



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 Fr Michael Tate

A while ago, I heard on the news of the trial in Saudi Arabia of a woman who had been raped. The man was convicted and sentenced, but so was she! She was to suffer over 100 lashes of the whip for allowing herself to be in a situation in the company of a male not a near relative. Her conduct threatened the strict demarcation deemed necessary in that society.

The same strict rules applied in Jesus' time, with the added dimension that at times a woman could be 'unclean'. Her touch could contaminate a male and render *him* 'unclean'. The boundary had to be maintained. Jesus was the great boundary-breaker when it came to women.

Why is the Pharisee shocked at the scene of a woman anointing and kissing Jesus' feet as he lay at table? One element was the

Pharisee's embarrassment because he had omitted the courtesy of having Jesus' feet washed before reclining at table. She remedied the insult. But the main sense of shock was that Jesus allowed this woman to *touch* him. A taboo was being shattered. He was in grave peril from this deliberate contact. But instead of repudiating her, Jesus observes that it is simply the overflow of love of a forgiven woman, and he won't reject her gesture.

The old rules which segregated and quarantined women for fear of what they might do to men are superseded by the presence of Jesus. This is a sign of the reign of God.

Has the Church got the message – the Gospel message? Does it live it out to the fullest extent possible? St Luke reinforces this message in the next passage which portrays Jesus 'preaching and bringing the good news of the reign of God'. And he

did so with a band of travelling companions who symbolised what the reign of God looks like as it shapes a human community. And who were they? Many women, three of them named, travelling with Jesus and twelve men, not their relatives. This would have been scandalous. This was boundary-breaking behaviour. This was utterly counter cultural.

We have to recover the evident truth that Jesus enjoyed the company of women. Very confident in his own identity, he was completely relaxed, talking with them, allowing them to touch him. In other words, he would quite naturally engage in the most outrageous behaviour, subverting the codes which had demeaned, quarantined, and even demonized women over the centuries.

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- 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - June 12, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my saviour!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God first loved us
and sent his Son to take away our sins.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Zech 12:10-11, 13:1
2nd Reading: Gal 3:26-29
Gospel: Lk 9:18-24

**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:

Ray Ramirez, Peter Grech, Kathryn Tuddenham, John Grant

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alina Synoradzki, Maria & Stefano Mileto, Fr Hugh McDonald, Ivan Jovic, Rachael Peso, Ugo Severino, Mary Jane Mascarenhas

BAPTISMS:

Mia Celi, Maxwell Killeen and Sebastian Wates

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

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, JUNE 19, 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

L Middleton

K Maddalena, A Beachell

K Maddalena

T McNair

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:

Wednesday June 15...	Eucharistic Preparation Night - St Patrick's School
Thursday June 16...	2 Masses at Munganeet Prison
Friday June 17...	9.15am Class Mass - St Patrick's Gr 3/4 11am Class Mass - Holy Spirit Church for Preps and Gr 5/6



Cluster News:

- ◆ **A MESSAGE FROM FR MICK FITZPATRICK:** *I am sorry that I have not been about lately, but during my holidays since Anzac Day I have become unwell with abdominal pains. A conclusive diagnosis has not been made yet. However, on Thursday 9th June I am to have a medical procedure, and I ask for your prayers that this procedure will enable a conclusive diagnosis to be made. I don't need visitors, phone calls or food at this stage, but I am most appreciative of your prayers. God bless you all - Fr Mick.*
- ◆ **OFFICE CLOSURE:** Please note that the office will be closed on **Monday June 13th** (Queens Birthday)
- ◆ **CLERGY CONFERENCE:** On the week of Monday June 27th through until Thursday evening June 30th, the Annual Clergy Conference is being held. Fr Mick (God willing) and I will be in attendance. This means that there will be NO Masses on Tuesday 28th June 9.15am Holy Family, Wednesday 29th June 9am Holy Spirit and Thursday June 30th 9.15am Holy Family.
- ◆ **ROSTERS:** Rosters are available for the various liturgical ministries and can be picked up from the Sacristy. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to be part of the liturgical ministries. Your efforts give a richness to our participation in the Mass.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their monthly meeting at 1.30pm **Wednesday 15th June** in Holy Spirit Hall. New members most welcome. For information/transport ph Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE NO 40:** Could the person with this envelope please leave name and phone number at the Office (5278 1343).
- ◆ **NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:** **Sunday October 9th is our Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon and Fr Gerard's 25th Anniversary of the Priesthood.** The Luncheon will be held at Capri Receptions. More details later.
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** Next week the Winter Edition of Australian Catholics will be available. The focus of the edition is 'Mercy in Social Justice - Carrying a Message of Hope'. There are a number of articles around the issues of Social Justice and worthwhile reading too for our own formation on these issues, especially as we are soon coming into an election. The Australian Catholics is available to you for free.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S WINTER APPEAL:



In our local Catholic Church in general and in the Pastoral Cluster in particular, we are blessed with an organisation such as St Vincent de Paul. As a group they do terrific work in outreach to those who are in the margin of society by providing support services such as crisis accommodation, domestic violence support, access to budget counselling, life skills courses, legal assistance, as well as the provision of food, clothing and blankets. There is an opportunity to support the endeavours of Vinnies through a second collection at the Masses at:

- ◆ Holy Spirit on the weekend of June 18/19 and
- ◆ Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Family on the weekend of June 25/26

Community News:

June 16... menALIVE In The City (MAITC): Exploring "Digging for Gold - responding to the hectic pace of life", will take place at St Augustine's Church, 631 Bourke St City, commencing 6pm until 7.45pm. Mass will be offered 5.30pm by Fr Vic Farrugia PP of St Augustine's Parish. Enquiries: Michael Bohan 0439 172 465, michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

June 18... SINGING BOHOLANO PRIESTS OF BOHOL: The Jeduthan priests will present a concert at St Mary's Basilica at 7.30pm. This fundraiser will enable the historic churches of Talibon to be rebuilt after the destructive earthquake of 2013. Tickets at \$30 with children u/12 free from St Mary's Parish Office, 150 Yarra St. Ph 5222 1977 or order on Deanery website: geelongdeanery.cam.org.au. A matinee will also be held at St Anthony's Lara on **June 18 at 2pm**. Tickets available by ph St Francis Xavier Corio parish office on 5275 4120. Cost \$30, children u/12 free. Let's make a difference!

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: This day welcomes newcomers. It offers practical steps to meditation; insights into the tradition from the teachings of Jesus to those of WCCM founder, John Main; and guidance on how meditation can be helpful in one's personal life. Venue - Living Well Centre, St George's Anglican Church, 296 Glenferrie Rd Malvern. Lunch provided.

THE ANNUAL DEANERY DINNER will be held at Berkeley Lodge (formerly Dromoland House), 259 Pakington St Geelong West, on **Thursday June 16** at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Guest speaker/entertainer will be John Percy Canovan, a highly successful professional comedian who has made the **Divine Mercy** the main focus of his life in recent years. Tickets \$45pp. Ph Catherine on 0409 007 913, Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063, Desma Dougherty 5244 5459, or order via website geelongdeanery.cam.org.au - press 'Contact Us' button or call into the Deanery Office at 150 Yarra St (St Mary's Parish Office).

MARYVILLE: A vacancy exists for a female. If interested ph 5221 5299.

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB: Please come and join us for a 2-course evening meal from 6.15pm. There will be stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$30. We will meet on **Tuesday June 14** at Berkeley Lodge on Pakington St. For more information/reservations please phone or text Michael at 0431 959 584 by **Friday June 10**. Our Speaker for June is Paul Tobias, Principal of St Joseph's College, Geelong.



Entertainment Books are now available at the Cluster Office. These books contain vouchers with total value in excess of \$20,000. Price is \$60 per book of which \$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 1st, 2017**. **The draw for free book was won by Jeanette Sheahan.** Note that this year you can have the book loaded as an "app" on your mobile phone, as it is with you always. Any questions please call David Lunn on 0408 378 982.

The following was received from Relay for Life Cancer Council:

Thankyou to the organisers for leading your team at the Geelong Relay for Life 2016! Fr Mick's Mates joined 803 Relayers in 45 teams to raise \$133,319.73. Cancer Council Victoria relies on the generosity of Victorians to continue important research and provide support services and prevention programs. Thankyou for the commitment you've shown to fighting back against cancer. Visit cancervic.org.au to stay up to date with our work in the fight against cancer and to find support services. Fr Mick's Mates contributed \$16,901.90 to Geelong's \$133,319.73 total!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet..." (Lk 7:44)

Today's Gospel calls us to consider how we serve God. Do we consume like the Pharisee who simply reclines at the table and expects to be served? Or, do we contribute like the woman who kneels before Jesus and washes his feet? Every day we must make a choice. Take or give? Consume or contribute? Recline or serve?

A VOCATION VIEW

11th Sunday of the Year

The more your sins are forgiven, the more love you must show. What greater love than to lay down your life for others in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?

/From P1...

It is wonderful that Pope Francis is so completely in tune with this Gospel passage, even washing the feet of women on Holy Thursday (much to the dismay of some clerics in the Vatican). The question is the extent to which Pope Francis may incorporate his understanding of the Gospel into the structures of the Church.

Because this story is so graphic and moving, we can miss the import of the last paragraph of this reading. We know that

Peter and others had left their fishing cooperative to follow Jesus who was obviously not now engaged in the carpentry trade. How were they to survive on the mission? His band of followers included rather well-to-do women with funds and contacts which enabled the mission to continue. Without their financial aid, Jesus could not have conducted his mission in the way he wanted to.

The gospel record is clear and the church needs to take it to heart. Jesus accepted women to an outrageous degree, overturning

all the norms of society. Jesus depended on women to carry out his mission as an itinerant preacher of no fixed address. Jesus not merely preached the reign of God. He imaged it in his band of travelling companions, both female and male.

He was, He is the Saviour of all human beings without distinction based on race, ethnicity or gender. He is truly the Saviour of all humanity. He is the Saviour of the world.