



# 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

Around the world there are women's shelters run by the St Vincent de Paul Society called 'Manna House'. It's an inspired name for such an important work. Women and their children, in the midst of fear, and having suffered terrible abuse, are welcomed into a safe-haven where they can be loved and looked after. It's a temporary respite where broken families can piece their lives back together and be revived for the journey ahead.

What happens at 'Manna Houses' for women at risk happens for each of us when we come to the Eucharist. We receive manna from heaven. It's our stop on the journey of faith so that we can go out spiritually revived to be the face of

Christ in the world. Sometimes we need this 'manna come down from heaven' when we are spiritually most at-risk.

I love the fact that as Catholics we believe that Christ is present in ordinary gifts of bread and wine blessed and offered at the Eucharist. We don't just believe that Christ is present in sunrises, sunsets and in natural beauty, we also believe that God comes to us in a special and unique way in the simple, ordinary things of life. And it is in what we do with these gifts of bread and wine that Christ is really present. The earliest Christians called the Eucharist 'the breaking of the bread'. It is the broken bread and the poured cup given into our hands to which we

say 'Amen' and so affirm our belief that Christ is present here.

We often need to be reassured of Christ's presence when we are in the desert periods of our own life. We can feel we are wandering around in the wilderness looking for some sign of God's life. For all of us who are broken in mind, body or spirit, or who are pouring ourselves out in love for other people, communion is precisely the time Jesus meets us where we are. Is it any wonder that the Eucharist means so much to us? May we never feel as though we are not good enough to be here, for Jesus has invited us to his table where we are loved and cared for.

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

*(Year B - August 9, 2015.)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading:	Prov 9:1-6
2nd Reading:	Eph 5:15-20
Gospel:	Jn 6:51-58

**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:** John Humphrey and Eugene Guardiano

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Obrebski, Kevin & Beverley McFarlane, Lucy Murphy, Joseph Gillett, Fr William Durkin, Fred Fusea, Jim Cudmore, Miroslav Macarol, Ercole Iezzi, Eileen Featherstone, Mary & Harry Callendar and 1st Anniv of Kevin O'Brien

**BAPTISMS:** Chloe Bell, Zac Hyland, Jeffrey Jewell and Harper Millar

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

**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, August 16, 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)**

## Cluster News:



### **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - SATURDAY AUGUST 15:**

**This Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Vigil Mass will be held Fri 14th 6pm at Ss Peter and Paul and Sat 15th 9am at Holy Spirit.**

#### **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.

## **MOVIE FESTIVAL** for **Fr Mick's Mates**



**When...** September 10, 2013  
**Time...** 4pm and 7pm  
**Where...** St Mary's Plaza Theatre & Hibernian Hall  
**Cost...** \$20 - Includes Finger Food, Tea and Coffee served after Movie.

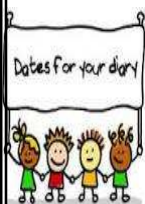
**Tickets on sale after all Masses**

**PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:** This program is for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to be confirmed. **The program begins on Wednesday Sept 2 and enrolments close Friday August 21st.** For further details phone Bernadette at the Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email [cluster@cam.org.au](mailto:cluster@cam.org.au)

**CATHOLIC CARE:** The Annual Appeal for CatholicCare will take place at all Masses this weekend. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it next Sunday, or post it direct to CatholicCare.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2015:** *Wake up the World* - National Vocations Awareness Week is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the presence and ministry of consecrated life in our Church and our lives. Pause and spend a moment of prayer in thanks for the Priests and Religious who have helped you during your life.

## **Fr Mick's Mates**



<b>Sept 2...</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b> - Cluster Offices 4.00pm
<b>Sept 10...</b>	<b>Movie Night at St Mary's Theatre</b> - Two sessions; all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates. (Film <i>Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</i> )
<b>Oct 20...</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b> - Cluster Offices 4.00pm re catering for Cup Luncheon
<b>Nov 3...</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Luncheon</b> - Holy Spirit Hall
<b>December...</b>	<b>Christmas Markets</b> - 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

## Community News:

- 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!
- Aug 14...** **ELVIS SPECIAL:** 7.30pm at the Plaza Theatre, St Mary's Parish Centre - 150 Yarra St. **A Night with Elvis** featuring the UK's favourite Elvis songs TV Special plus an hour of songs from the late 60s. Light supper, door prize, raffles. A suggested donation of \$5 per head would be appreciated. All welcome!
- Aug 16...** **MEREDITH PARISH CELEBRATES:** The Parish will celebrate their 140th Anniversary at a Concelebrated Mass at St Joseph's Meredith at 2pm. Principal celebrant Bishop Peter Connors. They also celebrate 175 years since the first Mass was celebrated in the area and 125 years of the dedication of the present St Joseph's Church. A'noon tea will follow in the Meredith Memorial Hall. All welcome!
- " **ORCHESTRA GEELONG:** Proudly presents *Music of the Stage* with conductor Michael Wilding and guest artists Jocelyn and David Mackay. 3pm at the Keith Humble Centre for Performing Arts, The Geelong College, Aphrasia St Newtown. Tickets available at the door or ph Ticketmaster: 5231 5595 or 0409 333 782. Adult \$20/Conc \$15/U16 free.
- Aug 21...** **RESPONDING TO EXTREMISM:** Columban Fr Robert McCulloch will speak about his work in Pakistan at Nazareth House Chapel & Hall, Mill St Ballarat. All welcome - entry by donation. Further information ph Carmel 0401 175 045.
- Aug 21-23...** **2015 GEELONG BOOK FAIR:** Hosted by the Rotary Club of Geelong West this annual event raises much needed funds for the Barwon Health Volunteer Transport service, along with other great community programs. There will be thousands of second hand books on sale and a number of local authors in attendance on the day. The book sale takes place at Geelong West Town Hall, with a gold coin donation on entry - Fri 10-5pm, Sat 9-5pm and Sun 10-2pm.
- Aug 22...** **TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network Geelong invites you to a relaxing a'noon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave Geelong West. Includes hand or foot massage, Myotherapy, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing and a'noon tea, 1-3pm. Cost \$10 - enquiries 5229 7954.
- Aug 23...** **ST BERNARD'S MONSTER BOOK FAIR:** Thousands of books, magazines and DVDs at bargain prices 8am-3pm. Come to the 'Big Space' 74 Fryers Rd Highton (beside the Church). Park in the Church carpark.
- Aug 26...** **EXPLORING MERCY?:** Sacred Heart College presents Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB in his presentation which is part of SHC's Circle of Mercy Program. Fr Elio has been described as a "modern, straight talking theologian" and he will explore what is meant by 'Mercy' and the implications and challenges for Catholics today. To be held in Celies Dining Room. To reserve a spot ph Rita on 5222 0467 ([rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)) All are welcome and supper will follow.

**SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** Please come join us on August 19, 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall Bostock Ave. A delicious luncheon for only \$10 - all are most welcome and we would love to see you!

**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)

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" (1Kg 19:7)*

Jesus knew that the stewardship journey would be difficult, so he gave us the nourishment of the Eucharist. When we take time to join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength to give and joy in our giving.

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As important as the Eucharist is, however, it is not 'ours', in the sense that we can selfishly hold on to the gifts we receive here. We are given Christ in Word and Sacrament, so we can become Christ.

In a sense Jesus says the same thing in today's Gospel when he talks about how the Father draws people to faith.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is only an intellectual exercise. As important as good thinking and the power of strong arguments might be, the truth of faith is best demonstrated on an emotional and intuitive level when others see the power of God's saving love active in the way we live our lives. This is what really captures people's attention, and draws them to ask what

gives our lives this quality, direction, purpose and meaning.

So may this respite from the journey of faith dispel our fears, revive us for the task ahead and enable us to live as though the only Bible others will read will be our lives, and the only Sacraments that will captivate them and draw them to Christ will be our justice and joy.