



# 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

There is a tough phrase at the end of the Gospel we have just heard; 'Go and sin no more.' It's like a sting in the tail, standing in contrast to the compassion of Jesus in his encounter with the woman. Yet, on closer inspection, it is the most important phrase in the story. And that's saying something because this dramatic event is the only one in the Gospel where Jesus confronts sexual sin, where only the woman is dragged from the scene of the crime to answer the charge of adultery. Is it any wonder that in some early manuscripts of John's Gospel this story was left out, its authorship questioned? The dangerous memory of Jesus' compassion toward the woman was too strong in the minds of John's community for it to be excluded, however, and so it remains as an inspired text for us to make our own. It is sometimes very

important to hear Jesus say to us, especially in the area of our sexuality, 'I do not condemn you.'

So often, however, we want Jesus to leave it at that. But Jesus goes further. He tells it as it is. If any of us want life and want it to the full, we have to stop doing the destructive things that get us into trouble in the first place. It does not matter if it is drinking, gambling, eating, working, stealing, sexual dysfunction, being into pornography, being violent at home or any other type of obsessive compulsive behaviour, there is little point in being sorry for the consequences of our weaknesses and not changing the pattern of behaviour that leads us to ruin each time.

Twelve step programs enshrine the wisdom of today's Gospel in how they help us to own up to the destructive behaviour of our lives and yet give us hope to live

beyond our worst moments.

Steps four to ten say:

- Step 4. I have made a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself.
- Step 5. I have admitted to God and to another the exact nature of my wrongs.
- Step 6. I am entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- Step 7. Humbly ask God to remove my shortcomings.
- Step 8. Made a list of all persons I had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
- Step 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except where to do so would injure them or others.
- Step 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when I was wrong promptly admitted it. /Cont'd P4

## - 5th Sunday of Lent -

(Year C - March 13, 2016)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

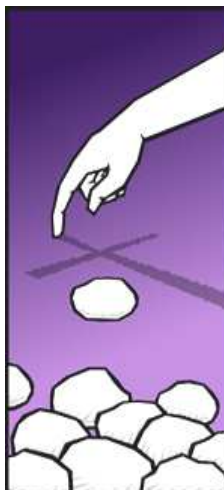
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Is 50:4-7  
2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11  
Gospel: Lk 22:14-23:56



### 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:

Salvatore Baretta & Lou Resciniti

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bridget Griffin, Stan Wawrzon, Antonino Battaglia, Reg McFarlane, Giuseppe & Chiara Gulli, George Rodrigues

### BAPTISMS:

Oscar Allison and Emily Burton

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anita Capicchiano, Joe Vanjek, Robert Hayes, Elaine, Aaron & Jennifer Lyall, Helen Lacy, Michael Lacy, Theo DaCosta

### 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, March 20, 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

I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek

P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

### 11.00AM

G Brown, M Kroger

L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells

L Fossey

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

J Pearson

## 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)

## Liturgy in the Cluster:

<b>Mar 13...</b>	9.30am Mass -	Holy Family Church - Catechetical Reconciliation classes
<b>Mar 15...</b>	7.30pm -	2nd Rite Reconciliation at Ss Peter & Paul's
<b>Mar 16...</b>	7.30pm -	2nd Rite Reconciliation at Ss Peter & Paul's
<b>Mar 21...</b>	7.30pm -	2nd Rite Reconciliation at Holy Spirit Church
<b>Mar 23...</b>	11.30am -	Mass of Anointing at Holy Spirit Church ***
	7.30pm -	2nd Rite Reconciliation at Holy Family Church
<b>Mar 24...</b>	7.00pm -	Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration
<b>Mar 25...</b>	10.00am -	Way of the Cross at Ss Peter & Paul's Church
	10.30am -	Way of the Cross at Holy Family Church
	11.00am -	Way of the Cross at Holy Spirit Church
	3.00pm -	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Holy Family Church
<b>Mar 26...</b>	7.30pm -	Easter Vigil at Holy Family Church
<b>Mar 27...</b>	8.00am -	Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Family Church
	9.30am -	Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Family Church
	10.00am -	Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Church
	11.00am -	Easter Sunday Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church



**\*\*\*ANOINTING MASS:** 11.30am Holy Spirit Church, **Wednesday 23rd March.** This will be followed by a light luncheon in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall. All welcome! CWL members a plate of cake/slice please. For transport contact Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.



- ♦ **EMERGENCY READERS, COMMENTATORS & SPECIAL MINISTERS:** One of the signs of the times is that for many people life is transient with fluid commitments of work, family, etc which in turn makes it difficult for them to make a regular commitment to a particular Mass. If you are one such person and would like to assist with being a Reader, Commentator and Special Minister, we are seeking people who would be prepared to act as an emergency in one of these roles. What is entailed is you being on an emergency contact list and if the designated Minister was unable to attend, he/she would contact you. If this interests you, please contact Fr Gerard on 5278 1343.
- ♦ **VOTE OF THANKS:** To the Pastoral Cluster 'Posties' - many thanks for the distribution of the Easter Invitations.

### WHO LOVES CHOCOLATE??? WHO DOESN'T!!!

In 2015 Pope Francis said **Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act.** According to ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking) it is estimated that Australians spend about \$2billion on chocolate over Easter. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of these children, by buying only slaver-free chocolate. Slavery-free chocolate will feature on the labels of Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance Certified and Utz Certified. Another action is that you ask the manager of one of the Supermarkets will they supply one of these three mentioned labels of chocolate.

### PROJECT COMPASSION - WEEK 5:

Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children.**



# Cluster News:

**OFFICE CLOSURE:** Please note the Office will be closed this Monday for the Labour Day holiday.



## FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE:

**When:** Saturday/Sunday March 19th and 20th.

**Where:** Grinter Reserve, Coppards Rd Newcomb (next to Splashdown)

**All invited to join YOUR team at 6.00pm Saturday 19th**

**BBQ meal - BYO everything!**

**Volunteers required to assist in  
"Site Set-up" at 9.30am Saturday.  
Please call David Lunn 0408 378 982  
if you can help.**

**LAUDATE SI - CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:** On March 4th the staff of the three primary schools and parish gathered for a full day of professional development around the Catholic Church's teaching on Care of the Environment. The Pope's Encyclical was the basis of the day. In addition to my own presentation on the Encyclical, Frank Pegan (CEO of Catholic Super), gave an informative paper on Environmental Sustainability Investment by his Organisation and also Chrissie from KOOL Australia (an environmental formation group) made a presentation on how to promote sustainability within the school context). Whilst formation is important, action is more so. The schools are working towards action plans in this area. I am hoping to establish an "Earthcare" group for the parishes. The purpose of this group would be to assist in developing environmentally sustainable strategies for the three parishes. Stay tuned! - Fr Gerard

**PASTORAL CLUSTER CENSUS INFORMATION:** We are looking to update our census information. If you are a new parishioner or if your contact details have changed in the last few of years, Fr Mick and I would appreciate you filling in the Pastoral Cluster Census Information form. These forms will be available at the back of each Church.



**ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 'IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL':** Come on down on **SUNDAY 20TH MARCH, 11AM-4PM**. Bring the grandkids! They will love our fun rides, reptile displays and facepainting. We have a garden stall, second-hand books and Killarney's Cafe to relax in and enjoy cake and coffee. Lots of free entertainment for the whole family. St Patrick's Primary School, Britannia St Geelong West.

# Community News:

- Mar 16...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** Bach's Mass in B Minor performed by Australian Chamber Choir, 8pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, Latrobe Tce. Tickets \$35/30 at the door or online at [trybooking.com/JOXX](http://trybooking.com/JOXX)
- Mar 18...** **CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Information session followed by tours 1pm and 4.30pm. *Enrolments for Year 7 close on Friday 20 May.* For a prospectus ph 5278 2155 or email [office@clonard.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@clonard.catholic.edu.au)
- Mar 19...** **RENDINE CONSTRUCTIONS GEELONG ST PATRICK'S RACE MEETING:** Entry \$20 or \$12 conc, children u/17 free. Ask about Package Deals - Ph Catherine on 0409 007 913 for special price or book through website [countryracing.com.au/geelongstpts](http://countryracing.com.au/geelongstpts)
- Mar 20...** **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** The Open Day is to showcase the "vibrant, challenging and rewarding programs and facilities at the College". The Open Day begins at 11am and concludes 2pm. Information Sessions 11am and 12.15pm. Further information [www.ignatius.vic.edu.au](http://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au) or ph Claire Hewitt 5251 1136.
- Mar 21...** **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** 9am-12noon or 4pm-6.30pm. For further information or to register online for Open Day go to [sjc.vic.edu.au](http://sjc.vic.edu.au) or phone 5226 8100.
- Mar 22...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Sacred Heart is providing prospective students and their families an opportunity to visit the College. There are two tours - one at 4pm followed by an Information Session at 5.30pm and another tour at 5pm followed by an Information Session at 6.30pm. Register online at <http://www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/> or ph Chrissie Johnson on 5222 0490.
- April 3...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AGM:** 1pm in Celi's Dining Room. Starts with Prayer Service followed by AGM ending with a noon tea. This is inclusive of anyone who was a former student of the College. Enquiries or RSVP ph Kelly Suvoltas, Alumni Officer, on 5222 0403 or [alumni@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au)
- Apr 15-17...** **HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION:** Open Doors Counselling will run their next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend on April 15-17. Rachel's Vineyard retreats have brought hope and healing to thousands of women and men struggling with grief and guilt after an abortion. Please ph 9870 7044 or [anne@opendoors.com.au](mailto:anne@opendoors.com.au) asap as places are filling and we only take small numbers. Numbers will be finalized by **April 5, 2016.**

/From P1...

The thing I like best about these is that they are pro-active. They alert us to the fact that the best pathway to know healing and forgiveness is not to be passive, but to be active and admit our own faults and work to heal them. Some of us may have been given a tough hand from life's deck of cards, but we do not have to be passive victims, never able to change the cycles of destructive behaviour. If the

steps work and we trust today's Gospel then we can be happy, healed and forgiven because we heal and forgive others.

Jesus bestows great dignity on the woman by saving her from being condemned to death, but even more so he knows that it does not have to be like this and so challenges her to turn her life around.

May we hear the same challenge in this final

week of Lent. No matter what we have ever done, sexually or otherwise, we are greater than our worst moments. Jesus loves us enough not to condemn us, but to give us this Eucharist so that we might find the strength and hope to stop doing the things that destroy us and to live a life that leads to peace and joy.