions 1pm and 4.30pm and a 'See the College at Work' on Monday 23rd March. Contact details 5278 2155.
- Mar 22...** **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Two information sessions 11am and 12.15pm. Contact details to Claire Hewitt hewittc@ignatius.vic.edu.au
- Mar 23...** **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** 9am-12noon or 4pm-6.30pm. This includes tours every 15 mins. Contact details 5226 8100.
- Mar 24...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Tour 1 - 4pm, Tour 2 - 5pm followed by Information sessions. Contact details: Registrar, Judy Smith on 5222 0490.
- Mar 29...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AGM & REUNION:** 1-3.30pm Sacred Heart College Reception Parlour. RSVP by **20 March** to Kelly Suvolto 5222 0403, email ksuoltos@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au



MARYVILLE NURSING HOMES: Currently have limited vacancies. Phone Cheryl Conder, Director of Nursing on 5221 5299.

IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL: Sunday 15th March, 11am-4pm at St Patrick's School, Britannia St Geelong West.

Free entertainment, major auctions including a gourmet dinner for 6 at the Telegraph Hotel, birthday party for 10 children, electric scooter. Stalls include drinks and ice creams, Celtic cakes and jams, showbags, lucky dips, Molly's Lollies and much, much more! The more the merrier, so please come!



Week 3 - NIGER - Growing Food for Life

Karen is a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many, she can't always afford or access healthy food. At Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes, Karen gained the skills she needed to provide healthier food for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help First Australians in remote communities gain the skills to make healthier food choices, building a better future for their families.



/From P1...

There is nothing old fashioned about these challenges. As in other instances, we can see that it's not what our tradition has to say but the way we say it that can be the problem.

And today's Gospel tells us of the consequences of moving away from these guiding principles. I think we need to take Jesus' anger very seriously. Rightly we have emphasised the love and

compassion of Jesus over recent decades because for far too long the steadfast love of Christ was under-emphasised. We should never think, however, that it cancels out the anger God feels when he sees an unjust world filled with people who know better and do nothing.

God has given us the Ten Commandments, the Law, the Prophets and Jesus his Son, so that we might know the Way, the Truth and

the Life. When we are called to account for how we spent our lives, whom we loved and how we made the world a better place for all, most of us will not be able to plead ignorance. May our Eucharist this Sunday enable us to be mindful of what the Ten Commandments say, but even more may it give us the courage and strength to live them out in a world that needs witnesses to them more than ever.