



# 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**

I came across this story the other day which seems to be appropriate for the First Sunday of Lent'.

In the second year of the Jesuit novitiate, the Jesuit novices are dropped around 140km from their first house in Australia at Sevenhill in South Australia. He has eight days to walk the distance and beg for food and accommodation. He cannot tell anyone who he is or what he is doing.

One Jesuit writes, 'It's the only time in my life I've been remotely in what we could call a wilderness and I have known hunger. 'There were many knockbacks, but there were a few occasions when people were extraordinarily generous.

'We are told that we cannot trade off being a Jesuit, but if we are invited into someone's home we can tell them who we are, so that they will not be frightened that they have welcomed Jack the Ripper to stay the night. If the person has offered the garage and a sandwich, however, we cannot use our being a Jesuit to get an upgrade from economy to first class!

'One woman who welcomed me into her home questioned me at length about where was I from, where was I going and how I got here. Then she declared, "I think I can trust ya". So she ushered me into her home, offered a meal that night, breakfast the next day and her guest room.

'I told this woman who I was and complimented her on her extraordinary

generosity. "Well listen sunshine", she said, "let's face it, I knew you were OK, 'cause you're the most beautifully spoken, articulate beggar I've ever met."

In today's Gospel we are told that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Numbers are never randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. 40 indicates a time of formation. Luke tells us that Jesus confronts evil head-on and is tempted in every way that we are.

We often feel alone when faced with difficult choices and temptations, but, especially at these moments, there are four things we need to remember:

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Welcome to the Preps and staffs of Holy Family and Holy Spirit

**- 1st Sunday of Lent -**

*(Year C - February 14, 2016)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory. I will grant him length of days.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Be with me, Lord,  
when I am in trouble.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****2nd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gen 15:5-12,17-18  
2nd Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1  
Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

**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:**

Bernice McAuliffe, Marija Miletic, Mario Siketa and Fr John Spillane

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bill Hogan, Bill Jess, Baden Featherstone, Fred Casey, Elsie Gillett, John Vanstan, Ripalda Sicuro and 1st anniversary of Aileen Battye

### **BAPTISMS:**

David Cooke, Jaiah Stocco, Levi Welsh and Milla Whitehead

### **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 21, 2016**

(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

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

<b>Pastoral Cluster Luncheon...</b>	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
<b>Holy Family Luncheon..</b>	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
<b>Holy Family Women's Group...</b>	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
<b>St Vincent de Paul...</b>	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
<b>Legion of Mary...</b>	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Baptism Preps</b>	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
<b>Holy Family Choir Practice...</b>	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
<b>Manifold CWL...</b>	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
<b>Italian Mass...</b>	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
<b>Catholic Diners' Club...</b>	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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## Cluster News:

**L**ENT 2016: The Lenten season has a two-fold character, namely it recalls Baptism or prepares for it and it stresses a penitential spirit. The Law of Common Practice of Penance can be performed in a number of ways such as:

- Prayer** - eg Mass attendance, family prayer, a visit to a Church or Chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, or in other ways.
- Self-Denial** - eg not eating meat, not eating sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere, or in other ways. **Project Compassion** is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- Helping Others** - eg special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened, or in other ways.

*In the Pastoral Cluster the invitation is to share in the Lenten Spirit through Lenten Programs, support for Fr Mick's Relay for Life (our fundraising for Cancer Research), Project Compassion and, of course, sharing with the community in the Sunday Eucharist.*

### **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". There will be **THREE** groups meeting during Lent -

**Group 1** - 10.00am Mondays

**Group 2** - 10.00 Wednesdays

**Group 3** - 7.00pm Thursdays

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

The sessions will be held on **Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm** or **Wednesday evenings 7-9pm** commencing **17th February** at the Pastoral Cluster Centre.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION - WEEK 1:**

Like many families in her remote village, Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat. But with the support of Caritas Australia and local partner CADECOM, the people of Doney's community have learned to harness their strengths. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future.**



### **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: **THE INTERN** starring Robert DeNiro and Anne Hathaway

\$20 per ticket from:

Noreen Haberman 5229 9352

David Lunn 0408 378 982

Desma Dougherty 5244 5459

Pastoral Cluster Office 5278 1343



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** Next week the Summer Edition of Australian Catholics will be available for free. This edition the focus is on **Year of Mercy in the Catholic Church**. Articles include *Year of Mercy In Depth, Opening God's Mercy to all Children, Short History of Reconciliation, Shining a Light on Mental Illness, etc.*

### **PASTORAL CLUSTER PARISH GROUP RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:**

**Enrolments are now being taken for the Pastoral Cluster Reconciliation Program.** For more information and enrolment forms please contact the Parish office on 5278 1343. Please Note - enrolments must close on **Friday February 19**. The cost of the program is \$70. For a child to make Reconciliation they must be baptised and in Grade 3 or above.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Holy Spirit Church is looking for ladies to assist with the flowers and care of the Altar. If you are able to assist or would like some further information, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343.

## A VOCATION VIEW

**1st Sunday of Lent**  
The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

## Liturgy in the Cluster in February:

- Feb 13...** 6.00pm Mass - Hly 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 - Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass\*  
**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  
" 11.00am Mass - Ss Peter & Paul's Church - Welcome to Preps and staff of St Patrick's School\* (this is an additional Mass)  
**Feb 28...** 9.30am Mass - Holy Family Church - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass

**Please note - the change of Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass and the Welcome to Staff and Preps of St Patrick's.**

## Community News:

- Feb 16...** **MASS IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM:** St Patrick's Cathedral, 11am with principal Celebrant Bishop Vincent Long. All are welcome!
- Feb 25...** **SHC CIRCLE OF MERCY COMMUNITY EVENING:** Rev Dr James McEvoy - *Experiencing the Mercy of God*, 7pm in the Celies Hospitality Centre, SHC. All welcome and supper provided. RSVP by **Feb 22** to Rita Chiavaroli by phone 5222 0467 or email [rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au).
- Mar 4...** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Service will be held 11am at Wesley Uniting Church with theme *Jesus said to them: Receive children, receive Me*. Written by the Christian women of Cuba, your support in prayer and attendance will be greatly appreciated. Guest speaker Mrs Julie Whelan, a teacher from Clonard College who has recently visited Cuba. All welcome and a light lunch will be served following the service. For information or transport ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- Mar 19...** **IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:** St Patrick's School
- " **RENDINE CONSTRUCTIONS GEELONG ST PATRICK'S RACE MEETING:** Entry \$20 or \$12 conc, children u/17 free. Packages: Marquees, Dining & Umbrellas. Try the new Picnic Pack with picnic rug, table, chairs, entry for two, cooler bag with 2 bread rolls, dips and biscuits, bottle wine - \$65 (special price for parishioners). Ph Catherine on 0409 007 913 for special price or book through website [countryracing.com.au/geelongstpats](http://countryracing.com.au/geelongstpats)
- " **RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT** - This is a 24-hour event beginning 12noon through until noon the following day. The venue has been changed and will be held at Coppards Rd in Leopold. More details will be made available in coming weeks.

## MELBOURNE CATHOLIC:

This is a new outreach by the Archdiocese to replace the magazine *KAIROS*. In the words of Shane Healy, the Director Media and Communications: "*Welcome to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's new monthly magazine, Melbourne Catholic. The publication contains a wonderful variety of interesting and inspirational stories, along with commentary on contemporary issues. To introduce you to Melbourne Catholic, we are offering the first two editions free of charge. It is my hope that you will support our new magazine and become a subscriber. The price for 2016 is \$36 and covers all editions from April onwards. You can subscribe using the enclosed reply-paid envelope. Please enjoy your free edition of Melbourne Catholic and let your friends and family know about it. In doing so, you will help us to spread the Good News from Melbourne far and wide! I look forward to your feedback and hope you will continue to be a loyal subscriber for many years to come.*"

/From P1... Temptation is not sin. Only when we freely and knowingly choose to act on temptation is sin involved. Though one may like to talk about the temptations one has in Reconciliation, we never have to 'confess' them as though they are sinful actions.

.When we look at our temptations they often appear as good things, but often they have a sting in the tail which is destructive.

We need to be very alert to all the consequences of what we do and say, and learn from our experiences.

The more we give into temptation, the

more immune we become to seeing that there's anything wrong with what we are doing. We can develop whole habits in our living, deceiving ourselves that what we are doing is 'not that bad'.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, tells us in *The Spiritual Exercises* that the worst temptations are greed, pride and riches. This comes as a surprise to Catholics who have been told for too long that sex is number one. Ignatius says that we should be wise in how we deal with temptations: name what's going on, and attend to the pattern of the temptation quickly and consistently.

As John B. Metz, says, 'We can say that the three temptations in the desert are three

assaults on the poverty of Jesus ... What Satan fears most is the powerlessness of God in the humanity he assumed ... so he appeals to Jesus' divinity, he wants God to remain God ... but Jesus subjected himself to our plight and opted for us as we are.'

We should take great comfort from this: there is no path of temptation along which Jesus has not gone ahead of us to show us we can choose life ahead of death.

That's what Lent is always about – a yearly season where we are encouraged to keep embracing life and live it to the full.