



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

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If ever we needed convincing just how fickle a home town crowd can be, all we have to do is recall what happened around the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Only two weeks before she died, London papers sold out with headlines which read, 'Diana, say No to Dodi', or 'Soap-opera queen flees England to be with Muslim lover', and 'Diana: a national disgrace'. We were told that Diana was mentally ill, spoilt and a scheming temptress.

The death of a 36-year-old mother of two is always an immense tragedy. But who could have predicted that we could change our minds, literally over one Paris night, and come to see that Diana was in fact the 'queen of hearts' and a modern icon. How could we have missed that two weeks earlier?

What happened to the memory of Diana is

not far from what happened to the memory of Jesus in the earliest Church. In today's wonderful reading from Mark's Gospel we would expect to find Jesus' home town accepting and welcoming him with open arms. Jesus' ability to teach so well, his wisdom, and deeds of power, however, cause so much offence that the hometown crowd turn on him because he claims too much for himself. Jesus, literally, gets the hell out of there.

The Gospel of Mark, written at the beginning of the persecution of the Christians, finds great consolation in these stories of Jesus' suffering and rejection. And is it any wonder? The first generation of Christians were being expelled from the synagogue and, no doubt, many of them were experiencing similar rejection from their families and friends. Maybe some of

them had to leave town as well. In this context their fate was an identification with that of Jesus. It gave meaning and direction to their plight. It gave them hope.

The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having Christian faith these days can see us derided as fools or pushed out of certain circles. In this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that has always sustained the Christian community.

On a more worrying level, however, as a community we can run the risk of acting like the residents of Nazareth. No matter how much wisdom, authority or goodness some people demonstrate in our Christian community, it seems some people are told they are not acceptable, we take offence at them and drive them away. /Cont'd P4

- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - July 5, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15
2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-14
Gospel: Mk 6:7-13

**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 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:

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: Stan Pokorny, David Wise, Vito Emmanuele and Santiago Munoz

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Gallagher, Alfredo Ciuffelli, Jean Allison, William Vickers, Antonio Fiorillo, Ernesto & Assunta Deloreno, Frank & Helen Deloreno, Mario, Giorgio & Giovanni Ruscito, Isidoro & Maria DePalma, Antonio, Maria & Achille DiFilippo, Ivan Cengija, Duilio Magurno (1 month) and 1 year anniv of Vittorio Cammarota and Giuseppina Villarosa

BAPTISMS: Zoe & Xavier Manczak and Arley Osbourne

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

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 12, 2015

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

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

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

D Ryan

J Ryan

R O'Neill, E Ryan

M Brown

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

M Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

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 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

COLLECTIONS AT MASS:

First Collection (after Homily) for the upkeep of the Parish

Second Collection (Offertory) for the Priests: Salary and living expenses of Cluster Clergy:
- 25% to support priests in poorer parishes and sick and retired priests
- 5% for the Archbishop's Diocesan expenses

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT MASS:

Anointing of the Sick will be offered at 5pm Mass Saturday July 4th and 11am Mass Sunday July 12th.

THANKYOU:

The Holy Spirit St Vincent de Paul Society thanks all parishioners for their generous donation of \$891 towards their Winter Appeal.

If you are a Saturday evening regular at Ss Peter & Paul's you may have noticed the recent arrival of a very old altar boy doing his best to assist Father. That server is me. I am in formation for the Permanent Diaconate and, God willing, will be ordained on November 14 at St Pat's Cathedral. Frs Gerard and Mick have kindly offered to help with aspects of my training so I will be around most Saturday afternoons. Formation requires a number of weekends studying in Melbourne and I stay in town for these.

The Permanent Diaconate was restored during Vatican II and has been developing at different rates throughout the Catholic world ever since. America has 20,00 plus Permanent Deacons. If all goes as prayed for in November, I will be the 13th for our Diocese. Transitional Deacons, which we might be familiar with, go onto become Priests. Permanent Deacons are ordained clergy but remain Deacons. They can officiate at Catholic hatchings, matchings and dispatching (baptisms, weddings and funerals) where a Mass is not required and are active in most aspects of parish life - administratively, pastorally and liturgically. They are ordained to a specific holy order and as such are definitely not 'mini Priests'. Archbishop Hart appoints Permanent Deacons to parishes as he determines they can best contribute.

I'm typical, in some ways, of Permanent Deacons in our Diocese - a little older, married with children and grandchildren. (We are expecting our 12th grandchild later this year. I mentioned that we are Catholic didn't I?)

Thankyou for the warm welcome extended to me and the patience shown so far by Fr Gerard, Marg and all of the other behind the scenes workers.

Kindest regards - Allan Ansell (Sacred Heart College Chaplain)

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.

Community News:

July 18... REFLECTION DAY WITH THE DOMINICAN FRIARS: Join the Dominican Friars and guest Fr John Corrigan for a reflection day focused on 'Knowing Jesus'. Nazareth House, Camberwell - cost \$40 (incl lunch and refreshments). The day includes three talks, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, morning and evening prayer and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bookings trybooking.com/HUVW. Details ph Fiona 0402 474 074

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.

July 26... WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: St Patrick's Cathedral 11am for anyone celebrating 25,40,50,60-70 years of marriage this year. Registrations close Jul 10. Details ph 9287 5587, lmf@cam.org.au or cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

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!

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 second Tuesday of each month at Berkeley Lodge (previously known as Dromoland House) on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please ph Terry on 5221 7339 and check out our website: catholicdinersclub.org

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you'..." Ezek 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for him. He gives us the resources we need to do his work. However, do we listen to God when he calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our talent to do the work he asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

/From P1...

Some Catholics have simply walked away from us because our community disbelieves that Christ's gifts can be manifest through them as well. Nazareth did not value what was in its midst because it thought it knew better.

Today's Gospel also has a practical impact in our homes, where we don't get away with very much, and affirmation can be sparingly given. This can be taken to unhealthy extremes when parents and

siblings speak highly of their spouse, children, brothers or sisters to everyone except to the person being praised. We are often so worried about a family member 'getting a big head' that they never hear from us the encouragement they deserve. As Christians we should look for opportunities to build up and praise those we know and love.

When Diana died it was a bit late for the world to decide she did worthwhile things. It was too late for Nazareth after it rejected

Jesus as well. In Mark's Gospel he never returns there. But it's not too late for us. May it never be said that we despised wise people who have something to teach us, and that we dragged down those whose gifts and talents reflected the power of God.

This Sunday Jesus reminds us that it's never too late to stop our disbelieving.