



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

The Shawshank Redemption was the hit film of 1994. In it we follow the incarceration and escape plans of Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Robbins is condemned to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover. Freeman says he is the 'only guilty man in Shawshank Prison'. Based on Stephen King's novella, this uplifting film is a surprise package from a writer whose fame comes from the horror genre.

The longer we watch the film, the more we realise that Stephen King has modelled his story on the Gospel of John. It is, in many respects a more modern parable about John's portrait of Jesus. Tim Robbins' character, Andy, like Jesus, is an innocent man, treated harshly by the authorities of his day. He has to endure the condemnation

and cruelty of the leading religious zealots who are keepers of law and order, while he inspires others to think of a world free of subjection and oppression where they can be free to live the life of which they dream. Like John's Jesus, Andy has big dreams and often talks in riddles, but he leaves clues for others to follow him in their quest for freedom.

In the last part of the film, after Andy has successfully escaped and the governor of the prison has been exposed for the hypocrite he is, Freeman is paroled after serving 35 years hard labour. He decides to go where Andy has gone and, just as Andy promised when they were together in prison, he finds that Andy has prepared the way for him to follow. The moving climax of the film comes as Robbins and Freeman meet on a beach, embrace each other and share food and drink to celebrate the new life both of them have

discovered.

Stephen King understands John's portrait of Jesus very well. For all of Jesus' assuredness and composure throughout the Gospel, the sense of care and intimacy in the encounters with his friends is deeply moving.

In the Easter Gospel to which we have just listened, Jesus returns to where his friends have fled from Jerusalem. In a parable about the growing numbers of the early Church, the Eucharist and the suffering they are enduring, John reaffirms that Jesus is intimately present in their following of him and their suffering for the Kingdom. The only sense John can make of Jesus' death, the martyrdom of the apostles or the persecution of the early church is to see them all as acts of love. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' /Cont'd P4

- 3rd Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - April 10, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to the God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation.
He has shown pity on all people
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**4th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52
2nd Reading: Apoc 7:9,14-17
Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

**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:

Ivan Fantella, Tony Lyons, Jason Barker and Ilona Harangozo

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stefani Lehpamer, John Gillett, Madonna Lynch, Maria Grazia Leone, Elizabeth Jovic,
Francesco Ianuzzi, William & Gertrude Paul

BAPTISMS:

Lachlan Jenyns

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

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, APRIL 17, 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
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:

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

Liturgy in the Cluster:

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **A VERY BIG THANKYOU!** To all associated with the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday ceremonies - all those who attended, but especially singers, musicians, sacristans, lectors, commentators, special ministers, collectors, welcomers and those involved in the setup of the Churches. Also to Bernadette who looked after the rosters for all the ceremonies. A job well done by all and very much appreciated. *(Frs Gerard and Mick)*
- ♦ **SPECIAL THANKS:** To CWL for providing a good lunch after the celebration of Mass with Anointing of the Sick on the Wednesday of Holy Week at Holy Spirit.
- ♦ **PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM:** This program is for children from Catholic families who attend a non-Catholic primary school. The children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The program begins on **Sunday 17th April** and finishes **Sunday 29th May**. The First Eucharist celebrations will be on **29th May and 5th June**. **ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 15TH APRIL**. For further details please contact the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343.

Cluster News:

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: From **Tuesday April 26** through to **Saturday May 21** Fr Albert Tan, a Jesuit Priest, will be residing in the Pastoral Cluster. The purpose of his time with us is to have a different experience of ministry. Fr Albert has had a variety of ministries in the Philippines and Malaysia. He is offering interested people an opportunity to be involved in an Ignatian style Retreat. The essence of such Retreats is that it is a time of prayer, reflection and discernment in a person's normal daily life. The person making the Retreat would meet weekly with Fr Albert and others on the Retreat for approx 1½ hours to share their Retreat journey and to be advised of the focus for the following week. The proposal by the Co-ordinator is that the first Group Session will be on **Tues April 24** at 7.30pm or a time that suits the parish. Participants will then meet on each Monday May 2,9,16. The final session of the Retreat will conclude Saturday May 21 at a time that suits all. Each week following the group meeting, the retreatants will be asked to put aside a time for private prayer at home Tuesday to Thursday. I believe this to be a great opportunity to strengthen and enrich your spiritual life and I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested, please phone the office on 5278 1343 - Fr Gerard

GEELONG INTERCHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK - "Let Them Stay" Campaign: 37 babies and their families are still under threat of deportation to Nauru. Protests have been strong, particularly as these children were all born in Australia. Campaigners are urging Australians to do anything they can to keep the issue on the political agenda. **"Let Them Stay"** banners are available for purchase. Donations large and small are vital in supporting this campaign and may be banked to: **Geelong Interchurch Social Justice, BSB 633000 A/c 151 381 001, Ref: #Let Them Stay** Phone Ian Yule 0419 140 013 or Email iryule@hotmail.com
A banner has been purchased for use in the Cluster.

- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: Weekend at Anglesea** - Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship - **Friday May 20 - Sunday May 22**. \$43 per night, numbers and deposits to Nellie are required urgently to secure your booking.
- ♦ **WANTED:** Volunteers to assist with Highway Collection for **Fr Mick's Mates - Saturday 30 April** (2 hour shifts from 9am to 5pm. Please contact David Lunn 0408 378 982. **Raffle books for Philippines Partnership required by April 17th**. Thankyou.
- ♦ **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:** A reminder to please return Project Compassion Boxes as soon as possible so that funds can be forwarded to Caritas. Thankyou to all those supported Project Compassion.

Community News:

- 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 asap as places are filling and we only take small numbers. Numbers will be finalized by **April 5, 2016.**
- Apr 16... TASTE & SEE: The Parable of the Good Samaritan** - 9.30am-12.30pm at Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville. This is a free event but spaces are limited. Please book online at trybooking.com/KVIJ by Friday 8 April. This session is a chance to be nourished and inspired by stories of people witnessing to God's mercy in some of life's most challenging situations.
- Apr 21... CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Featuring Shane Healy, former Radio Executive 3AW and now Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Hear Shane tell his story: **Radio, Rex and Religion** at the CQ Club, 113-123 Queens St Melbourne, 7am-9am. \$45/head, enquiries/bookings 0439 172 465, michael.bohan@menalive.org.au
- Apr 23... TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network Geelong invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave Geelong West (hand/foot massage, Myotherapy, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing and a'noon tea. 1pm-3pm, cost \$10 - enquiries Sr Carmel O'Dwyer 5229 7954.
- May 1... CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA & WAGGA WAGGA** are celebrating their Centenary 1916-2016. Melbourne Diocese Committee are having a **High Tea** 1.30-3.30pm, cost \$55/person, at the Savoy Vibe Hotel, cnr Spencer St and Lt Collins St Melbourne (directly opposite the Southern Cross Station). Former and current League members and friends are welcome to attend. For tickets and information contact Jeanette Sheahan, Melbourne Diocesan Presiden, on 5278 2063.
- May 7... CHANEL COLLEGE REUNION:** For students who attended during the time of the Marist Fathers (1958-1970). Information at trybooking.com/jkra or 0417 333 622.
- May 9... MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC: Greta Bradman Tour 2016** - Acclaimed Australian soprano, concert 7.30pm. Sacred music with songs from her latest album *My Hero* at St Mary's Basilica. Book gretabradman.com or ph 1300 762 545. For more information ph Jeannette 5223 3554.

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

DIVINE MERCY: In this Holy Year of Mercy, the Deanery is showing a film of **The Original Image of Divine Mercy**, the new documentary that follows the adventurous history of the original painting commissioned by St Faustina Kowalska. The film features appearances of key witnesses, as well as Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles, George Weigel, biographer of St Pope John Paul II, award winning musician Harry Connick Jr. The film has been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. It will be screened in the Plaza Theatre, 150 Yarra St on **Tuesday 26 April at 2pm and 7pm** for a cost of \$7pp. Tickets from the Deanery Office, 150 Yarra St or ph Catherine on 0409 007 913, or by visiting the website: geelongdeanery.cam.org.au

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE: *See the College at Work Tours* by appointment only on Wednesday 13/20/27 April at 9.15am and Wed 4/11/18 May at 1.30pm. **Applications for Year 7 Enrolment 2017 close on Friday 20 May.** Visit ignatius.vic.edu.au - apply online for a College Prospectus and Enrolment Package. More information ph Gail Myers, Registrar, 5251 1136.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: Over the last couple of months some people have had the opportunity to read the monthly magazine, **Melbourne Catholic** for free. I'm sure those who had the opportunity to read this magazine would find it very interesting, informative and well produced. Now these magazines are available for \$4. In the April edition there are many interesting articles, including one by Fr Kevin Dillon about Geelong. There is also the opportunity to subscribe to the magazine and the forms are included. I do commend this new and innovative magazine to you. (Fr Gerard)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 3rd Sunday of Easter:

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time. 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (Jn 21:17)

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding his sheep." Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

A VOCATION VIEW - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to God's Son, and tell the world what you hear!

/From P1...

Those of us who have been caught up in the net of God's love are heirs to the same promises of Jesus' fidelity. Christ is intimately present to us in every act of loving sacrifice we undertake for him. He continues to send us out to tell people of

the place that has been prepared for them at the banquet of life and he gives us strength to gird our loins for the times when life takes us to places we would rather not go.

In this Eucharist let's be grateful for this

Easter season when we celebrate again that we have been set free from the prison of our fears and shown the way to live a life of sacrificial love and undeserved redemption.