



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 the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to

hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures

and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace.

But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment.

Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered.

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- 3rd Sunday of Easter -

(Year B - April 19, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus,
make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with
love when you speak.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**4th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12
2nd Reading: 1Jn 3:1-2
Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

**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...	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Tues...	<i>Meditation Group</i>	5.30pm	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Wed...	<i>Prayer of the Church</i>	<i>Before 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Wed...	<i>Holy Family Women's Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>Holy Family Community Centre</i>
Thurs...	<i>Italian Prayer Group</i>	10.00am	<i>St Patrick's Chapel</i>
Fri...	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<i>After 11am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Fri...	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	3.00pm	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>
Sat...	<i>Rosary</i>	<i>After 9am Mass</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Church</i>

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

Apr 18 - Wright family, 42 Logan St;

Apr 27/May 4 - Kolotelo family, 23 Bostock Ave;

May 11/18 - Hoare family, 21 Sycamore St.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Olive Tomlinson, Leokadia Janczak, Theodorus Van der Kolk and Margaret Gleeson

ANNIVERSARIES: Bruno Linic, Valeria Colla, Aldo Scarpetti, Marcella Conti, Francesco & Giuseppa Papalia, Eileen Featherstone, John Gillett, Alison DaCosta, Francesco Iannuzzi, Kristina Strajhar and 1 yr anniversary of Gaetano Pino and Rocco Menchise

BAPTISMS: James Coronado, Archie Samiric, Lewy & Ari Sheringham, Scarlett Condro, Hamish & Leo Isbister and Poppy Kelson

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 26, 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

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.
CALLING ALL HUSBANDS AND DADS - Join us in celebrating your mothers and wives 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



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		

Please Note: There are only a couple of tables available so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

In addition there are other opportunities to support our Philippines focus on Mothers for Mothers. To that end we are supporting Sr Kate, of Our Lady of the Missions and Kuya Centre, who are seeking to empower women in their role as mothers. Ways you can do this are:

WISH LIST:

- ◆ **Micro Credit Loans** - \$100 loan for a mother to start a small business
- ◆ **Parish Primary School** - \$36 for one year's tuition of a primary school child, \$10 for one uniform for primary school aged child
- ◆ **Night School for Poorer Children** - \$60 to sponsor one night school student for annual tuition; \$20 to sponsor the honorarium of one teacher for one month; \$10 to sponsor the honorarium of one class adviser of night school for one month.
- ◆ **Clinic** - \$50 for x-rays and laboratory tests for one week; \$40 for maintenance medicine for one week; \$30 a week for emergency needs
- ◆ **Kuya Centre** - \$22 for one week's accommodation for street boy at Kuya; \$50 loans for micro credit program
- ◆ **Street Kids Feeding Program** - \$25 to feed sixty street children for one day
- ◆ **Neighbourhood Project** - \$21 for one month's supply of water for a neighbourhood

RAFFLE:

1st Prize is two return tickets to Sydney on Virgin Australia and 2 nights accommodation at The Ibis - Darling Harbour. This prize has been generously donated by Stuart Coffield, Geelong Travel.

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A number of Mothers Day pamper packs for subsequent prizes.

Raffle tickets and distribution of Wish Lists will be available after all Masses for the next three weekends or available at the Cluster Office. The cost of the raffle tickets is three for \$5 and will be drawn at the High Tea on May 9th.

We are seeking a small donation for the hampers, 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 to those who have donated to date.

Thanks

THANKYOU! THANKYOU! THANKYOU! There is a saying that it takes a whole village to raise a child. The same could certainly be said for conducting prayerful and meaningful Easter Ceremonies which we had in the Pastoral Cluster. Many thanks to those who contributed to the Liturgy through their roles as singers, musicians, sacristans, lectors, commentators, special ministers, collectors and those involved in the setup of the Churches. A job well done by all and very much appreciated. (Frs Gerard & Mick)

- ◆ **LEGION OF MARY:** The Legion of Mary is a Lay Catholic Apostolic Movement beginning in 1921 in Ireland, with many millions of members throughout the world who, with special devotion to Mary, are at the service of the Church as she leads us to Jesus. We aim to assist the Priest and Parish in a deeper love of God especially through the Rosary and the works deemed necessary to foster our Christian calling. **A special recruitment Drive is being held 18th-19th April at all Parish Masses.** If you are interested in joining our group you are most welcome. We meet 9.30am on each Friday at the Holy Family Community Centre. Ph John 0409 042 393 or Cristita 5277 0979.
- ◆ **PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM:** This program is for children from Catholic families who attend a non-Catholic Primary School. The children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The program begins on **SUNDAY 24TH MAY** and finishes on **SUNDAY 7TH JUNE.** The First Eucharist celebrations will be on the 14th and 21st June. **ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 15TH MAY.** For further details contact Bernadette at the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email cluster@cam.org.au
- ◆ **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL MELBOURNE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE** will be held 6th May in Holy Spirit Hall, commencing 9.30am with morning tea. Guest speakers include Helen Hunter, Tessa Davis from Anam Cara House and Marg Hayes - CatholicCare. \$15 covers morning tea and lunch. Mass will be celebrated 12noon in Holy Spirit Church. Ladies from the Pastoral Cluster and friends welcome to attend. To help with catering we do require numbers attending by April 4. Contact Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.



Community News:

- Apr 22...** **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall Bostock Ave. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- May 1-3...** **FLY AWAY PETER:** Music at the Basilica presents a Festival of Music in Geelong's Churches commemorating the Centenary of WW1 and Anzac. Eight concerts in various Churches in Geelong. Tickets from GPAC 5225 1200. Gold pass \$95, Silver \$75, Red \$50 and Concerts \$16. Enquiries 5223 3554 or musicatthebasilica.org.au
- May 31...** **MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral - registrations cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or ph 9287 5587 or Lmf@cam.org.au - **registration closes Friday May 22.**
- ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE - SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK TOURS:**
Apr 22/29 at 9.15am and **May 6,13&20** at 1.30pm - for further details about enrolment ph 5251 1136 or email registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au **Applications for Year 7 enrolments close on Friday May 22.**

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace to you'. But they were startled and frightened." Lk 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and provide some "peace" in their lives. Just because the person is a stranger, maybe looks different than us or is someone we don't particularly care for, doesn't let us off the hook.

/From P1...

The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the

rubbish bins.

A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!'

And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.