



# 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

It's hard to see what the disciples don't get when Jesus tells them in fairly plain language that because of the way he lives and what he says he will be put to death by the power barons of his day. The disciples seem to think the Passion is going to be an event out of *Boy's Own Annual*, where the ensuing campaign will see greatness thrust upon them. In this context, Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least.

This is a powerful lesson. Greatness in the world – power, connections, wealth, influence, reputation and learning – only counts for something in the Kingdom of God when put at the service of the most vulnerable of our society. Greed, riches and pride are so alluring, so seductive for us in

the Church, as much as for those outside it, that we need to regularly examine our consciences to assess the motivations and results of what we are doing, and why we are doing it. When I read today's Gospel, however, I also feel sad. I cannot help but reflect on how unintentionally prophetic Mark was being in linking the prediction of Jesus' passion with the status of a child.

The safeguards now needed in response to the criminal and scandalous behaviour of a very few leaders in the Church, means that many bishops, priests, religious and teachers can no longer follow Jesus' example and take children in our arms. I fully understand why this is the case, but the fact that we have to be so careful about the care of our children and have strict protocols and legislation that covers such behaviour toward children is a necessary and, nonetheless, tragic

moment. It's also a moment for us to remember the passion of those who have had to endure the trauma of destructive behaviour. As the Jews say of the Holocaust, 'to forget is to commit the same mistake again'. At its most basic level the latter part of today's Gospel reveals what we would expect of Jesus – he likes children and they like him.

It's amazing how a couple of pieces of information can sometimes change the way a scriptural story is read, and its importance for our lives today. We know from other documents of the same period as the New Testament that children in first century Palestine had no rights. They were possessions of their fathers, and they could be bought and sold, exploited and even killed without any recourse to the religious or civil law.

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

*(Year B - September 20, 2015.)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The Lord upholds my life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.  
**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Num 11:25-29  
2nd Reading: James 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

**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;

### Vincentine 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:** Petar Pesa, Anne Wilkinson and Janet Philp

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nobby Da Costa, Maria DePalma, Anna Barretta, Harry Gazenbeek, Giuseppe & Gaetano Pino, Eric Brown, Antonio Palana Snr and 1 month since death of Paul DePalma

**BAPTISMS:** Angelica Durrant, Olivia Klova, Finn McDougall, Mack Smith, Harrison Maguire, Ida Sgambaro, Paxton & Laike Turner

**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, Rose Galea

**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 27, 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. <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:

**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.



## *Kristmas for Kuya*

**WELCOME TO TET SAMBALE - PARISH WORKER AT THE MALATE PARISH, MANILA**

**O**ne of the highlights of the immersion experience that I and a number of others have had in the Philippines as part of our Partnership Program, has been some of the extraordinary people that we have met. One person who stands out as particularly extraordinary is Tet Sambale who is a leading parish worker in the Malate Parish which is overseen by the Columban Fathers.

For us in Geelong it is hard to imagine how crowded and in parts how poor, this parish is.

Tet has had a leadership role in the formation of basic ecclesial communities (BEC - small church communities). The focus of these groups is for a relatively small group of families to come together and to live out gospel ideals. Firstly they are a support group to each other so that if one family is in need of medicine and is unable to pay, the community comes together collectively to pay for that medicine. They have a whole variety of financial and pastoral endeavours to support each other. Secondly, they come together for prayer.

Another aspect of these basic ecclesial communities is their collective stand on Social Justice issues. In the squatter area where Tet lives and works, they organised themselves so as to stand up against a large multi-national corporation who wished to bulldoze their homes so as to put up high-rise buildings. In a David and Goliath battle the BEC won.

Tet will be the guest speaker at this year's Kristmas for Kuya function on November 15th. At the luncheon she will share some of her inspirational stories. Function details in next week's bulletin.

### **FR MICK'S MATES RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM:**

On Thursday evening of last week we had another successful and enjoyable Movie Night. Special thanks to the Fr Mick's Mates Committee for organising and catering the event. Your generosity of spirit is greatly appreciated. Also thankyou to the students from Sacred Heart College for their assistance with hospitality. And thankyou to those who supported the event with their attendance. The amount raised was \$1,500.

## Cluster Dates for Diary

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

**INVITATION TO SPONSOR A PEW AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S:**  
**There are still three pews available for sponsorship.**  
**Please phone Trish at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you are interested.**

## Community News:

- Sept 23-26...** **AMAZING AUGUSTINE:** The truly amazing musical of St Augustine, the Saint of Sinners and Bishop of Hippo. Presented by the Friends of Call of Guadalupe Musical Theatre Group this is an entertaining, inspiring, colourful and extravagant production of St Augustine's tumultuous life. Cost \$5-\$30 through [trybooking.com/HTUL](http://trybooking.com/HTUL). Info from [cogmelbourne@gmail.com](mailto:cogmelbourne@gmail.com)
- 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 4...** **ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR FROM MELBOURNE AT ST MARY'S BASILICA:** 3.30pm with conductor Dr Daryl Barclay and organist Dion Henman. Tickets at the door or [trybooking.com/IWAS](http://trybooking.com/IWAS) \$25 full/senior, \$20 Conc/student, school students free. Information ph 5223 3554.
- Oct 17...** **A COUNTRY RAMBLE:** Three lovely concerts in three quaint country churches travelling by luxury coach. Lunch at Del Rios of Mt Anakie Winery - all incl ticket - coach, concerts, morning tea and lunch \$90 full/senior, \$80 conc/child. Tickets only by phone - 5253 1402 by Oct 1. Be quick, selling fast! Information ph 5223 3554.
- 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.

**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)

### 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

### FAMILIES AND POPE FRANCIS:

World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia - Love is our Mission: the family fully alive'. Pope Francis meets this week 22-27 Sept with the families of the world, including our Australian pilgrims, as they come together in Philadelphia. May it be a sign of great joy and also a time of solidarity with families in difficulties.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER -

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*

(Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy". In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.



### 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...

One way in which a child was publicly claimed in this society was that only their immediate family could touch them. The story, then, of Jesus embracing the child in public was in itself a social challenge to accepted customs. But it's much more than that. In taking the children in his

arms, Jesus declares that they are possessions of no one, but they belong to us all as gifts. In the family of God, children are accorded the dignity and respect we would give to God.

Today's Gospel tells us that those who deserve our attention and esteem are the

ones who are the least, the most at risk or those who put their talents and gifts at their service by making the world a better place for them. Just as he did in the market place of Galilee when he took the children in his arms, Jesus has a habit of turning our world's values upside down.