



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

This is a story of subversion, subversion of the social order turned upside down by the healing presence of Jesus.

Jesus is approached by one of the local elite: a male, with a name [Jairus], prestige, an advocate for his twelve year old daughter, and he knows the correct procedure, adopting a deferential posture.

Jesus hears his request to heal his daughter and sets off. Jesus' progress is stopped in its tracks by a contrary figure: a woman, with no name, voiceless, because of her haemorrhaging blood ostracised from social and religious contacts, and she adopted the utterly wrong approach. She touched Jesus, or at least his clothing, which risked contaminating him with her 'uncleanness'.

But she was immediately healed. This voiceless, marginalised woman was healed

at every level of her person: physical, social and religious. She could now mix with people and attend the synagogue. All the woman needed to do was get close and have faith that Jesus would restore her to a life worthy of a human being.

By the way, that is the best way to approach confession. You or I should come into the confessional conscious of whatever is making one ill-at-ease with God because of something one has done or failed to do. Bring that dis-ease into close proximity to Jesus as the Divine Physician. The confessional is 'the hem of his cloak'.

But to return to the Gospel. Jesus stops and looks around: 'Who touched me?' The disciples are unreconstructed supporters of the social status quo. They regard

stopping to find out who touched Jesus as an unfortunate and rather misguided interruption to the important task of continuing on to the house of the local leader, the male at the top of the social scale who had so properly pleaded on behalf of his daughter.

But, Jesus does stop and one of the most beautiful moments in the Gospel ensues. The woman gets her voice back, tells Jesus it was she who had broken all the taboos and touched him. He turns to her and says: 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

He, Our Lord Jesus Christ, calls the outcast who had endured social isolation for twelve years, 'Daughter'.

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- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - June 28, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All peoples, clap your hands,
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done
away with death
and brought us life through his
gospel. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 2:2-5
2nd Reading: 2Cor 12:7-10
Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

**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;

Vincentian Village:

3.00pm 1st & 3rd Monday, (2nd & 4th Communion Service)

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:

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: Mario Granata (Italy) and Margaret Bell

ANNIVERSARIES: Josip Dubrovic, Stanislaw Gwizdek, Peter Juran, Giovanni Puglia, Margaret McFarlane, Philip & Alice Leyden, Ester Miller, Teresa & Guiseppe Zanardo, Joseph Radojevic, Vincenzo Pitaro, Aurdra Santuro, Francis Remedios, Vincenzo Gangemi, John Densley, John & Bessie Keppel, plus 1 year anniv of Janice Santospirito and 1 month since death of Emilio Mabilia and John Bove

BAPTISMS: Milla Furnari, Malyce Kelly, Eleanor Stokes and Lucy Thomas

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Gerradine Barry, Tamara Harkness, Sara Hoe, Ted Conole, Eileen Cotter, Cheryl Lambert, Theo DaCosta

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, July 5, 2015

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum
V Pavlovic
J Bartolo, B McFarlane, I Baulch
K McArthur
R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa
C&J Taylor
P Carmody, B Kline, L Greco
M&E Hoffman
C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

J O'Neill
C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy
B Stocks

11.00AM

C Neilson
B Middleton, M Wright
R Pugh
I Cleary, C Kelynack
L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien
Sr J McGonigal
N Neeld, P McGlinchey
B Pleasance

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 casserole & 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

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**. (Fr Gerard)

Fr Gerard left on Monday and we pray for a safe and enriching Sabbatical for him.

INTRODUCTION OF A SECOND COLLECTION AT MASS:

The Second Collection will begin on this weekend, **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. We would be grateful if our visitors would also consider contributing to the First Collection for the support of our Parish.

FEAST OF Ss PETER & PAUL - MONDAY JUNE 29TH:

Patron Saints of Geelong West Parish

It has been our custom to celebrate Mass with Anointing of the Sick either on the Feast Day or at the Masses on the nearest Sunday. This is not possible this weekend, so **Anointing of the Sick will be offered at 5pm Mass Saturday July 4th and 11am Mass Sunday July 12th**. Happy Feast Day to all Ss Peter & Paul's parishioners!

GREETINGS FROM MANILA

(Letter from Sisters Kate and Claudia, RNDMs)

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for your generosity towards our ministry among the marginalized and disadvantaged people of metro Manila. Thankyou very much for your support for the many people we encourage and work alongside here.

The members of our livelihood and training program are building their own little businesses to provide for their families. Life for them is very difficult, especially as the wet season has just begun, yet their hope and positive thinking is remarkable. They are so proud of their endeavours and are extremely grateful to you for your support, encouragement and prayers. Your generosity enables them to have a small amount of capital to utilize their entrepreneurial skills for the wellbeing of their families.

The members of our program remember all of their friends from the Pastoral Cluster who have visited and keep asking when will you return? You are embedded in their hearts for taking time to visit and showing how much you care.

We, Kate and Claudia, thankyou for your tremendous support for us. Your encouragement, interest and generosity energises us to continue to offer a little hope to those most in need. To all involved in the Mothers for Mothers High Tea - Thankyou!

Be Assured of our prayers for you and your families. God's Blessings.

FR MICK'S MATES: ***Committee Meeting Wednesday July 8, 3.30pm at the Cluster Office.***

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.

Cluster News:

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
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!
- ◆ **CWL MANIFOLD BRANCH MONTHLY MEETING:** Wednesday 1st July, 1.30pm Holy Spirit Hall. Please bring along a wrapped item for our Dutch Auction, proceeds to General Presidents Collection. Value can be between \$5 and \$10. Bookings for Communion Luncheon in Melbourne on 28th July can be made - \$30 for 2-course lunch and entertainment. For transport or information please ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Community News:

June 29... **MARY DOOGAN**, an English midwife, will tell the story of her seven year court battle to seek protection of her right to conscience objection to being involved in abortions under the 1967 UK Abortion Act. MacKillop Room, 150 Yarra St 7.30-9pm. Entry: Donation towards costs appreciated. Promoted by the Australian Family Association. Contact Ken Davis on 0412 302 484.

July 25... **PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK:** You are invited to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave from 1-3pm. Incl hand or foot massage, Myotherapy, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing and a scrumptious afternoon tea. Cost \$10 - enquiries 5229 7954.

Aug 13-15... **THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE:** The 2015 Tri-School Musical Production involving students from Clonard, St Joseph's and Sacred Heart Colleges, performing at The Playhouse, GPAC. Tickets \$15 available from Clonard College or ph 5278 2155. Thurs and Fri 7.30pm and Sat 5pm. Also featuring students from Holy Spirit, Herne Hill and Manifold Hts Primary Schools. A great show for the whole family!

COMPASSIONATE DENTIST NEEDED:

"Lifeboat Geelong" is seeking the assistance of a dentist who would be willing to assist ONE (only one, no more!) deserving 'pro bono' patient who is in urgent need of dental work. Please contact Fr Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 if you know of someone who might be willing to help.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2Cor 8:14

Not only are we responsible for our own lives, but we are responsible for the lives of those around us. Not only is it important that we grow, nurture and share our gifts, but we should teach our children this same lesson and encourage others to do the same.

/From P1...

This woman heard this term of relationship, this term of affection and care, 'Daughter', from the lips of Jesus. Can you imagine the liberating and joyful effect of hearing that title of honour and love from Our Lord? Yes, Jesus went on to heal the little girl. But unlike the disciples he did not regard stopping as an interruption. It was a priority which totally subverted the expectations and the power structures of that society.

We are not Hindus. A caste system within the church is utterly at odds with this

gospel. The Church is distorted if power, prestige, pedigree or wealth give one special status. The saving and healing presence of Jesus must always be allowed to be radically egalitarian. This is good for you and for me when we need the presence of Jesus, the Divine Physician. You and I are a priority when we need that healing presence.

I want you to close your eyes for a moment. Bring to mind whatever it is that is making you ill-at-ease with God. Something you have done or failed to do you now experience as a dis-ease in part of your personality. Then say

with the woman of today's gospel: 'I will touch the outer garment of my Lord and Saviour. I believe he will forgive me and heal me.' Say it with her profound confidence in divine power.

Keep your eyes closed and hear Him say to you:

'My son [or] my daughter, my son [or] my daughter your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your dis-ease.'