



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

Today's gospel makes me very pleased I'm a Catholic, and that we don't take the bible literally. Our Christian brothers and sisters who insist on the literal truth of the scriptures must have a tough time trying to avoid cutting off their hands and feet, plucking out their eyes and worrying about how hot hell is! I'm not sure about them, but I know my feet have taken me to places I wish I'd not gone, and when I got there my eyes saw things I wish I'd not seen. Still, in spite of the times I've let myself down, I am glad I'm still in one piece, and not all that worried about the worms and weather in hell!

As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and

exaggeration to make his point. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes evil very seriously. He is always conscious of it around him and is aware that it comes from within us, and without us. Jesus teaches us today to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves.

Sinful behaviour often falls into two categories of human activity: habitual and compulsive. Habits are unusual things. There are good habits, like saying 'please' and 'thank you'. There are habits that can start out well-intentioned enough, but end up being obsessions, like caring for one's physical fitness. And there are habits that bring moments of relief or let us off the hook – like lying, dishonesty and stealing – but always end up being destructive.

Compulsive behaviour, however, is of a

very different order. Gambling, drinking, shopping, smoking, violence, work, sex, eating, drugs, pornography, money and the Internet are fairly common modern manifestations of compulsive behaviour. As heart-breaking as these addictions are, they are the presenting problems of deeper issues related to self-esteem, personal history and even genetic disposition.

One of the comments I've heard people make about their compulsive behaviour is, 'I found myself doing it again and I am not sure how or why'. No doubt there are some people who feel so lonely and get so depressed about their habitual or compulsive behaviour, they contemplate severing an arm, a leg or gouging an eye.

Jesus underlines that we have to stop our destructive behaviour and offers three pieces of practical advice so we can.

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- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - September 27, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Gen 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Heb 2:9-11

Gospel: Mk 10:2-16

**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:

Fr John Hannah OMI and Aileen Vickers

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maurice Glynn, Anna Baretta, Angelina Gianpieri, George Carmody, Margaret Gartlan, Jennifer McLaurin, Marie Donnellan, John O'Loughlin, Stanley Sherwell and Maria Frittoli

BAPTISMS:

Ruby Atchison, Ella-Jaide, Isabelle and Kailie McBurnie and Zoe Pietrapertosa

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, October 4, 2015

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum
V Pavlovic
J Bartolo, B McFarlane, I Baulch
K McArthur
R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa
C&J Taylor
P Carmody, B Kline, L Greco
M&E Hoffman
C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

J O'Neill
C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy
B Stocks

11.00AM

C Neilson
B Middleton, M Wright
R Pugh
I Cleary, C Kelynack
L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien
Sr J McGonigal
N Neeld, P McGlinchey
B Pleasance



Kristmas for Kuya

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

One 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.

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Kristmas for Kuya

When:	Sunday Nov 15th
Where:	Capri Receptions, Separation St
Time:	12.30pm - Drinks @ bar prices
Tickets:	\$30

Cluster News:

- ◆ **CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE BUILDING APPEAL TODAY:** With increasing numbers of Seminarians, more accommodation is needed - hence this appeal. Please use the envelopes provided as donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Please place the envelopes on the **Second Collection**.
On Saturday September 12, the Archbishop ordained six men to the priesthood for Melbourne, bringing the ordination class of 2015 to nine new priests. As these men begin their ministry in parishes in Melbourne, please keep them in your prayers. The ordination class of 2015: June - Fathers Charles Balnaves, John Paul Mount and Francis Denton. September - Fathers Justel Callos, Daryl Montecillo, Joel Peart, Dong Tran, Patrick Bradford, George Feliciouz.
- ◆ **HELP: St Vincent de Paul** is in need of volunteers who are willing to do Hospital Visitations. A rich and rewarding apostolic work as those who are sick are in need of our compassion and friendship. Vacancies exist at Barwon Health and St John of God. For further information phone John McCarthy on 0409 042 393.
- ◆ **PUBLIC ROSARY:** Please join the Legion of Mary for a Public Rosary. As we all know, Australia is in need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God's merciful blessing upon our country through the powerful intercession of Mary our Mother. Join us in praying for our nation on **Saturday October 10th at 11am** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church. Please ph John on 0409 042 393 for more information.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL: AGM will be held in Holy Spirit Hall on Oct 7th.** The day will commence with lunch from 12noon followed by meeting and guest speaker, Fiona Power, who will give a powerpoint presentation of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ Servant of God, first President of League in 1916. Members please bring along a cake/slice. 2016 membership \$20, Horizon \$20 and Diary \$10 can be paid for on this day. We also hope ladies on our catering list will be with us to share a meal, in appreciation of their continued help and support over the past year. For information or transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Cluster Dates for Diary

Oct 31...	Fr Mick's Mates Intersection Collection
Nov 3...	Melbourne Cup Luncheon - Details in next week's Bulletin
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 is ONE pew available for sponsorship.
Please phone Trish at the Parish Office on 5278 1343 if you are interested.

Community News:

- Oct 11...** **LIGHT THE DARK: Stand Up for Refugees Rally** 2pm at the State Library, Melbourne. Speakers include Senator Sarah Hanson Young (Australian Greens), Mohammed Baqiri (refugee activist & Afghan refugee), Reza Yarahmahdi (refugee activist and Iranian Kurdish refugee), Boe (former worker on Nauru) and others. Please join and share the facebook event [facebook.com/events/1478609402439852](https://www.facebook.com/events/1478609402439852)
- 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 23-25...** **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Invest in your most precious asset - your marriage! This is the last one for 2015 - starts 7pm on Friday and ends 5pm Sunday with accommodation and all meals provided. Information/bookings ph 9733 0997, email vicbookings@wwme.org.au or see our website: wwme.org.au
- 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 for further details.

FAMILIES AND POPE FRANCIS:

World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia - Be united in prayer with Pope Francis and the families of the world as they reflect, pray and celebrate together at the conclusion of this massive world gathering.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2015-16:

A few printed copies only remain in the Churches so please download from the information provided on the Bulletin Insert.

Action that can be taken:

1. Write to politicians your own thoughts
2. Join with **Combined Refugee Action Group** (combinedrefugeeactiongroup@gmail.com) **Light the Dark** postcards to Sarah Henderson MP - you can add your own personal message if you wish, please **PRINT** your name and address on the back, stick a stamp on it and post to:
Sarah Henderson MP
Member for Corangamite
3A/195 Colac Rd
Waurin Ponds 3216

STEWARDSHIP CORNER -

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

(Mark 9:41)

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in his image. We tend to forget this.

When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?



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.

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Firstly, do whatever helps. For some people the most unusual solutions attend to the deeper issues and help us piece our lives back together. It doesn't matter whether others approve of it, or it's related to religious faith, for as long as it doesn't lead to other destructive behaviour then, 'whoever (or whatever) is not against us, is for us'.

Secondly, accept help. None of us can

battle through life carrying all our burdens on our own. Steps four to six of Alcoholics Anonymous deal with sharing the exact nature of our burdens as a means to coming to terms with them. Our family and friends are not mind readers and we need to seek out wise counsel and follow it wisely. The help and support we receive could be like the cup of refreshing water Jesus tells us about today.

Finally, habitual and compulsive behaviour always has a pattern. St Ignatius Loyola taught

in the sixteenth century that it was only when we regularly examined ourselves to see where, when, how and with whom we are most likely to walk away from God's love, that we can work out why we do it and change the pattern.

And when we really know ourselves as we are, and not as we would like to be, we have the chance to choose life over death more often than not.