



# 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 Michael Tate

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this

fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a

fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'



*We congratulate the children from our Catechetical program who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday and next week.*

## - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - June 14, 2015.)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God,  
my Saviour.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live forever.

**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading:	Job 38:1,8-11
2nd Reading:	2Cor 5:14-17
Gospel:	Mk 4:35-41

**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:

**15 June:** Duggan family, Unit 1/8 Elsie St; **22-29 June:** Trinder family, 20 Downie Place

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:** Giuseppina Patti, Duilio Magurno, Rita Walsh, Agnese Pitaro, Mary Jane Mascarenhas

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rocco & Francesca Daniele, Angela Zulich, Ivan Jovic, Rachael Peso, Ugo Severino, Martin Donnellan, Maria, Pasqua & Pietro Pino, Colin Henderson, Giuseppa Papalia, Tonino Rotiroti

**BAPTISMS:** Scarlett Panetta, Franki Phipps, Anastasia Sahr and Morris Wates

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Gerradine Barry, Tamara Harkness, Sara Hoe, Ted Conole, Eileen Cotter, John Bove

**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, June 21, 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 McKenzie, Sr J McGonigal

G Wright, C Laffy

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:

<b>Pastoral Cluster Luncheon...</b>	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
<b>Holy Family Luncheon...</b>	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
<b>Holy Family Women's Group...</b>	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
<b>St Vincent de Paul...</b>	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
<b>Legion of Mary...</b>	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Baptism Preps</b>	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
<b>Holy Family Choir Practice...</b>	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
<b>Manifold CWL...</b>	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
<b>Italian Mass...</b>	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
<b>Catholic Diners' Club...</b>	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](http://www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org)**

### FR GERARD'S SABBATICAL:

As part of the Archdiocese commitment to the ongoing formation and education of priests, there is a sabbatical program. The purpose of the program is that it is an extended time of prayer, study and reflection. I have been fortunate enough to have been granted a sabbatical. The sabbatical will begin on **Monday June 22nd** and I return for the weekend of **October 24/25th**.

The major focus of my time away will be to deepen my own understanding and practice of Christian Meditation as well as gaining some experience in the introduction of Christian Meditation in a variety of contexts such as schools, prisons, etc. To that end the sabbatical will entail a Seminar on Meditation in the Monastic Tradition (Rome), a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Columbine (the spiritual inspiration for the Columban Priests), some time at the World Christian Meditation Headquarters in London, an 8-day Silent Retreat at Bere Island, eight days on the Camino Pilgrimage Walk in Portugal/Spain and working in Townsville with the Catholic Education Office where they have introduced Christian Meditation in all their Catholic Schools.

I am grateful to the Archbishop for giving me this opportunity and for the ongoing Formation of Priests Committee for paying for the Sabbatical. I am also grateful for the Priests who will be supplying for me in my absence. I am sure you will make them feel very welcome. I am particularly appreciative and grateful to Fr Mick and the Pastoral Cluster staff for 'holding the fort' in my absence.

*(Fr Gerard)*

### INTRODUCTION OF A SECOND COLLECTION AT MASS

Six years ago when we had the Thanksgiving Campaign, the decision was made to have only one collection. The view at the time was that we didn't want to impose on the major contributors to the parish - mainly pensioners and those who are self-funded retirees; that one collection was less disruptive to the liturgy and perhaps people would give the same amount as if there were two collections. The collective wisdom from the Archdiocese, and on the advice of the Parish Leadership Team and Finance Committee, the decision is now to re-introduce two collections. The first collection will be to cover costs associated with the parish and the second collection for the presbytery (priests) account.

The motivation for this change is that the three parishes are operating at a loss. Whilst the costs are not coming down, the amount we are receiving in the Thanksgiving and collections is. Some figures for your consideration:

#### **Number of Contributors to the Thanksgiving Campaign -**

- ◆ In **2012** there were 562 contributors (av weekly contribution (awc) was \$8.60) of which 239 were from Holy Family (awc \$6.80), 208 from Holy Spirit (awc \$10.08) and 115 from Ss Peter & Paul's (awc \$9.90)
- ◆ In **2013** there were 502 contributors (awc \$9) of which 211 were from Holy Family (awc \$7), 188 from Holy Spirit (awc \$10) and 103 from Ss Peter & Paul's (awc \$10)
- ◆ In **2014** there were 480 contributors (awc \$9) of which 207 were from Holy Family (awc \$7), 175 from Holy Spirit (awc \$10) and 98 from Ss Peter & Paul's (awc \$10)

#### **The Thanksgiving receipts and collection -**

- ◆ In **2013** the amount received was \$238,345 ] *This is a decline of*
- ◆ In **2014** the amount received was \$216,450 ] *\$17,895, a 7.6% decrease*

#### **Major Expenses 2014 -**

- ◆ Insurance is \$40,000, Diocesan Levy \$46,000, Office costs - incl photocopier lease, telephone, postage, stationery, etc (not including wages) is approx \$40,000, Rates and Municipal charges \$8,500
- ◆ Wages, salary and superannuation are a significant part of the parish's expense, but it allows us to provide the pastoral work, manage the office and ensure the good oversight of the Pastoral Cluster and its assets.
- ◆ The expenses also include support for the Presbytery account which is made up of a stipend, the car leasing arrangements, a 25% levy to support priests in poorer parishes and a 5% levy for the Archbishop's office.
- ◆ Over the last 4-5 years the focus of our spending has been on the necessary refurbishment, restoration and structural work on the three Churches. In 2014 these works incurred the following expenses: approx \$130,000 was spent on Holy Spirit Church, \$64,000 on Ss P&P's and \$8,200 on Holy Family.
- ◆ **In addition to the Thanksgiving receipts and collection there is money received from rental properties, interest and the recent introduction of a parish levy on school families. The income derived from these sources is an important contribution for the renovation, restoration and upgrade of the Churches.**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BEGIN ON THE WEEKEND OF 27/28 JUNE, THE FIRST COLLECTION (WHICH IS FOR THE PARISH) WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER THE HOMILY AND THE 2ND COLLECTION (FOR THE PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT) WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THE OFFERTORY - Many thanks for your support and understanding.**

## Cluster News:

- ◆ **FAREWELL AND THANKYOU TO MARY ABBOTT:** With a sense of sadness I would like to inform the wider Cluster community that Mary Abbott, the Principal of Holy Spirit School, will be taking up a new position as Principal at St James, Hoppers Crossing North. Mary has provided excellent educational and faith leadership of the Holy Spirit School during her tenure. We thank her for her leadership and wish her every success and blessing in her new appointment. On **Wednesday 17 June** there will be a whole school Mass to thank and say farewell to Mary at 9.30am. **Please note the change of time from 9am to 9.30am.** All parishioners are invited.
- ◆ **WELCOME TO PETER BRUNT, THE NEW PRINCIPAL FOR HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** On your behalf I extend congratulations and an early and warm welcome to Peter Brunt who will take up the position as Principal of Holy Family School at the beginning of the 2016 school year. Peter is presently the Principal at St Mary's Primary School in Geelong. Prior to his Principal's role he has been a teacher at both Holy Family and Holy Spirit Schools. The selection panel are confident that Peter will continue the fine educational legacy of Holy Family School.
- ◆ **WELCOME TO FR BOB WOOD:** Father Bob is kindly assisting with the Sunday Masses whilst Fr Mick is away.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S WINTER APPEAL:

In our local Catholic Church in general and in the Pastoral Cluster in particular, we are blessed with an organisation such as St Vincent de Paul. As a group they do terrific work in outreach to those who are in the margin of society by providing support services such as crisis accommodation, domestic violence support, access to budget counselling, life skills courses, legal assistance, as well as the provision of food, clothing and blankets. There is an opportunity to support the endeavours of Vinnies through a second collection at the Masses at:

- ◆ Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Family on the weekend of June 13/14
- ◆ Holy Spirit on the weekend of June 20/21.
- ◆ Also Mary Abbott, the Principal of Holy Spirit School, is joining the CEO Sleepout - Rise to the Challenge, where she will be joining many others sleeping rough on Thursday 18 June. If you would like to sponsor Mary she can be contacted at Holy Spirit School on 5229 8298

**INVITATION TO SPONSOR A PEW AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S:** The refurbishment and restoration of Ss Peter & Paul's is almost complete and many people have affirmed the beauty of the work done. We have received expressions of interest from some parishioners to sponsor a pew. The rationale is three-fold:

1. To assist with covering the cost of the refurbishment of the pews (approx \$1,200 per pew)
2. Provide people with an opportunity to support a Church that has such a strong and positive association for them
3. To have a perpetual remembrance.

On the practical details the sponsorship would be \$750 per pew. A small plaque, similar to the ones at Holy Family, will be installed at the end of the pew and the selection of the seat will be done randomly. Trish Stickland will be overseeing this project in my absence and she can be contacted for further details on 5278 1343.

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Our July 6 meeting will be held at the Sphynx Hotel to celebrate all members' birthdays. Everyone who is attending should notify Peggie 0408 524 018 or Anne 0404 105 205 by Friday July 3. At our August meeting we will have a Dutch Auction, so don't put off that de-cluttering any longer. I'm sure we can find many treasures!
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - Faith and Life, Winter Edition:** This edition contemplates **What is Fair? Giving everyone an opportunity to flourish.** Articles include - **After the Bounce** - AFL Umpire Reflection on fairness on and off the field; **Divine Justice; Fairness and Love** - Is there more to healthy community life than fairness? and a **Beginners Guide to Fair Trade.** Copies are available for free at the back of all Churches.

## Community News:

- June 25...** **ANNUAL DEANERY DINNER:** Berkeley Lodge at 6.30pm. Tickets \$45/person from St Mary's Office 5222 1977 or Deanery Office 0409 007 913. Further information please ph Catherine Moon 0409 007 913.
- June 27...** **TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave from 1-3pm. Cost \$10, enquiries 5229 7954.
- June 28...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Casserole Luncheon 12.30pm at Belmont Senior Citizens Dining Room, 52 Thomson St. Bring a Casserole or Sweet to share - \$10 per head, drinks supplied. Ph Joe Lambert 5229 8442 to confirm attendance etc. Proceeds to Overseas Missions - all welcome!

### FR MICK'S MATES:

Entertainment books are available for sale after all Masses and at the Cluster Office for \$55.

**Contacts:**

Holy Family -	8.00am - Lane Kelly and 9.30am - David Lunn
Ss Peter & Pauls -	5.00pm - Noreen Haberman/Noreen Neeld
Holy Spirit -	6.00pm - John O'Neill

These books can save you up to 50% or receive 2 for 1 offers from many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much, much more. All proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates.

### CHRISTMAS MARKET SUPPLIES:

Donations of small/tall jars, small bottles and baskets are sought for bottling of our favourite jams and relishes. Please leave at the back of each Church for collection.