



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 passages from the Gospels where Jesus likens us to being sheep leave me a bit cold. I think it must lose something in the translation from first century Palestine to today. Most of the sheep I have ever watched may well be cute, in a woolly sort of way, but they are anxious creatures often running in packs in every direction, are notoriously stupid and difficult to manage or direct. On second thoughts maybe the analogy is not so bad after all! We, the people of God, can certainly be an anxious lot, a bit slow on the uptake and difficult to lead. It's also true, however, that sheep are incredibly useful and adaptable animals. Think

about all the places they have been taken throughout the world. They thrive. With all due respect to the vegans, vegetarians and animal liberationists here today, think about the multiple ways they have served humanity.

The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in those days is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose one caused trouble not only to

the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock. /Cont'd P4

- 4th Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - April 17, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep, and mine
know me.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
2nd Reading: Apoc 21:1-5
Gospel: Jn 13:31-35



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:

April - Montalto family, 2 Graylea 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:

Geoffrey Baker, Patricia O'Donnell, Milena Pierazzi, Ronald Mulkearns

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anna, Giovanni, Lidia, Maria, Antonio DeAngelis, Marcella Conti, Aldo Scarpetti, Bruno Linic, Clinton Price, Gaetano Pino, John Haines, Rosa & Natale Cucinotta, Flavia & Antonina Curro, Brodie Stead

BAPTISMS:

Liam & Amelia Miskell, Amare Farey, Marni & Heidi Jeffreys and James Noonan

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 24, 2016 -

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti

A Sare, A/I Dugandzic

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Carson

Sr J McGonigal

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

M Brown

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

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J Cowell

B Middleton

11.00AM

M Burn

J Fraatz, L Eastman

M Broekman, D Dougherty

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R Zarb

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:

Sunday April 17...	Welcome & Commitment Mass for children at Holy Family School/Catechetical Program, 9.30am Holy Family Church
Monday April 18...	Mass at Vincentian Village - 3pm
Sat/Sun Apr 23/24...	Anzac Day Mass - at all Churches
Friday April 29...	St Patrick's Class Mass - 9.15am St Patrick's Chapel Holy Spirit Class Mass - 11am Holy Spirit Church
Sunday May 1...	Welcome & Commitment Mass for children at Holy Family School/Catechetical Program, 9.30am Holy Family Church

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.
- ♦ **THANKYOU:** Pat Baum's family would like to thank Frs Gerard & Mick, Manifold CWL and parishioners for their sympathy and support following the sudden passing of Pat. The parish was an important part of her life.

DATES IN THE CLUSTER:

Mon April 18...	Baptismal Preparation - 7pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office
Tues April 19...	Eucharist Class for Catechetical Students (with Paul Spence) - 7pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office
Wed April 20...	Holy Family School Education Board Meeting - 7pm at Holy Family School
Thurs April 21...	Pastoral Cluster Finance Committee Meeting

Community News:

- 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.
- May 13-15...** **DISCOVERING THE SACRED SPACE WITHIN: A Weekend for Women** - Pallotti College, Millgrove (McNamaras Rd) Cost \$180 incl 3 meals Sat and 2 meals Sun and accommodation in a private room with shared bathroom facilities. Based on the book **"Women who Run with the Wolves"** and using scripture, images and music with opportunity for group discussion, personal reflection and quiet. Information/bookings ph Lorraine 0402 217 123 or lorraine613@bigpond.com

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

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)

STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS: Catholic Theological College 12 November - 15 December 2016 - Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Turkey. Tour leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev Anthony Dean CM. Ph Jenny Delahunt 9412 3314 for further information or email jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

S T 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 4th Sunday of Easter:

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)

Because the disciples heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We too can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts, listen to God, ask for his direction and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

A VOCATION VIEW - 4th Sunday of Easter

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a priest, sister or brother. Pray!

/From P1...

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than

following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.