



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

Have you noticed how many books, films, television and radio programs harken back to yesteryear? 'Retrospectives' are huge in the art world. Have you noticed when musicians play more romantic classical music in the first half and contemporary music in the second half that people leave at half time? It seems the public likes the art of the 19th Century more than that of today. Nostalgia is big business and we cannot get enough of it.

Nostalgia literally means 'a yearning for home'. And if our artistic tastes reveal anything about who we are at present, maybe the home we yearn for is where things are clearer, roles are more defined, accepted harmony is developed and discord and dissonance is avoided – at least in public.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on

display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we perform, not a home where we know each other. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

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- 6th Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - May 1, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Lk 24:46-53



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:

Brendan O'Dwyer, Nedjelka Skrokov, Milena Pierazzi, Joaquina Laureano, Thomas Saunders and Rosa Rizzo

ANNIVERSARIES:

Josie Mullavey, Ron Smith, Dorothy Byrne, Patrick Murray, Angelo Negro

BAPTISMS:

Olivia Bourke, Addison Dunstan, Bethany Kearney and Hudson Occhibove

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, MAY 8, 2016 -

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

M Howard

F O'Neill

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

D Ryan

J Ryan

R O'Neill, E Ryan, L Vannata

M Brown

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

M Broekman, D Dougherty

B Middleton

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

L Fossey

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...	2nd Tues of each month, 6.15pm at Berkeley Lodge. Dinner/Guest Speaker - ph Michael 0431 959 584

*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:

Friday May 6...	Mass of Anointing at the Multicultural Centre, 1.30pm
Saturday May 7...	Mothers Day Mass at Holy Spirit Church, 6pm. Students from Gr1/2 and their families present
Sunday May 8...	Mothers Day Mass at Holy Family Church, 9.30am. Students from Gr5/6 and their families present

Cluster News:

- ♦ **PARISH MASS COUNTS AT ALL MASSES OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKENDS.**
- ♦ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** Thankyou all for your continuing regular support. There is a set of envelopes for **weekly and monthly** contributors in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to contribute regularly, using envelopes, credit card or bank transfer. Contact Helen with any queries: helen.brislane@cam.org.au or leave a message at the Parish Office.
- ♦ **ALARM SYSTEM AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S:** In response to the tragic fires of Churches in the Geelong region, an alarm system will be installed at Ss Peter & Paul's. The system will be such to ensure that it is easy to operate but at the same time effective.
- ♦ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** May 3rd, 7pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **"MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE"** - all proceeds to the Geelong Samaritan House. Tickets \$1, multiple prizes. On sale outside Holy Family Church after 8am and 9.30am Mass. Drawn Mothers Day.
- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** Monthly meeting will be held 1.30pm on **Wednesday May 4** at Lifestyle Community Village, Barton St Bell Park. You are able to park in the Village near the Community Centre. Colleen Neilson will be hosting us in the Meeting Room. **Please note change of venue.** Please bring along a small plate to share for afternoon tea. For information or transport ph Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

are now available at the Cluster Office.

Contains vouchers with total value **in excess of \$20,000.**

Price is **\$60 per book** and \$12 goes to Fr Mick's Mates.

Discount Vouchers are for numerous restaurants, cafes and take-aways in Geelong and Bellarine Peninsula, entertainment venues such as Sovereign Hill, Melbourne Sealife Aquarium, plus Hotel accommodation in Melbourne and interstate.

Vouchers for many retail outlets, Chemist Warehouse, Wine Sellers, car hire and florists.

All vouchers valid until **June 30, 2017.**

Note that this year you can have the book loaded as an "app" on your mobile phone, as it is with you always.

SPECIAL OFFER:

All books purchased for Fr Mick's Mates before June 1st will go into a draw for another book free of charge.

Any questions please call David Lunn on 0408 378 982.

WING AND A PRAYER IS MOVING!

The Chapel at 75 Malop St will cease operation as of Friday 29th April. So as to continue to provide the Geelong region with the only shop stocking religious books and gifts, **Wing and a Prayer** is searching for 5 voluntary helpers to give about 2 hours assistance each week - or 10 to help once each fortnight. Some basic skills and experience will make all the difference. We need people:

1. Who can serve in the shop, use a computer, manage EFTPOS sales, help unpack stock etc, while shop manager Kerrie attends to the many other duties required. Previous retail experience would be most helpful.
2. Can help to create an email-delivered illustrated catalogue of items which can be emailed regularly to **Wing and a Prayer** patrons.

If you can help or if you know someone who might be happy to assist in either capacity, ph Sr Anne Lourey 5222 1977.

Community News:

- 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 15...** **ST BERNARD'S MONSTER BOOK FAIR:** Hundreds of books, magazines and DVD's available at bargain prices! 8am-3pm at Clairvaux Hall, Reynolds Rd Belmont. Parking available in the carpark at the front of the hall, entry via Reynolds Rd.
- 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
- May 14...** **CHRISTIAN & MUSLIM INTERFAITH DIALOGUE: Sharing Practical Living of Faith** with Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ and Shaykh Mohammad Ramzan, 10am-12.30pm followed by lunch at the Wesley Centre of Enrichment, 100 Yarra St. RSVP by May 7 to Noreen 0409 430 396 (noreen.nicholson@gmail.com)
- May 26-28..** **LIFE HIKE:** Join us on an invigorating Life Hike with Right to Life Australia to raise money to protect the unborn child. This year's Hike is in the majestic Grampians. More info righttolife.com.au or phone 9385 0111.
- May 28...** **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.

VACANCIES AT MARYVILLE: If you wish to enquire about the vacancies at Maryville, please contact Cheryl Condor, Director of Nursing Maryville Aged Care, 5221 5299.

AMORIS LAETITIA: On Friday 8th April Pope Francis published a new papal document called *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family life. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Website: catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the Bishops Conference Website.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE: If you missed our recent Open Day: **See the College at Work Tours** - May: Wednesday 4, 11 & 18 at 1.30pm (approx 1 hour). Bookings are essential and can be made with the Registrar 5251 1136 or email myersq@ignatius.vic.edu.au

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINER'S CLUB

www.catholicdinersclub.org

Please come join us for a 2-course evening meal commencing at 6.15pm. There will be 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 or text Michael on 0431 959 584 by the first Friday of the month.

Our speaker this month is **Marie Kuchenmeister**, founder of Dial-a-Lunch.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 6th Sunday of Easter:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (Jn 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all he has given you and trust he has a better plan for you.

A VOCATION VIEW - 6th Sunday of Easter

It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

/From P1...

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are

neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us

our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is.