



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 read a terrific book the other day entitled 'Shadows and the Dark'. It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne. This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil.

The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident. Sister said, 'Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall'. John replied, 'If that's true Sister I'm

pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!' From Jesus' day to ours, when bad things happen to good people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is 'The-devil-made-me-do-it' theology. And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine.

For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain

some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way.

The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion.

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- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - August 30, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

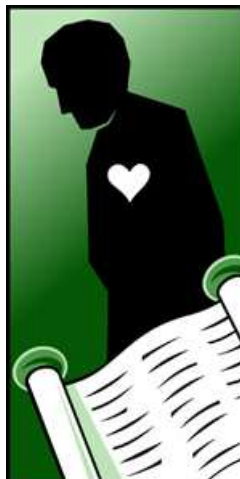
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading:	Is 35:4-7
2nd Reading:	James 2:1-5
Gospel:	Mk 7:31-37

**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:

Charlie DiDomenico, Peter Tino (Italy), Jela Perse, Maurie O'Connor, Mark Baker, Margaret Homfray, Paolo DePalma (Canada)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Damiano Fazio, John DaCosta, Walter Augustyn, Michael O'Dwyer, Kristian Verdrik, Bill Salt, Francesco Altieri, Marianna Boccassini, Alex Middleton, Nicholas & Vince DeStefano, Antonio & Chiara Tino, Bruno Nicolich, Win Atkinson, Wally Augustyn, Fausta Giuliano, Francesco, Domenico & Concetta Matarazzo, Paola & Marguerite Iannotta, and deceased members of Ivetac and Cvitan families

BAPTISMS:

Bennett Chapple, Mitchell Johnson and Kirralee & Callan Panozzo

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Gerradine Barry, Tamara Harkness, Sara Hoe, Ted Conole, Eileen Cotter, Cheryl & Joe Lambert, Theo DaCosta, Barbara Mason, Anita Capicchiano, Andrew Murray

Roster for Next Sunday, September 6, 2015

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

R Allum

Lectors

V Pavlovic

Special Ministers

J Bartolo, B McFarlane, I Baulch

Welcomers

K McArthur

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, B Kline, L Greco

M&E Hoffman

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

J O'Neill

Lectors

C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

B Stocks

11.00AM

C Neilson

B Middleton, M Wright

R Pugh

I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

C O'Brien

Lectors

Sr J McGonigal

Special Ministers

N Neeld, P McGlinchey

Welcomers

B Pleasance

Projectionist

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:

INVITATION TO SPONSOR A PEW AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S: (Seven available for sponsorship)

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION - As requested by Pope Francis

1 September 2015 and thereafter: This Sunday's bulletin contains an insert with two prayers composed by Pope Francis - "**A Prayer for our Earth**" and "**A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation**". Please keep the insert in order to pray in your homes on September 1st and thereafter. The 9.15am Mass at Holy Family on September 1st will focus on the Care of Creation. Please come.

FATHER'S DAY - SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION:

Those who contribute through Thanksgiving Envelopes will find an envelope for Father's Day in their sets of envelopes. Envelopes will be provided in each of the Churches next Sunday, September 6th. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible, hence need to use envelopes.

THANKYOU:

To Fr George O'Connor who has celebrated Masses over the past five weekends in the absence of Fr Gerard. Fr Barry Caldwell will help us during September and October.

HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP:

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday Sept 7**. We will be having a Pizza evening. A heads up for **October 5** - a leisurely chat night with Bingo to boot!

MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:

Monthly meeting will be held 1.30pm Wed 2nd Sept in Holy Spirit Hall. We will be attending High Tea at the Wool Exchange Hotel, Corio St Geelong, 2.30pm Friday 4th Sept. Cost \$10. Definite numbers required at our meeting. For transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Cluster Dates for Diary

Sept 2...	Committee Meeting - Cluster Office 4.00pm
Sept 10...	Fr Mick's Mates Movie Night
Oct 31...	Fr Mick's Mates Intersection Collection
Nov 3...	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Nov 7/8...	Remembrance Masses
Nov 15...	Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon - Capri Receptions
Nov 28...	Cardinal Rodriguez @ St Mary's
Dec 12...	Holy Family Mass of Anointing and Luncheon

Community News:

- Aug 30...** **ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS:** *Church without Frontiers, Mother to All* - Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm to be held in St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne with Archbishop Denis Hart as main Celebrant. All welcome!
- Sept 7...** **THEOLOGY AT THE PUB:** With Dr Andy Mullins - "*Character, Happiness and a Flourishing Life*". Dinner from 6.30, talk 7.30 at the Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St Fitzroy. This is an event for 18-35 year olds. Priests and Religious of all ages welcome. For more info and future events find us on Facebook.
- Sept 13...** **ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA MEMORY WALK & JOG:** *Raising Funds and Awareness for Dementia* - Eastern Park Geelong for all ages and fitness levels. Register now - adult \$25, conc\$15, family \$60, corporate \$85. Call 9816 5746 or visit memorywalk.com.au

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 on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please ph Terry on 5221 7339 and check out our website: catholicdinersclub.org

MOVIE FESTIVAL for Fr Mick's Mates



When... September 10, 2015

Time... 4pm and 7pm

Where... St Mary's Plaza Theatre & Hibernian Hall

Cost... \$20 - Includes Finger Food, Tea and Coffee served between sessions

Tickets on sale after all Masses

Fr Mick's Mates

Tickets still available -
 Session 1 ... 4pm
 Session 2 ... 7pm

Contact:

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David Lunn	0408 378 982
Trish Stickland`	5278 1343

We appreciate and look forward to your support.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." (James 1:22)

What do you **do** to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

/From P1...

For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive

and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option.

May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured

for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart.

