



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

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind.

The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind

men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why they don't play at night!'

To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a

curse for sin.

Bartimeaus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeaus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimeaus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question. /Cont'd P4

Welcome home and Happy Birthday, Fr Gerard!**- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time -**

(Year B - October 25, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has
done away with death, and
brought us life through his
Gospel. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**All Saints**

1st Reading:	Apoc 7:2-4,9-14
2nd Reading:	1Jn 3:1-3
Gospel:	Mt 5:1-12

**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:

26 Oct: Ramios family, 85 Sunderland Rd

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: Stephan Masowita, Moya Gleeson and Pat Shields

ANNIVERSARIES: Reg Doherty, Francis Murphy, Stefa & Janez Bockaj, Jolef Kot, Eileen, Basil & Bernie Haberman and 1st anniversary of Boris Ribaric

BAPTISMS: Olive Greaves, Ethan and Lola Taylor

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, Joe Vanjek

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, November 1, 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

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

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



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	Ruth O'Neill	5221 8962
Ellen Kelly	5229 0195	Peter Gizycki	5278 8506
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:

- ◆ **MANY THANKS** to Fr Barry Caldwell for celebrating Masses in the Cluster on Sundays in September and October. His help is much appreciated.
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Office will be **CLOSED** on Tuesday November 3 (Melb Cup Day)
- ◆ **BEREAVEMENT MASSES:** The weekend of 7th and 8th November the focus of our Mass will be Remembering and Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones. As part of the Bereavement Mass there are notelets entitled '*In Loving Memory Of*' that will be placed at the foot of the Cross. These leaflets are now available if you would like to take one and fill it out in preparation for the November Masses. At the Remembrance Masses, please do not put the notelets at the foot of the Cross until directed by the Priest. **There will be 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church and also at Holy Spirit Church on this weekend.**
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will be hosting a **Tillow Fashion Show**, 1.30pm Holy Spirit Hall on **Thursday Nov 12**. Brands available for purchase include Black Pepper, Renoma, Lady Lyn and many others. Tillow advise they are dedicated to clothing mature women, helping us to look and feel our best. We do have a change room area. \$5 entrance includes door prize and afternoon tea. Cluster ladies and friends invited to come along.

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



MELBOURNE CUP TICKETS:

Tickets on sale after all Masses or by contacting the following ticket secretaries:

Marg Haines	5278 3647
Desma Dougherty	5244 5459
Noreen Haberman	5229 9352
Noella Duggan	5278 2142

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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	

Volunteers wanted for "Intersection Collection"
(2 hour shifts)
All proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates.
Please call Trish on 0418 522 527

Community News:

- Oct 31...** **HDR CHURCH HISTORY RESEARCH DAY:** Australian historian and biographer Brenda Niall will deliver a keynote address on historical research in the light of her much acclaimed Mannix biography. Knox Lecture Theatre, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Pde East Melbourne, 9.30am-3pm. RSVP 26 Oct to 9412 3304.
- Nov 4...** **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Includes study options, building tour, refreshments. 4-6pm or 6-8pm. Bookings essential. RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by **Friday 30 October** by phoning 9412 3314 or email jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au
- Nov 8...** **MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS, STAFF & FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE** will be held in the College Chapel at 2.30pm.
- Nov 19...** **COME AND HEAR PAUL COLLINS SPEAK ABOUT THE PAPAL ENCYCLICAL, LAUDATO SI'.** The Pope takes a holistic view of the challenge of climate change, showing how our relationships with each other, with the poor, with God and with his Creation, are all interrelated. He believes we need to set up new social, political and economic structures which will be sustainable and bring healing to the earth. 7.30pm at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St - admission free. Sponsored by the Geelong Inter-Church Social Justice Network. Inquiries ph 5229 0719.
- 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



HOLY SPIRIT PRIMARY SCHOOL 'AROUND THE WORLD SCHOOL FETE': You are invited to our Fete at Holy Spirit School on **Saturday 14th Nov** from 11am-3pm. There will be something for everyone with cake stalls, fruit, vegetables and flowers very cheap. Also auctions, raffles, jams and sauces, cups of tea and scones, games and rides, plant stalls (especially our heirloom tomatoes) and live entertainment all day. Please make our day part of your weekend. See you there!

17 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, GERMANY & SWITZERLAND: Departs Melbourne on Wednesday 8 June 2016 - arrive Melbourne on Friday 24 June 2016. Cost \$6,700 per person twin/double/triple share + \$1,600 Single Supplement. Your Spiritual Director is Fr Benedict Lee from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scarborough WA. For more information ph Francis Williams, Tour Co-ordinator on 08 9459 3873, 0404 893 877 or email perthfamily888@gmail.com

XIV ORDINARY SYNOD OF BISHOPS, ROME: This major discernment process on the family concludes this weekend on Sunday 25th October. Now it will be in the hands of Pope Francis as he draws all this together. Let's keep him closely in our hearts and in our prayers in the coming month.

BANNOCKBURN CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE: The Meredith Parish wishes to inform people that the 9am Sunday Mass usually celebrated at Bannockburn, will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Hamilton Hwy Inverleigh, at 9am.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER -

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well'. And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."
(Mark 10:52)



Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore.

But if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common.



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 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...

As Bartimaeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight.

The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'.

The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see

those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'.

And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness

and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the

Gospel story, with Bartimaeus requesting: from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path.

In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.