



# 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

Many centuries ago the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was an uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews had to leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. Problem was that no one wanted to debate the Pope. The only volunteer was a poor, simple, old man named Moishe who opened the door to the synagogue each Friday night. Not being used to words Moishe asked for only one addition to the debate – that neither side be allowed to talk. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moishe and the Pope sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moishe looked back at him and

raised one finger. The Pope waved his hand in a circle around his head. Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moishe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

Later, the Pope explained what happened: 'I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that we believe in the same one God. Then I waved my hand around my head to show that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was present right here. I pulled out the bread and wine to show that God has given us the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything. What could I do?'

Meanwhile, Moishe explained to the Jewish scholars how he won the unwinnable debate. 'Well', said Moishe, 'First he said that the Jews had three days to get out of Rome. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' 'And then what clinched the debate?' asked the Rabbi. 'I don't know', said Moishe. 'It was strange. He took out his lunch, and I took out mine!'

Life always depends on how we read the signs!

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality.

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

(Year B - July 12, 2015.)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading:	Jer 23:1-6
2nd Reading:	Eph 2:13-18
Gospel:	Mk 6:30-34

**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 Friday;

### **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:**

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:** Brian Lynch and Michele Lecchino

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ronnie Fuller, Tindara Rao, Ivan Lynch, Franco Anello, Hilda Smith, Michael Haberman and 1 year anniv of Domenica Piccione

**BAPTISMS:** Leni Bartolo, Kayla Henry and Rome Salini

**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 19, 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:

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. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## Cluster News:

### 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

### ANNUAL SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC MISSION - *Formerly called Propagation of the Faith*

This Special Collection will be taken up at all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses next Weekend, July 18-19th. Please add your donation to the **Second Collection** by using the envelopes provided or by putting extra on the plate.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT MASS:

Anointing of the Sick will be offered at 11am Mass this **Sunday July 12th** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church.

### 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.

### **EXTRACT FROM LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE CANCER COUNCIL VICTORIA:**

*Relay for Life 2013 - Fr Mick's Mates 2015 RLGE - Geelong Venue*

*Thankyou for renewing your Research Award in 2015.*

*We're delighted that your generous donation of \$14,540.40, allocated to the Fr Mick's Mates Research Award, will continue to support the work of Prof Andrew Roberts and Prof David Huang towards the treatment of leukaemia, lymphoma, melanoma and myeloma in all age groups.*

*A further acknowledgement will be included in our 2015 Annual Review, to be received digitally in 2016.*

*- Emer Flynn, Office Manager Fundraising & Communication Division.*

## 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](http://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...** **WINTER CRAFT MARKET:** Indoor market showcasing home grown and handcrafted goods, over 30 stalls - wide variety. Devonshire tea, BBQ, coffee van. 9am-1pm, gold coin donation entry. St Bernard's Church 'Big Space' (beside the parish office) 74 Fryers Rd Highton.
- 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](http://catholicdinersclub.org)

### THANKYOU:

**St Mary's Parish Pantry**, serving without boundaries the marginalized in Geelong, would like to thank all the donors at the recent Deanery Dinner. The Pantry was the recipient of the raffle and proceeds from the dinner. The money raised will go towards the improvement of the Pantry and enable stock to be increased.

### 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.



### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6:8)*

How different we are from the apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

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These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders.

For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which

reveals whether our wealth possesses us or not.

For Jesus, being 'a rock and an island' was not a sign of strength but one of fear and despair. A strong Christian is the one who rejoices in our dependence on each other, and is always grateful for the interconnectedness of life.

For Jesus, making room for others, especially toward those in legitimate need and even when it makes a large claim on us, is a pre-

eminent sign of his Kingdom.

The Christian life is about reading the signs of the times. May our Eucharistic signs of his presence amongst us, the bread and wine, change us today, to match it with the best in being simple in lifestyle, happily dependent and extravagantly hospitable with our time, talent and energy for the sake of the Kingdom of God.