



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

John Calvin, one of the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a means to salvation. 'If you keep the law, the law will keep you.' He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who. This was tough stuff!

Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behaviour was an indication of who belonged to those elected

by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking, swearing or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the benchmarks of the elect. Within a few generations of Calvin's death, it is easy to see that the observance of the strict, Protestant, moral code had replaced the seven Sacraments as the way of being assured of heaven.

The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the

young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him. Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to live the best life we can, the fulfilment of any law, civil or moral, is a tyranny. We do not believe in a tyrannical God.

We do believe, however, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle. He could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him.

For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; /Cont'd P4...

- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - October 11, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 53:10-11
2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16
Gospel: Mk 10:35-45

**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:

Oct 12.. Baum family, 96 Heytesbury St

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:

Slavica Persic, Dorothy McKenzie, John Goonan, Nikola Sabol and Vinko Ivic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Albert Piccirilli, Harry & Annie Wallace, Eugenio Bifano, Len Callander, Lindsay Beck, Margaret Mary Cranbourne, Jack Bohan and 1 year anniv of Dawn King

BAPTISMS:

Mae Howard and Harry Verfurth

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 18, 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

M Carson

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



Kristmas for Kuya

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

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.

Ticket Secretaries:	Jeanette Sheahan	5278 2063
	Ellen Kelly	5229 0195
	Sue O'Donoghue	5221 7978
	Desma Dougherty	5244 5459
	Trish Stickland	5278 1343

* If you wish to organise a table contact Trish Stickland on 5278 1343



Kristmas for Kuya

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

Cluster News:

- ◆ **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.

ROSARY PILGRIMAGE AROUND THE DEANERY CHURCHES - Saturday October 24, 2015

Supported by the Legion of Mary, Geelong Curia

8am...	Holy Mass at St Francis Xavier, Corio		
9.15am...	Pray the Rosary -	Joyful Mysteries -	St Thomas Aquinas, Norlane
10am...	"	Luminous Mysteries -	Holy Family, Bell Park
11am...	"	Sorrowful Mysteries -	St John the Evangelist, Bannockburn
12noon...	"	Glorious Mysteries -	Nazareth Church, Grovedale
1pm...	"	Joyful Mysteries -	St Bernard's, Belmont
2.30pm...	"	Luminous Mysteries -	Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
3.30pm...	"	Sorrowful Mysteries -	St Thomas', Drysdale
4.30pm...	"	Glorious Mysteries -	St Mary's Basilica
5pm...	Closing Prayer -	The Profession of Faith -	St Mary's Basilica



STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP HART - 6 OCTOBER 2015:

Melbourne's Catholic Archbishop Denis Hart has today urged the parliament to protect the Catholic Adoption Service of 80 years. CatholicCare as it prepares to deal with a Bill changing the Adoption Act of 1984 to permit the adoption of children by same-sex couples.

Archbishop Hart says he is hopeful that if the proposed changes are accepted as law, protection will be provided to CatholicCare to continue its valuable work as has occurred in New South Wales.

The Catholic position on marriage and family holds that the wellbeing of the community and children are best served when they experience the love of both a mother and father in a safe, secure and stable relationship.

He says he completely understands that some people will disagree with the Catholic position but has appealed for 'fair play' to ensure the many children (Catholic and non-Catholic) who continue to benefit from the outstanding work of CatholicCare are not unnecessarily disadvantaged.

CatholicCare commenced as an adoption agency in 1935 and has built an enviable reputation for acting with great integrity in finding stable and loving homes for some of the most disadvantaged children in society, especially children with complex needs and disabilities.

The Archbishop says he acknowledges the alternative point of view and while not agreeing, is asking for the mutual respect of those arguing for same-sex adoption that any changes in the law will still allow CatholicCare to continue its outstanding work in the community within the tradition of the Catholic Church.

Fr Mick's Mates

Melbourne Cup Day Chicken & Champagne Luncheon \$20.00

Tuesday November 3rd, 2015

Time 12.00 Noon

Holy Spirit Hall

Bostock Avenue, Manifold Heights



Cluster Dates for Diary

Oct 20...	Fr Mick's Mates Committee Meeting 4pm re Catering Melb Cup
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

Volunteers wanted for "Intersection Collection" (2 hour shifts)
 All proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates.
 Please call David on 0408 378 982

Community News:

- Oct 22...** **THE INVITATION TO MERCY IN LUKE'S GOSPEL:** Sacred Heart College presents this special presentation given by Rev Dr Michael Trainor AM, 7pm in the Celies Dining Room. Michael's presentation is open to all members of the community and will be followed by supper. Call Rita to reserve a spot 5222 0467 rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
- 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...** **TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network Geelong invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave Geelong West from 1-3pm. Cost \$10 includes hand or foot massage, myotherapy, bowen therapy, blood pressure testing and afternoon tea. Inquiries ph 5229 7954.
- Oct 24...** **GRANDMOTHERS AGAINST DETENTION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN: *The Way Ahead Conference*** - 10am-4pm in the Melbourne Town Hall (Swanston Hall, Lower Town Hall) Includes welcome by Dr Gwenda Davey AM with a review of what we have done, collectively and in our electorates across the country plus a panel of speakers.
- 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.
- Nov 28/29...** **MEN ALIVE WEEKEND:** To be held at Our Lady's Star of the Sea Church Ocean Grove. This is a Catholic ministry to men to revitalize men in their faith, encouraging them in personal prayer and regular gathering, active participation in the Church and importantly, to support their parish priest. Cost \$60 - see ogmenalize@hotmail.com

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 2nd Tuesday of each month at Berkeley Lodge on Pakington St. For more information and reservations please ph Terry 5221 7339 and check out our website catholicdinersclub.org to learn more.

AID TO CHURCH - SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: The wonderful international Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is dedicated to helping keep the Catholic church alive in places where it is the most persecuted - Syria, Egypt and South Sudan to name a few. This last year has been a year of great persecution and exodus. Rarely has the Cross been more visible than in the fate of the refugees from Syria and Iraq. There is a great need to help them. ACN issues a newsletter and other resources to keep you informed about the situation of many struggling Catholic communities across the globe. If you would like to be kept informed please email therese@aidtochurch.org or phone 9287 5598 to request further information on the situation of the suffering and persecuted Church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER -

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

(Mark 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.



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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...the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel.

We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then

its moral authority over us is questionable.

In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus.

The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into

pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality: Jesus taught and lived.

Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people.