



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

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's

name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today

celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. /Cont'd P4

- Sunday of the Resurrection -

(Year B - April 5, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

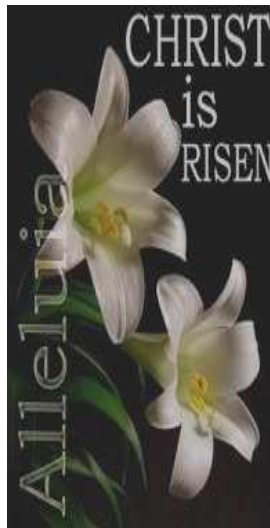
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord, **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading:	Acts 4:32-35
2nd Reading:	1Jn 5:1-6
Gospel:	Jn 20:19-31

**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

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

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

Vincentine 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 30/Apr 6 - Stocks family, 22 Orr St; **Apr 11/Apr 18** - Wright family, 42 Logan 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: Catherine (Kit) McNamara, Anna Squatrito and Elaine McNie

ANNIVERSARIES: Madonna Lynch (1yr), Lorenz & Katharina Hoffmann, Mark Lomas, Les McFarlane Snr

BAPTISMS: Bruce & Anna Henderson, Xander, Fletcher & Brax Rundle, Harper & Paetyn Diamond

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, April 12, 2015

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

R Allum

Lectors

F O'Neill

Special Ministers

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

Welcomers

C Marcantonio,

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdrik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

D Ryan

Lectors

J Ryan

Special Ministers

B Murphy, R O'Neill, J Ryan

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Hubbard

Lectors

P Power, P Hubbard

Special Ministers

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

Welcomers

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

M Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

Projectionist

R Martin

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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

A Great Mothers Day Gift!

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day with your family - Mother, Mother-in-law, daughter(s), son(s), sister(s), niece(s) and friends! We look forward to your company on this special day.

Mothers Day High Tea

As part of our ongoing support for our Philippines Partnership, this year we will again be holding a Mothers Day High Tea. This event is a great opportunity to celebrate Mothers Day and book a table with family and friends.

Our guest speaker will be **Catriona Rowntree** (from the TV series *Getaway*).

Date: Saturday May 9, 2015
Time: 2pm - 4pm
Place: Capri Receptions, Separation St Bell Park
Cost: \$30



(Further booking details in coming weeks)

If you wish to book a table or join a table please contact the following **Table Captains:**

Peggie Carmody	0408 524 018	Jan Fagan (St Pat's School)	5229 4412
Jeanette Sheahan	5278 2063	Bern Boxer (Holy Spirit School)	5229 8298
Ellen Kelly	5229 0195	Faye Brooks (Holy Family School)	5278 4634
	Trish Stickland (Parish Office)	5278 1343	

This year to support Sr Kate O'Neill and her work in the Philippines, we hope to raise funds through a Mothers for Mother High Tea and Raffle. We are hoping to put together a couple of hampers from the schools and parish for raffle prizes.

A small donation for the hampers would be greatly appreciated, eg Meal Vouchers, Petrol Vouchers, Chocolates, Wine, Nuts, Glasses, Note Paper, etc. The possibilities are endless and your support greatly appreciated.

Donations can be left in baskets in each of the Churches or at the Cluster Office.

THANKYOU!

As part of our Lenten Journey this year, the focus is on 'Outreach', especially for those who are housebound.

Over the forty days parishioners were involved in the Easter Mailout, the Games Day, Movie and Luncheon, St Patrick's Day Sing-a-long at Holy Spirit Hall and a day dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration at Ss Peter & Paul's.

To bring this variety of activities together requires considerable planning, work and goodwill. On behalf of the whole Parish I would like to thank Trish Stickland, the Sisters of the Holy Angels, Peggie Carmody, Noreen and Des Haberman and all the Easter Mailout working bee volunteers and 'posties'.

The contribution of these good people, as well as those who attended the functions, have enriched our journey towards Easter. Well done, and thankyou!!!

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE - THE PASTORAL CLUSTER OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY**
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Please note the change of date for our next meeting - **Monday 13th April at 7pm**. As in past years, we will be conducting a Mother's Day Raffle with a variety of prizes. Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the three Sundays preceding Mother's Day, ie April 19th, 26th and May 3rd. Good luck to all!
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE:** Today the Easter Edition of the magazine will be available for free at all Masses. The focus for this edition is *The Game of Life - Our journey through the Sacraments*.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY -

12 April 2015 at Holy Spirit Church

1pm... Confessions (also on Saturday after 9am Mass)
 2pm... Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayers
 3pm... Holy Mass and Veneration of St Faustina's 1st class relic
 Celebrant... Fr Brendan Lane, Rector of Corpus Christi Seminary, Melb
"There is nothing that a person needs more than Divine Mercy" - St John Paul II
 Enquiries, please contact Chris on 0407 522 055.

Community News:

- Apr 8...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Apr 10...** **UNDER ONE SKY:** The African Children's Choir Australian Tour 2015 at Sth Barwon Civic Centre, Reynolds Rd Belmont. \$25/\$15 - supported by local choirs, Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir and International Harvester Male Chorus. Book online at kwaya.org/underonesky.html
- Apr 15/22/29...** **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE - SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK TOURS:** 9.15am - for further details about enrolment ph 5251 1136 or email registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS: Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$30. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Berkeley Lodge (previously known as Dromoland House) on Pakington St. For more information and reservations please phone Terry on 5221 7339.

LAUNCH OF 'LIFEBOAT': 'Lifeboat' is a Geelong-based group which seeks to provide pastoral care to established victims of church-related sexual abuse. It comprises both professionals, eg doctors, psychologists, social workers and other good people, who simply want to "make a difference" to the difficulties faced by victims. For 18 months, in a small but effective way, 'Lifeboat' has been helping victims/survivors in areas such as employment, accommodation, support groups, financial assistance and advice, faith support and practical help. Response from those assisted has been extremely positive. 'Lifeboat' will be formally launched on **Wednesday April 22 at 'The Pier Receptions'** (where better to launch a 'Lifeboat' than at 'The Pier!'), Cunningham Pier, commencing at 7.30pm and concluding around 9.15pm. Speakers include Frank Costa AO, eminent Geelong psychologist Chris Mackey, David O'Brien (former member of the Vic Parliamentary Inquiry) and Fr Kevin Dillon, together with several victims/survivors briefly telling their story of the value of 'Lifeboat' for them. This will be an informative and practical evening, where everyone will have a chance to offer some effective help for a highly-deserving group of wounded people. Be there! Any enquiries ph Peter McCann 0427 350 416 or Terry O'Brien 5221 7339.

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The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'