



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

I know very few people these days who work from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The eight-hour day seems to be a thing of the past. Where priests regularly encounter these new work patterns is when we see young people who are preparing for marriage in the Church. Sometimes to arrange a meeting we have to resort to a 6.30am or 10.00pm meeting. Some young people are working sixty hours a week. They take work home and work on the weekends. We know from surveys that they eat out most of the time, they party hard when they get the chance, and that Sunday is spent on the home front, going to the gym or sleeping. Then on Monday they start the process again.

Two things drive this obsessive work practice: competition in the job market, and the financial bonuses offered to the

employees. The problem is that this practice cannot be a long-term strategy. At the other end of the scale we all know people, only in their 30s and 40s, who are burnt out and feel used by a ruthless commercial market-place.

This culture of exhaustion is not confined to the young corporate raiders. Most people in our country have never worked as hard, with so many claims on our time and energies.

Excessive demands on one's time, no matter how great the needs and rewards, were issues for Jesus and the Apostles as well. The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys 'there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat'.

Jesus' call to 'come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' is not just about good work practises and ethical employment policy. It is about humanising our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself.

The social teaching of the Church, especially in Pope John Paul's statements about labour and the rights of workers, repeatedly stresses three aspects to work:

- it gives us dignity. Governments and employers must not allow a work culture to develop where we lose our sense of personal importance, where we are treated like just another cog in the wheel;
- work enables us to improve the standard of living for us and our families;

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- 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - July 19, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord; I know them,
and they follow me.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Kg 4:42-44
2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-6
Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

**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:

July 13-20... DeLuca family, 44 Fairy 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: Blago Colak, Betty Taylor and Teresa Flanagan

ANNIVERSARIES: Pino & Maria Algozino, Claude Mullavey, Cosimo Nadile, Raffael Gulli and 1 year anniv of Patricia McMahon and Gabriella Cracco

BAPTISMS: Orlando Gerace, Gloria Gerson, Thomas Leonard, Aria Posterino and Hudson Steel

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

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 26, 2015

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill
L Kelly
L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane
L&E Kelly
R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic
M Baird, P Gizycki
D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti
A Sare, A/I Dugandzic
C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy
M Carson
C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman
M Brown
T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson
G Tolan
A Henderson, G Tolan,
J Cowell

11.00AM

J Fraatz, L Eastman
M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius
M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski
R Zarb

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

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 this Weekend, July 18-19th. Please add your donation to the **Second Collection** by using the envelopes provided or by putting extra on the plate.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Many congratulations to **Mary Hagebols** on her 90th Birthday, 15th July.

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.

Fr Mick's Mates -

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 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.
- July 31...** **POPE FRANCIS AND THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME:** 7.30-8.45am at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne. Entry \$20. Guest Speaker - Jacqui Remond, Director Catholic Earthcare Australia. The new encyclical by Pope Francis focuses on our relationship with the whole creation - we are the caretakers for the earth. Enquiries Lucia Brick 9287 5566, (lucia.brick@css.org.au) Bookings trybooking.com/IDMR
- Aug 8...** **MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE OPEN DAY:** 10am-4pm at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St East Melbourne. Join the Sisters of St Joseph as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our Victorian Foundation. Pray in the Chapel, take a tour of the Museum, visit the gift shop and enjoy afternoon tea. All welcome!
- 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

Fr Mick's Mates



- Sept 2...** **Committee Meeting** - Cluster Offices 4.00pm
- Sept 10...** **Movie Night at St Mary's Theatre** - Two sessions; all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates. (Film to be confirmed)
- Oct 20...** **Committee Meeting** - Cluster Offices 4.00pm re catering for Cup Luncheon
- Nov 3...** **Melbourne Cup Luncheon** - Holy Spirit Hall
- December...** **Christmas Markets** - hampers, crafts, relishes etc. Dates to be advised closer to the time.

Volunteers wanted for "Intersection Collection"

Saturday October 31st - 2 hour shifts

All proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates

Please call David 0408 318 982

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile". (Mark 6:31)

Do you spend time listening for God? Most of the time he speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence every day and ask God what it is he wants you to do.

Consider making a retreat this year.

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— through working we develop our talents and gifts which builds up society as a whole.

Rest from work is a key factor in the success of all three aspects being achieved in any community. A culture of exhaustion militates against them. The bottom line in all this is appropriate boundaries.

Mark tells us today that though Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home.

So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical

message for the modern world. Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They are rights defended by Christ and protect our human dignity.

I hope today you have a well-earned break.