



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

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we.

Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus

does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life.

This story teaches a similar lesson.

Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave.

The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he

asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both our faiths. Then I waved my finger around me to show him that God was all around us.'

- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - November 8, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Dan 12:1-3
2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14,18
Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

**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:

Nov 9-16: Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave.

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: Robert Scopaz

ANNIVERSARIES: Waclan & Danuta Augustyn, Alois Iskra, Bob Johnson, Jela Skulic, Klara VanSlooten, Margaret Donnellan, Nicola, Maria Grazia & Concetta Servello, Damian Dougherty, Dennis (Bob) Feldman, Wendy Commons, and 1st Anniv of Salvatore Daniele and Marie Gallagher

BAPTISMS: Mikaela DeGuzman, Leonard Pocock, Jack Tabak, Marcus Antonenko, Josephine Butcher, Asher Heffer and Luca Patti

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, Mark Chrimes

Roster for Next Sunday, November 15, 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
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T McNair

Cluster News:

- ◆ **BEREAVEMENT MASSES:** This weekend 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. 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.**
- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday Nov 10 - 7pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office
- ◆ **CLUSTER PLANNING DAY:** Wednesday Nov 11 - **the office will be closed on this day.**
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by STREET. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please leave a message for Helen at the Parish Office, or email helen.brislane@cam.org.au Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** Will be held on **Wednesday Nov 18** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$10 - all welcome!



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:

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| 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

If you wish to support our major Partnership Fundraiser, you can do so through the Wish List, providing a slice (to be delivered to the Pastoral Cluster office on Friday Nov 13th) or donating a small item for the Hamper (eg voucher) to the Parish office or Churches by Monday Nov 9th.

WISH LIST

- ◆ One uniform for Primary Student \$10
- ◆ One month's supply of water \$25
- ◆ One year's tuition \$50
- ◆ Medical supplies for Clinic \$75
- ◆ Feeding 100 street children for one day \$100

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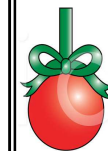
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Kristmas for Kuya

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



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!



CONGRATULATIONS ALLAN ANSELL TO BE ORDAINED PERMANENT DEACON:

Allan, who has been assisting at the 5pm Mass on Saturdays at Ss Peter & Paul's, will be ordained a Permanent Deacon on:

- ◆ **Saturday 14th November**
- ◆ **10am**
- ◆ **St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.**

Anyone who would like to attend will be very welcome. Please remember Allan in your prayers as he prepares for ordination.

A note from Allan

Saturday evening the 7th of November is my last serving as Acolyte at Ss Peter & Paul's (I'm ordained the following Saturday). I would like to thank everyone at Ss P&Ps for the genuine welcome, the encouragement and the generous guidance over the last four months. I've learned a lot ... Ss Peter & Paul's is a wonderful community and it has been a privilege to be part of it. Thankyou.

Community News:

- Nov 11...** **MERCY CUP OF TEA DAY:** To celebrate the life and legacy of Catherine McAuley who founded the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin in 1831. This is a special invitation for grandparents to enjoy a cup of tea on this special morning. 10.30am in the Celies Dining Room - tickets \$5 from Reception or our online store - shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au (Cups and saucers are limited so please book early!)
- " **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wed 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate. **Special Guest Speaker - Fr Mick Fitzpatrick.**
- Nov 19...** **COME AND HEAR PAUL COLLINS SPEAK ABOUT THE POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL - *Laudato si*** (His encyclical on the Environment) at 7.30pm Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St. Admission free. Inquiries ph 5229 0719.
- Nov 20...** **ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL** will be offering a unit of study in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in 2016. An introduction will be held 2-3.30pm to learn more about the CPE journey, the process and what is required of participants. To register or for more information please contact Bernadette Wurlod 0417 954 663 Bernadette.Wurlod@sjog.org.au
- Nov 28...** **VISIT OF CARDINAL OSCAR RODRIGUEZ FROM THE HONDURAS:** The Cardinal will be celebrating 9am Mass at St Mary of the Angels Basilica. His Eminence will then give a talk on Blessed Oscar Romero, the unofficial patron saint of the Americas and El Salvador, who regularly spoke out about poverty, social injustice, assassinations and torture in this very poor area of the world. Morning Tea in the Hibernian Hall will follow the talk. All are invited to attend.

FR MICK'S MATES

Sincere thanks is due to all those who have supported two recent fundraising events for Fr Mick's Mates. Firstly those who braved the elements last Saturday to "rattle tins" on the corner of Anakie and Ballarat Rd. Their good efforts raised around \$3,000.

Secondly, thanks to all those involved in our ninth Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon. The longevity and success is due to the generous efforts and work of so many.

To the Relay for Life Committee, those who provided food for the event, setup and cleanup of the Hall and the technical support and preparation of Sweeps - a lot of work done by a very good team. Thankyou.

Many thanks to the local businesses who offered donations. They have supported the community and I encourage you in turn to support them.

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| Wool Exchange Hotel | Commo Hotel | St George Hotel | Great Western |
| Sphinx Hotel | Petrel Hotel | Parker's Steak House | Peninsular Hotel |
| Dan Murphy's | Buckley's | Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse | Woolworths |
| | Sir Charles Hotham | Fish & Chips on Sepo | |

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He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their

scholars had insisted was impossible!

What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe, 'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.'

May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing, and then leaving here and doing the very opposite.