



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables ...I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never lived to see it

finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished... "When you think what?" I asked... "I don't know. When you think." "What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important. "When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a

monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.'

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth. In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities – farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom.

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- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - June 26, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 66:10-14
2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18
Gospel: Lk 9:51-62



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:

June 27: Hennessy family, 4 Hennessy Ave; **July 4/11:** McShanag family, 39 Sladen St

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 West, Ian Rea

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alki DaCosta, Rocco & Francesca Daniele, Giovanni Puglia, Maria Pino, Margaret McFarlane, Patrick Bohan, Fr Paddy Bohan, Jan Santospirito, Vincenzo Pitaro, Rajko Jovic, Alec Sexton, Breda Gajic and 1 month since death of Nicola Ruggeri and Antonio Croce

BAPTISMS:

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PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anita Capicchiano, Joe Vanjek, Robert Hayes, Helen Lacy, Michael Lacy, Theo DaCosta, Geraldine Fay, Ken Fusea

- ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016 -

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

V Pavlovic

J Bartolo, B McFarlane, I Baulch

K McArthur

R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, B Kline, D&M Horoba

M&E Hoffman

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

J O'Neill

C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy

M Kroger

11.00AM

C Neilson

B Middleton, M Wright

R Pugh, V Trinder

I Cleary, L Fossey

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien

Sr J McGonigal

N Neeld, P McGlinchey

B Pleasance

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:

June 25/26... Mass of Anointing - Ss Peter & Paul's Saturday
5pm and Sunday 11am



Cluster News:

- ♦ **FR MICK UPDATE:** Last Wednesday Fr Mick had an operation to enable him to be able to eat again and to assist with pain relief. The hope is that he will be soon able to leave hospital and have respite care at a place which is still being determined. Fr Mick is not up to having visitors per se but he is much appreciative of your prayers and well wishes. If you would like to write a card or note to Fr Mick I'm sure he would be grateful. The cards can be left at the parish office and I will forward them on your behalf. (Fr Gerard)
- ♦ **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 (however there will be a Communion Service at this time) and Thursday June 30th 9.15am Holy Family.**
- ♦ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Thursday June 30th, 7pm at the Parish Centre.
- ♦ **FR MICK'S MATES COMMITTEE MEETING:** Wednesday June 29th, 4pm at the Parish Centre to plan for the next twelve months. Anyone wishing to attend would be most welcome!
- ♦ **THANKYOU: SVDP Special Collection** - Thankyou to parishioners from Holy Spirit and Holy Family who donated \$1,906 to SVDP and to Holy Spirit School for their donation of \$250.
- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** Monthly Meeting will be held **Wednesday July 6**, 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall. Our annual Dutch Auction will be held, with proceeds going to a worthy cause. Please bring along a wrapped gift for this function, also a small plate of food for afternoon tea. Communion Luncheon will be held at Pumphouse Hotel, Nicholson St Fitzroy, on **Tuesday July 26**, \$30 for 2-course meal can be paid on this day. Members and friends are welcome to attend. Mass is celebrated in the dining room prior to lunch. For further information/transport ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.

Community News:

July 10... KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Casserole Luncheon 12noon in Belmont Seniors Centre Dining Room, 52 Thomson St. Cost \$10 per head incl. drinks. **Guest speakers from Cottage by the Sea** will be present. This is an open invitation to members, ladies and friends - all welcome! Just bring a casserole or a sweet. Phone Joe Lambert 5229 8442 to confirm attendance. Proceeds to our local and overseas charity work.

Are you getting married? Do you know someone who is? Have a look at *LabOra Marriage* for your wedding preparations - fantastic resource newly created, designed for couples who are preparing their wedding liturgy. This electronic resource contains all the readings and prayers from the new revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony, as well as music suggestions. Go to our website: liturgybrisbane.net.au and download your copy.

MARYVILLE currently has a few vacancies. If you are interested please ph Director of Nursing, Cheryl Conder, on 5221 5299.

'WING AND A PRAYER' IS MOVING: Wing and a Prayer is moving to 116 Moorabool St (just up from the Reject Shop and just down from Flight Centre), and will open at the new location on **Monday July 4**. The new location will continue to provide a positive and helpful presence of the church in central Geelong, enabling many opportunities for an effective sense of Church Mission. We will be reviving the idea of a quality second-hand bookshop, which will not only assist with the rent, but will also attract many people to the shop. Its wares will help make it a valuable point of contact. Donations of clean books in good condition can be left at St Mary's Parish Office. We will need and will welcome volunteers to help sort and price them. A call to the Parish Office, 5222 1977, or email to Fr Dillon is all that is needed to register much appreciated assistance as a volunteer - frkd@stmarysgeelong.com.au

SHC SCHOLARSHIPS: In 2017 Sacred Heart Scholarships will have an **Equity Scholarship** for students Years 7-12 which provides \$1500 fee relief per year of enrolment and a **Sacred Heart College Alumni Association Scholarship** for students Years 7-12 which provides \$1500 fee relief per year of enrolment. All applicants remain confidential. Please contact the Registrar, Chrissie Johnson, for an application form on 5222 0490. Applications close on **Monday 25 July 2016**.

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**. 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.*

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:

- ♦ Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Family on the weekend of June 25/26

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." (Gal 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to 'live the good life'. But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify his name and not honour ourselves.

A VOCATION VIEW 13th Sunday of the Year

Can you imagine Jesus facing his fate in the Garden of Gethsemane, deciding "No, I'll not go through with this?" No, vocation means perseverance.

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Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-

consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.