



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

The Italian film, *Life is Beautiful* vividly portrays the truth of today's Gospel. It shows a father convincing his five-year-old son that the concentration camp is an elaborate game that the Nazis had invented to test the Italians. Some members of the Jewish community criticised this film because they claimed it made light of the holocaust. Writer and director, Roberto Benigni, however, argued that the heart of the film lies in the fact that most parents will do anything to spare their children the reality of evil. Most parents who have seen and wept through the film know exactly what he's talking about.

And if parents could take such risks and go to such lengths for their children, how much more has God done for us in Christ Jesus. We are the only world religion to believe that our God took our form and died out of love

for us so that we might understand the love God has for us, and the love we are called to have for each other.

It isn't, however, just any old love Christ calls us to practise. It's not about a fleeting feeling or having a warm fuzzy inside. Jesus tells us today that the character of Christian love is the degree to which it's sacrificial. This is a challenging way of working out who we really love, isn't it? The people we love are those for whom we are prepared to sacrifice something of ourselves, maybe everything.

If that's the case we could decide to stop telling people we don't love that we love them. The goal of the Christian life is to love everyone, but until we achieve that, the more we lie about love the more we lower its currency. It's perfectly acceptable to like, enjoy, be fond of, respect, admire and be grateful to others, and not love

them. There are a very few people for whom most of us would be prepared to lay down our lives.

This criteria sorts out our intimates fairly quickly.

We could also decide to stop saying we love things, animals, ideas or organisations which cannot love us back. Human beings can only truly love people. Jesus did not die for an ideology or an institution. He was put to death because of his uncompromising love for all humanity everywhere. If we find ourselves saying we love our pets, house, car, job, our ideology, even our Church more than we love other human beings, then we're in trouble.

That's what I like best about the model of loving Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Just when we might expect to find him using the analogy of a family, he talks about us being his friends. *Cont'd P4*

- 6th Sunday of Easter -

(Year B - May 10, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we
will come to them. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**The Ascension of the Lord**

1st Reading:	Acts 1:1-11
2nd Reading:	Eph 1:17-23
Gospel:	Mk 16:15-20

**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:

May 11/18 - Hoare family, 21 Sycamore 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: Patrick Cryan and Mary Hubbard

ANNIVERSARIES: Clare Middleton, Katie Dacre, Patrick Murray, Mary O'Neill, Ken Gallagher, Marjorie Hill, Maria Grazia Lombardo, Nicholas (Nick) Hoare

BAPTISMS: Claudia Ingles, Jacob Lloyd and Valentina Scopacasa

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

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, May 17, 2015

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

K Saunders

Lectors

B Rainbow

Special Ministers

A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Welcomers

L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Projectionist

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

6.00PM

J McCarthy

Lectors

J McKenzie, Sr J McGonigal

Special Ministers

G Wright, E Cotter, C Laffy

Welcomers

P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

Projectionist

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

5.00PM

Lectors

K Maddalena, A Beachel

Special Ministers

K Maddalena

Welcomers

T McNair

Projectionist

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
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

Cluster News:

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:** An initiative of the Legion of Mary is that they will be leading the Rosary before the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's on May 23rd as part of the celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians.
- ◆ **THANKYOU:** This week we received a note of thanks from Caritas Australia for the generous support of you the parishioners for Project Compassion. This year we raised \$4,492.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:

- ◆ Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.
- ◆ There is a set of envelopes for **weekly and monthly** contributors in the foyer today.
- ◆ They are in order, alphabetical by **STREET**.
- ◆ Please take a pink sheet if you would like to contribute regularly, using envelopes, credit card or bank transfer.
- ◆ Contact Helen with any queries: Helen.brislane@cam.org.au, or leave a message at the Parish Office.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER MASSES:

Sun May 10...	First Eucharist for Holy Family School children at Holy Family 9.30am
“	First Eucharist for St Patrick's School children at Ss Peter & Paul's 11am *
Tues May 12...	Class Mass - Gr1/2 children at Holy Family 9.15am
Sat May 16...	First Eucharist for Holy Spirit School children at Holy Spirit 6pm
Sun May 17...	First Eucharist for Holy Family School children at Holy Family 9.30am
“	First Eucharist for Holy Spirit School children at Holy Spirit 11am
“	First Eucharist for St Patrick's School children at Ss Peter & Paul's 11am (an additional Mass) *
Sun May 24...	First Eucharist for St Patrick's School children at Ss Peter & Paul's 11am *
Tues May 26...	Class Mass - Gr Prep children at Holy Family 9.15am
Sat May 30...	First Eucharist for Holy Spirit School children at Holy Spirit 6pm
Sun May 31...	First Eucharist for Holy Spirit School children at Holy Spirit 11am
“	First Eucharist for St Patrick's School children at Ss Peter & Paul's 11am (an additional Mass) *

** In addition to the celebration of the First Eucharist the children preparing for Confirmation will make their Commitment*

PASTORAL CLUSTER MEETINGS:

Tues May 12...	Pastoral Cluster Finance Meeting
Tues May 26...	Pastoral Cluster Leadership Team Meeting

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 6th Sunday of Easter

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” Jn 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider him your friend? Jesus says that if we love him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love him.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:



As you are aware from media and the Caritas website, on 25 April 2015 a 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal between Kathmandu and Pokhara. The devastation in Kathmandu and the surrounding valleys is immense. This is the worst natural disaster to strike the people of Nepal and communities across India and Bangladesh in nearly 100 years. The death toll is increasing by the hour, but more than 5,000 deaths have already been reported and more than 10,000 people were injured during the shock. Sadly experience tells us that these figures will rise as rescuers reach the more remote village communities. With extensive damage to buildings and continuing aftershocks in the region, many people are sleeping outside and require shelter and protection from the cold and rain. - *Archbishop Hart*

If you wish to support Caritas Australia who are working in conjunction with Caritas Nepal, who are responding to immediate needs such as food, shelter, clean water and non food items, you can make your donations online at: www.caritas.org.au/nepalearthquakeappeal or alternatively contact the Melbourne Office on 9926 5786 or 9926 5706.

Community News:

- May 13... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm - guest speaker Mr Gary McIlvena, Co-Ordinator St Mary's Parish Pantry. Please make every effort to attend and bring a plate of supper to share.
- May 13/20... **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE - SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK TOURS:** 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.**
- May 17... **ORCHESTRA GEELONG:** Presents *A Touch of the British* at The Geelong College, Aphrasia St Newtown. Tickets \$20/ Conc \$15, U/16 free. Tickets available at door or ph Ticketmaster 5231 5595 / 0409 333 782

- ◆ **ST JOHN OF GOD GEELONG HOSPITAL:** You are invited to a **Time of Prayer** - the Rosary will be prayed for the intentions of the sick and also the special work of Caregivers at SJOG Geelong. You are invited to participate in this time of prayer each Tuesday in May (12/19/26) from 1-1.20pm in the Chapel, Level 1, 80 Myers St Geelong. Further information ph 5226 8888
- ◆ **JOURNEY TO JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND:** With Fr Herman Licayan of the Meredith parish - a Pilgrimage from Oct 19-26 2015. Details ph Meredith Parish on 5286 1230 or email parishofmeredith@bigpond.com
- ◆ **MARYVILLE AGED CARE INC:** Limited vacancies available - Ph 5221 5299 for more info.
- ◆ **ACRATH SPEAKS ABOUT TRAFFICKING:** Inspired by the Gospel statement *I have come that you may have life and have it to the full (Jn 10.10)*. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is committed to working towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region and globally. Raising awareness of this evil is one important aspect of our work. We cordially invite you to join us **Wed 3rd June 7-8.30pm in the Plaza Theatre, St Mary of the Angels Parish**, to hear something of both our work and the problem of trafficking in Australia and our region. For further information ph Sr Carole McDonald carolem@mercy.org.au or ph 0407 051 095.
- ◆ **FREE LEGAL ADVICE AND EDUCATION:** The Barwon Community Legal Service provides a range of services to assist members of our local community. These services include legal advice, referral to specialist casework services, community education and development and policy and law reform activities. For more information ph 1300 430 599.
- ◆ **VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES EMERGENCY MINISTRY (VCCM):** In the Geelong region the VCCM is looking for people who would be interested in being a support person when others are affected by disasters such as fire, flood and other significant emergencies. They are looking for people who are good listeners with a background in helping and people who generally have a pastoral care heart. The next information session will be at St Mary of the Angels Theatre on **Thursday 28th May from 1-2pm**.
- ◆ **LOCAL EMPLOYMENT WANTED:** Fr Kevin Dillon has asked the following employment be placed in our Bulletin:
Geelong resident, currently in Colac, is seeking a 30 hours-plus per week but preferably full-time position in Geelong in order to be in close proximity to his young family. He has had many years experience in retail and customer services, and possesses hospitality experience and qualifications with RSA and RSG certificates. Willing to work shifts if employment is in Geelong. Further details ph Steven on 0435 282 156.

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Sometimes we can hear people lament that they are 'stuck' with their families, and that they prefer their friends. It's an instructive moment, usually born out of a bitter and unloving history.

We choose our friends, and the strength of any particular friendship is usually found in how we know their history and story, and they know ours, in the way we give them time, attention and affection. A

true friendship is mutual. Jesus loves us, his friends, enough to know us, be available to us, challenge and forgive us. And his love is mutual. The only thing stopping us from having a deeper relationship with Christ is our desire for it.

But Jesus also shows how friends are prepared to give their lives for one another. That's what we celebrate here each Sunday, that Jesus the Lord showed the quality and

care of his love for us so that we might be empowered to go out and enable others to know and experience his love in the joyful way we sacrifice ourselves for them.

No one promised us that the Christian life would be easy. All we have is our brother Jesus and all our friends, our family in faith, to support us in every loving sacrifice we make.