



# 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

A teacher told me recently that when she asked her grade fours to draw a picture of the Ascension, not unsurprisingly most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, David, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and David provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. He concluded, without a hint of irony, that, 'the Ascension must have been a real blast!'

None of us can blame David for marrying our modern culture with an ancient story. In fact if some of us are honest, David's 'space shuttle Jesus' is not far from what we think as well.

The Ascension stories, however, are not

primarily interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven. John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone's right is a place of honour. In the Old Testament being on the right hand of David, Samuel or Elijah was to be the anointed and favoured one, the true son or daughter. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God's right hand, the Gospels use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms

everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that's why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. /Cont'd P4



## - The Ascension of the Lord -

(Year C - May 8, 2016)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God:  
praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens;  
his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Gen 11:1-9  
2nd Reading: Rom 8:22-27  
Gospel: Jn 7:37-39



### 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:**

Dorothy Casey, Guerino Angelucci, Kathleen Millns (Ireland)

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Antonetta, Salvatore & Rose Valentino, Maria Grazia Lombardo, Genaro & Giovanni Bove, Nicholas Hoare, Ken Gallagher, Elisabetta Pitaro and 1 month since death of Ivan Fantella

### **BAPTISMS:**

Nina Brdar

### **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 15, 2016 -**

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

### **HOLY FAMILY**

Commentators

### **8.00AM**

K Saunders

Lectors

B Rainbow

Special Ministers

A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Welcomers

L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Projectionist

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

### **6.00PM**

M Carson

Lectors

J McKenzie

Special Ministers

G Wright, C Laffy

Welcomers

I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek

Projectionist

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

### **5.00PM**

L Middleton

Lectors

K Maddalena, A Beachell

Special Ministers

K Maddalena

Welcomers

T McNair

Projectionist

J Pearson

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

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| 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. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>                                 |
| 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.<br>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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## Liturgy in the Cluster:

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| Saturday May 7... | <b>Mothers Day Mass</b> at Holy Spirit Church, 6pm. Students from Gr 5/6 and their families present                       |
| Sunday May 8...   | <b>Mothers Day Mass</b> at Holy Family Church, 9.30am. Students from Gr 5/6 and their families present                    |
| Tuesday May 10... | <b>Holy Family Class Mass</b> at Holy Family Church, 9.15am<br><b>Holy Family Gr 4 Class Reconciliation Service</b> , 1pm |
| Friday May 13...  | <b>St Pat's Class Mass</b> Gr 1/2   |
| Sunday May 15...  | <b>First Eucharist</b> at Holy Family Church, 9.30am  |

## Cluster News:

- ♦ **PARISH MASS COUNTS AT ALL MASSES OVER THE NEXT THREE 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](mailto: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.
- ♦ **"MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE"** - Tickets \$1 on sale this week after Mass. Drawn Mothers Day at the Pastoral Cluster during morning tea after 9.30am Mass.
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** The June meeting will be a **Dutch Auction**. Please bring goods for auction and bidding with all proceeds going to charity. The July meeting will be our combined **Birthday Dinner** at the Sphinx, 6.30pm. If attending please notify Peggy or Debbie as soon as possible.
- ♦ **INVITATION:** To join the **Legion of Mary** at Ss Peter & Paul's to say the Rosary and Mass on **Saturday May 22 at 4.30pm**. And also on **Tuesday May 24** at Holy Family Church at 9am for the Rosary and Mass. Help us celebrate the **Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians**, Patroness of Australia. Novena leaflets will be available at all Churches.

### **GIVE HOPE BY GIVING GENEROUSLY TO CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL 2016, SUNDAY MAY 15:**

Next weekend is **Chaplaincy Sunday** and the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. You are invited and encouraged to take home the envelopes in the seats this weekend and bring back next week with your considered donation. Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with patients and their families in public hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS, men and women in prisons, young people in youth justice facilities and seafarers.

### **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.***

# Community News:

- 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.
- June 4...** **'WINTERING':** Music at the Basilica presents Rosemary Blake poet, Sonoka Miyake piano, Brigid Mantelli flute, Frank DeRosso organ - beautiful poetry with the music of Erik Satie and Claude Debussy. 8pm at St Paul's Church, Latrobe Tce. Tickets at the door \$25/20. Information ph Jeannette 5223 3554.
- June 5...** **MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** at St Patrick's Cathedral, 11am. Registrations at [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or by contacting 9287 5587 or [Lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:Lmf@cam.org.au) Registration closes **Friday May 27.**



**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.

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

**GEELONG CATHOLIC DINER'S CLUB** - [www.catholicdinersclub.org](http://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.

**THE ANNUAL DEANERY DINNER** has been booked for Berkeley House, Pakington St, on **Thursday June 16.** John Canavan will be our entertainer/guest speaker. Cost \$45pp. Further details coming soon. Please save this date in your diaries.

**"LIFEBOAT GEELONG"** invites you to **Repentance, Reparation, Recognition - and Ribbons**, a service to honour, recognise and pray for victims/survivors of church-related sexual abuse, their families and those whose skills and compassion assist them. Since February, multi-coloured ribbons have been tied to the 300 metres of fencing around St Mary's Basilica in respectful recognition of the damage caused to innocent children, teenagers and vulnerable adults. Tying ribbons to a **Loud Fence** commenced in Ballarat, and was replicated in many places including the Vatican, London and New York. The service will be at **St Mary's Basilica on Sunday May 22 at 3pm.** Those attending will remove the ribbons and bring them into the Basilica to remain as an ongoing mark of respect and compassion. Your attendance will provide a positive message of support to victims and their families, and strengthen them to carry the variety of burdens imposed on them - in many instances from their childhood. Bring scissors to assist with removing the ribbons.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Ascension of the Lord

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Rev 22:13)*

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it's how I make all my decisions.

## A VOCATION VIEW Ascension of the Lord

Our spiritual life is a journey - following the Call of the Master to "go and teach all people my Gospel". Say 'Yes' over and over again.

/From P1...

The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ

we accept or reject the standing offer.

And because the Ascension is an Easter feast it develops even further that there is nowhere, bar evil, where God does not dwell. Because of the Resurrection and Ascension we can find God everywhere we want to: in our homes, our work, our suffering, our old age, our emotional, sexual or financial turmoil

- and even in our death.

Even though the writers of the New Testament are not too clear on the details of how the Ascension happened, what we initially see in this wonderful feast is not what we get. Thanks be to God, it's so much more.