



# 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

*Homily from Richard Leonard is not available today. Instead, we have a Creative Ministry Resources monologue on the altercation between Jesus and Peter described in today's Gospel.*

**PETER'S MONOLOGUE – GET BEHIND ME SATAN!**

What does he expect of me? One moment my word is law, in heaven and on earth. The underworld cannot stand up against me. The next, I'm Satan and I am getting in his way. Then to get anywhere we all have to die. I simply don't understand.

Things have been going fine, up 'til now. The people have been really responding to what he says and does. There have

been miracles of course, but it's been what the people see in him that really makes you think. They have so much hope. In him, they see God reaching out to them; in their poverty, in their disbelief, in their sinfulness. And so do I.

So when he asked us, 'Who do people say I am?' we gave him the standard answers: Elijah, Jeremiah, one of the prophets, even John the Baptist.

When he asked us who we thought he was, the answer was clear. He was the hope of the poor, forgiveness for sinners, justice for all people. He is the Christ. He is the Son of the living God. I was only saying what everyone else was thinking. You couldn't travel with him and share his life, like we did, and

not come to really know him.

He seemed happy at first. I don't really understand what he said next, but it was pretty full on. The Father revealing; me being a rock, changing my name, the power to bind and loose... He was very excited. But then suddenly his mood changed.

He said he was planning to go to Jerusalem. I could not believe it. The people loved him. But because of this the Chief Priest, Scribes and most of Pharisees saw him as a threat to Jerusalem. The Roman are bad enough, but with all the others, Jerusalem is the last place he needs to be. He knows that, we know that, so why do it? It makes no sense.

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

*(Year B - September 13, 2015.)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading:	Wis 2:12,17-20
2nd Reading:	James 3:16-4:3
Gospel:	Mk 9:30-37

**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:** Amy Heyward, Fr Frank Martin

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Teresa Lynch, Jack Hickey, Alan & Lillian McDonald, Andrew Murray, Francesco & Serafina Lecchino, Rocco & Salvatore Daniele, Ron Sells, Tony Balkin, Angelo Guardiano, Eugene Guardiano, Walter Booth

**BAPTISMS:** Saskia & Andrej Betz, Cooper Clarke, Archie & Molly Henderson

**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

**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, September 20, 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:**

### **INVITATION TO SPONSOR A PEW AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S: (Six 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.

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - Count your Blessings and Make your Blessings Count**

Your free copies are available today in all Churches. In this special Spring edition which has been planned and written by secondary school students. The young editors were given a theme and told they could create a magazine that reflects on what they feel grateful for in their lives, and what they would encourage other young people to do with those gifts. Some of their stories include: ***Understanding and Overcoming Anxiety - seeking help and finding a way to relax; The Voices in our Minds - have you met your conscience?; About a Boy - a letter to God;*** plus many more interesting and inspiring stories. Pick up your copy today.

### **SYNOD OF BISHOPS IN ROME: 4th-25th October 2015**

**Theme: *The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World.***

The Synod will build on the preparatory Synod held in October 2014.

There are massive sociological changes that families face. Pope Francis sees sharing 'the joy of the Gospel' as both affirming the goodness of faith-filled families and welcoming in a non-judgmental manner those who live outside these families. This is a huge challenge that families face daily. It may require a shift in Church attitudes at many levels.

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all the bishops attending the Synod, especially for Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Eugene Hurley representing Australia.

We will add the prayer on the back page to the Prayer of the Faithful on all Sundays until the end of the Synod.

### **SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS:**

For Caritas Australia, to which you contribute through Project Compassion during Lent, their core focus is working in Syria and surrounding countries. Almost 12,000 staff and volunteers are working across the Middle East and now in Europe, to provide essential supplies and legal services.

Donations can be made online to: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

By Post to: Caritas Australia, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne 3002

Or by Phoning: 9926 5786, 9926 5706 or 1800 024 413

## **Cluster Dates for Diary**

<b>Oct 31...</b>	<b>Fr Mick's Mates Intersection Collection</b>
<b>Nov 3...</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Luncheon</b>
<b>Nov 7/8...</b>	<b>Remembrance Masses</b>
<b>Nov 15...</b>	<b>Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon - Capri Receptions</b>
<b>Nov 28...</b>	<b>Cardinal Rodriguez @ St Mary's</b>
<b>Dec 12...</b>	<b>Holy Family Mass of Anointing and Luncheon</b>

## Community News:

- Sept 15...** **PUBLIC LAUNCH OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2015/16: *For Those who've Come Across the Seas, Justice for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.*** 1-2pm with Bishop Vincent Long. The launch will take place literally on the water's edge - directly opposite Etihad Stadium (131 Harbourside Esplanade, Docklands) and easily reached by a brisk 7 minute walk from Southern Cross Station. All welcome! Enquiries/RSVP: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)
- Sept 26...** **TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network invites you to Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave for a range of pampering activities. 1-3pm, cost \$10, enquiries 5229 7954.
- Oct 16-17...** **HEART WOMENS CONFERENCE 2015:** Fairfield RSL, Sydney NSW - A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself; dream again; feel loved, honoured and cared for. Register: [TheCatholicGuy.tv/heart](http://TheCatholicGuy.tv/heart), email [heart@thecatholicguy.tv](mailto:heart@thecatholicguy.tv) or ph 1300 734 880 for more details.
- Oct 24...** **CLASS OF 1965 SACRED HEART COLLEGE 50 YEAR REUNION:** Members of the Class of 1965 are invited back to Sacred Heart for a reunion to celebrate 50 years. Please contact Kelly Suvoltos, Alumni Officer, on 5222 0403 or [ksuvoltos@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ksuvoltos@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) for further details.

**ST MARY'S PARISH** is seeking a suitable person for the position of **Parish Business/Office Manager**. The position is for 3 days per week (flexible) and remuneration will be by negotiation. Responsibilities involve general administrative supervision of the Parish office, direction of maintenance and compliance issues, and co-ordination of banking and finance. Accounting knowledge and experience would be helpful. The successful applicant would be required to commence in December. Written Expressions of Interest and/or applications (with CV's and Referees) should be marked "Confidential" and sent to: St Mary's Parish Office, 150 Yarra St, Geelong 3220 by **September 30, 2015**.

**POSITION VACANT:** The Wesley Centre for Life Enrichment is a program service and not-for-profit counselling service in the Geelong City Centre looking for a director, committed to social justice and community welfare, qualified and capable of taking initiative to lead the activities and programs of the agency. For position description contact: [office@wesleychurchgeelong.net](mailto:office@wesleychurchgeelong.net)  
**Applications close Sept 21.**

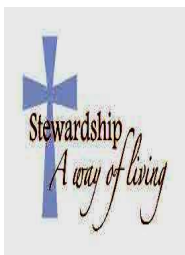
**THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS:** Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$30. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Berkeley Lodge on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please ph Terry on 5221 7339 and check out our website: [catholicdinersclub.org](http://catholicdinersclub.org)

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER -

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."*

(Mark 8:34)



When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth, we turn to you with trust.**

**Grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, rejecting violence and division.**

**May all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.**

**May the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family and its beauty in God's plan.**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.**

/From P1...

So I took him aside and I told him: He can't let this happen! We were sitting by the road a little further along than the others. He was looking tired and worried.

He looked up at me and said it. I'll never forget it. 'Get behind me! Satan.'

I must've looked shocked, but he kept

on. 'You are an obstacle in my path. Your way of thinking is not God's way.'

I was so angry. He turned and walked back to the others. Slowly I walked back.

He was sitting, eating some bread, and as he ate he began to speak. 'If you want to follow me, forget yourself, your life, your fear, and follow me. Even to death.'

What does he expect of us? We have all

given up so much for him. We believe in him. We know him to be the Christ! Yet he wants more! Do we follow him to death in Jerusalem?

What does he expect of me?