



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

At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available!

It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his

own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

Indeed as St John was to sharply say in

his letter in the New Testament, 'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice.

So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

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- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - January 31, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will sing of your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good
News to the poor and freedom to
prisoners. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 6:1-8
2nd Reading: 1Cor 15:1-11
Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

**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:

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:

Jean Toohey

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ida DaCosta, Giuseppe Marcantonio, Gino & Carmella Bisinella and members of the Bisinella family, Frank Kennedy, Mary Smith, Giuseppa Puglia, Robert Callander (RAAF) and Giovanni, Maria, Antonio & Lidia DeAngelis

BAPTISMS:

Jack Posterino

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anita Capicchiano, Joe Vanjek, Robert Hayes, Anna Beachell, Elaine, Aaron & Jennifer Lyall, Lou Resciniti, Ellen Lacy

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, February 7, 2016

(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, D&M Horoba
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

Cluster News:

- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** First meeting this year is February 1, 7.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre. A warm welcome extended to all members and friends.
- ♦ **BOOKS AVAILABLE:** In the Office we have been doing a major clean-up. As part of this clean-up we have many books, including those from Monsignor Murray's library, that parishioners are welcome to take for free. The books will be available this week in the front room at the Parish Office during office hours and thereafter the following week at the back of the Churches.
- ♦ **WHEN WE SING, WE PRAY TWICE (St Augustine):** Sr Carmel hopes to form a group of singers who will sing at Ss Peter & Paul's 5pm Mass commencing on Ash Wednesday and continue each week of Lent. Maximum practice would be once weekly. If you are interested please contact Sr Carmel on carmelh.odwyer@mercy.org.au or phone 5229 7954.
- ♦ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** Wed Feb 3rd noon in Holy Spirit Hall. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** First meeting for 2016 will be held **1.30pm Wed Feb 3rd** in small meeting room at Holy Spirit Hall. We do encourage members to come along early and support the Holy Angel Sisters by attending their luncheon in the main hall from 12noon. Special year for our League in Victoria and Wagga Wagga, celebrating the Centenary 1916-2016 and Manifold Branch will celebrate 40 years. New members welcome. Information/transport ph Jeanette 5278 2063 or Tricia 0431 512 354.
- ♦ **DOG WALKER WANTED:** An elderly parishioner (92 year-old) needs a little help walking his well trained dog sometime on a Wednesday for 20-30 minutes. If you can help ph 0409 358 037.

PASTORAL CLUSTER PARISH GROUP RECONCILIATION PROGRAM: *The program is as follows...*

Session 1: Sunday Feb 28 9.30am Holy Family Church - Welcome and Commitment Mass

Session 2: Sunday March 6, 9.30am Holy Family Church - Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass

Session 3: Thursday March 10, 7pm Holy Family Community Centre - Family based presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, parent/child in attendance.

Session 4: Sunday March 20, 9.30am Holy Family Church - Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass.

Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If a candidate misses one of the Sunday sessions there will be a 'make-up session'.

The cost of the program is \$70. For a child to make Reconciliation they must be baptised and in Grade 3 or above.

Please contact the Parish Office 5278 1343 for more information and enrolment. **Enrolments must close on Friday February 19.**

FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE

Registration for 2016 commences this week. The event is on Sat/Sun March 19th and 20th.

Cost \$20 if registered by February 19th, \$25 from February 20th.

Forms available at entry to Church or Parish Office. Registration includes Sun saver top and Insurance.

FILM NIGHT THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

Two sessions 4pm or 7pm. Includes finger food and refreshments between the sessions.

Movie to be confirmed in next bulletin.

\$20 per ticket.

Date to Remember: Relay for Life event will be held on weekend of **March 19/20.**



LENTEN PROGRAM 2016 - MERCY:

Mercy is a weekly program, primarily for group use, based on the Sunday Scripture readings during Lent. The name and theme of the program is in response to Pope Francis' "Year of mercy". Since Lent this year starts on February 10th, please sign up by **Sunday Jan 31st.**

LENTEN PROGRAM 2016 - DREAMS... A WAY TO ENRICH OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Sr Jean McGonigal RSM is offering a 6-week Lenten program based on reflections on Biblical and Personal Dreams with the opportunity to help you interpret your dreams. The sessions will be held on **Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm** or **Wednesday evenings 7-9pm** commencing **17th February** at the Pastoral Cluster Centre.

Sign-up boards for both programs are at the back of each Church.

Liturgy in the Cluster in February:

- Feb 1... Vincentian Village Mass 3pm
Feb 2... Grace McKellar Mass 10.15am in the Chapel
Feb 5... Whole school Mass for Holy Spirit 11am in Holy Spirit Church
“ Multicultural Mass 1.30pm in the Multicultural Chapel



Ash Wednesday:

- Feb 10... 9.15am Mass - Holy Family Church - school children in attendance
9.15am Mass - Holy Spirit Church - school children in attendance
12noon Mass - St Patrick's Chapel - whole school Mass
7.00pm Mass - Ss Peter & Paul's Church



- Feb 11... 9.15am Mass - Holy Family Church - whole school Mass with Australian singer/songwriter Andrew Chin in attendance
Feb 13... 6.00pm Mass - Holy Spirit Church - welcome to Preps and staff of Holy Spirit School
Feb 14... 9.30am Mass - Holy Family Church - welcome to Preps and staff of Holy Family School
“ 11.00am Mass - Ss Peter & Paul's Church - welcome to Preps and staff of St Patrick's School
Feb 17... 1.00pm Mass - St Mary's Basilica - Opening School Mass for Clonard students
Feb 20... 6.00pm Mass - Holy Spirit Church - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass
Feb 21... 11.00am Mass - Holy Spirit Church - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass
“ 11am.00 Mass - Ss Peter & Paul's Church - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass (this is an additional Mass)
Feb 28... 9.30am Mass - Holy Family Church - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION RESUMES TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY.

We meet at the Pastoral Cluster Centre from 5.30pm for approx one hour. The hour includes some 20 or so minutes of Christian meditation and some input from a CD of either Frs John Main or Laurence Freeman.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR PASTORAL CLUSTER SCHOOLS:

Over the years the three schools have gathered together for formation in their spiritual lives. Our guest speakers over the years have included Fr Brian Gore (Columban), Fr Frank O'Loughlin (Eucharist Theologian), Fr Frank Moloney (Scripture Scholar), Ruth Fowler (Teacher of Christian Meditation). This year the focus will be on the Holy Father's Papal Document on the Environment, Laudate Si on Friday March 4th.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Mar 19... Irish Folk Festival - St Patrick's Primary School. An enjoyable event for the whole family!

Community News:

- Feb 6... **LOURDES DAY MASS:** The 7th "Lourdes Day Mass" will be celebrated at St Mary's Basilica 10am in association with the World Day of the Sick. It is a Mass of healing and hope for sick and infirm people, their carers and all interested parishioners from all parishes in the Geelong region. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available, and there will be a blessing with Lourdes Water at the conclusion of the Mass. *The Mass will replace the usual 9am Mass at St Mary's for that Saturday only.*

MOTOR SCOOTER(S) FOR SALE: Donated to "Lifeboat Geelong" and proceeds from which will support established victims of church-related sexual abuse. Both scooters are in excellent condition with Roadworthy Certificate, new batteries and have had full recent service.

1. 2004 Aprilia Scarabeo 200c, travelled only 5,375km. \$1,950 ono
 2. 2005 Aprilia Mojito 125cc, travelled only 5,152km. \$1,750 ono
- Enquiries and further details: Terry Falkingham 5298 3384 or Fr Kevin Dillon 0421 777 360.

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: 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 Michael 0431 959 584 and check out our website: www.catholicdinersclub.org to learn more.

/From P1... We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love.

And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.

From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap

into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles.

On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'.

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death.

A VOCATION VIEW -

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.