



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 SJ

As offensive as the Monty Python film, *The Life of Brian* was to some Christians, the scene in which several competing messiahs try to convince the market-place crowd that they are the real thing, brilliantly and humorously captures Jewish expectations in 1st century Palestine. Not unlike the fervour at the end of the last millennium, some religious people believed the end of time was close at hand. Far from selling his messianic wares at the market, however, Jesus crept in beside us and lived, suffered, died and was raised from the tomb in a way no one anticipated. Even after his resurrection the earliest Christians believed Jesus would return very soon, so they could afford to live as if they were, literally, in the last days. When this didn't happen there was crisis in the community. The earliest disciples, to whom much had been

entrusted, had to hand on a faith in a more unpredictable God who does not fulfil all our expectations or run to our timetable.

Luke points out that the greatest gift we Christians have received is knowing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. What a relief to know we do not have to shop around any more. From everyone to whom much has been given, however, much will be required and so knowing who Jesus is only goes halfway. Living out the reality of the Christian life is the other half. Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials.

Two thousand years later we are still waiting for Jesus' return and many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this sombre reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation:

'The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

'We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health. /Cont'd P4

- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Aug 7, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones forever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen
to be his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is
coming. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 38:4-6,8-10
2nd Reading: Heb 12:1-4
Gospel: Lk 12:49-53



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:

Aug 8 - Sheahan family, 76 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:

Basil Blake, Ivan Tijan and Br Rod Doyle

ANNIVERSARIES:

Janina Duraj, Salvatore, Antonietta & Rose Valentina, Giuseppe Natali, Raffael & Tonino Gulli, Sante Greco, Ercole Iezzi, Jim Cudmore, Giovanni Bove, Kevin O'Brien, Jose Medeiros, Madalena Ferraz (1month since death), Eugene Guardiano (1year anniversary), Giovanni Gigantelli (10year anniversary).

BAPTISMS:

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PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anita Capicchiano, Robert Hayes, Helen 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, AUG 14, 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

M Bohan

P Power

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

Cluster News:

Aug 6...	Holy Spirit School First Eucharist - 6pm
Aug 7...	Holy Spirit School First Eucharist - 11am St Patrick's School First Eucharist - Ss P&P's (NB: Extra Mass) - 11am



FR GERARD'S SILVER JUBILEE OF FIRST MASS:

Everyone is warmly welcome to celebrate with Fr Gerard the Silver Jubilee of his first Mass on the **Thursday September 1st at the 9.15am Mass at Holy Family Church.**

*K*RISTMAS FOR *K*UYA AND SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

Date: 9th October, 2016
Time: 12.30 for 1.00pm
Place: Capri Receptions, Separation St Bell Park
Table Captain, name and contact details in next week's bulletin.



PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: This program is for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to be confirmed. **The program begins on Tuesday Sept 6 and enrolments close Friday Sept 2.** The cost of the program is \$70 per child. For further details phone Bernadette at the Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email cluster@cam.org.au.

The program is as follows: On Sept 6 at 7pm - family based presentation on the presentation on the Sacrament of Confirmation - parent/child in attendance. Oct 9 - Welcome and Commitment Mass, Oct 16&23 - Lessons for children during the first part of the Mass, Oct 26 - at Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West at 7pm, parent/child in attendance. **Confirmation on Sunday 30 October 11am at Ss Peter & Paul's Church.** *Please note - Compulsory attendance of all sessions is required.*

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Last Tuesday a productive meeting was held on addressing two questions -

What can we do to honour Fr Mick's memory and legacy?

- Holy Spirit School will name a new Meeting Room in honour of Fr Mick.
- Each school will have a Scholarship established to recognise students outstanding in Social Service, Justice and Faith, etc and this will be paid out of the Parish School Levy. The name will be **Fr Mick's Scholarship**
- St Pat's will name its fund that assists disadvantaged families after Fr Mick - **Fr Mick's Family Support Fund**
- People were receptive to the idea of a Memorial Garden but a couple of questions need to be addressed - where the garden(s) would be located and ongoing maintenance. A committee to be established to further investigate the practicalities of a Memorial Garden.
- Placing plaques on Church furnishings with the name of Fr Mick, eg the Holy Water Font, Narthex, Priest's Presidential Chair, Lectern/Pulpit
- The Meeting Room at the Pastoral Cluster Centre be named after Fr Mick
- A photo/painted portrait be commissioned of Fr Mick and placed in a prominent position
- Seating benches be purchased with a plaque to Fr Mick and situated in the passive play areas of the schools; similar benches to be placed in Church surrounds
- An ongoing conversation is how we could encourage parishioners to better mingle and talk after Mass.
- Each of the schools either have or will have a Memorial Service for Fr Mick.

How do we work towards the Pastoral Cluster having one Priest?

- At this stage the conversation is ongoing, but a letter will be drafted soon and presented to parishioners with the focus that we need to rationalise both in the administration and structures as well as the Mass times.

Thankyou to all those who contributed their thoughts - *Fr Gerard*

CLUSTER NEWS/ Cont'd...

- **PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S FOR THE 5PM VIGIL MASS:** It was a request of Fr Mick just over 8 months ago, that we start projecting at the 5pm Mass. Please contact the Cluster Office if you can help - training will be provided.
- **FOR SALE: Melbourne Catholic, August Edition** - cost \$4.

FR MICK'S MATES:

1. **Film Night at St Mary's - THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER:** Two sessions - 4pm and 7pm with light refreshments between sessions.
2. **Entertainment Books Still Available:** Books \$60 with \$12 going to Fr Mick's Mates.

Community News:

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:

Please come and join us for a 2-course evening meal from 6.15pm on **Tuesday August 9**. There will be a stimulating guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends all for only \$30. Please note that we have changed our venue to "The Pioneer Room", 2nd level at St Mary's Parish Offices. For more information/reservations ph Michael 0431 959 584 by **Friday Aug 5**.

IRAQI FAMILIES HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN QUEENSCLIFF - AUG 20-21:

An initiative is being taken to support a weekend holiday in Queenscliff for refugee families currently arriving in Geelong from the troubles in northern Iraq via the refugee camps. You have an opportunity to provide support to these families. These are Christian households so the appeal is primarily to the churches of the region. The families need a break and the children need to play. Various activities and the opportunity to meet the local community over a meal are being arranged. The practice of their faith is of uppermost importance so we are arranging for Sunday worship in their familiar Iraqi liturgies. 12 households will be coming to Queenscliff for 2 days. **The cost per household is \$250. Please donate what you can.** Donations to "Refugee Respite August 2016", Anglican Parish in the Borough of Queenscliff. Parish office: 1 Albert St Pt Lonsdale 3225. Phone 5258 4624 for more details.

POSITION VACANT - EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR 7.5 HRS/WK:

The St Vincent de Paul Society is looking to employ a Program Coordinator to set up and run a new education support service in East Geelong. The service will assist students from a variety of schools on a Saturday morning with the help of volunteer tutors. For more details please visit vinnies.org.au and follow the link to **Get Involved**. Applications close August 12.

Aug 10... **THE GIFT OF GRIEF:** 9.30-3.30pm at Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville. Cost \$25 incl morning tea and lunch. Fr Andrew Stringfellow, author of "The Gift of Grief" and a parish priest from Manchester - one of the most socially deprived areas in England - will lead a session focussed on the unique journey of grief and bereavement and how to weave the loss in the fabric of a new life. Details ph 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

" **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 7.30pm Clairvaux meeting rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.

Aug 20... **MASSIVE GARAGE SALE:** 8am-12noon at St Mary's Parish Storage Shed, cnr Portarlington Rd & Moon St Moolap.

Aug 25... **MERCY FOR THE VOICELESS:** Sr Carole McDonald RSM will present this talk at the Celies Hospitality Centre, Aphrasia St entrance, on **Thursday 25 August** from 7-8.30pm with supper provided. Please RSVP to Rita Chiavari by ph 5222 0467 or email rchiv@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au by **Monday 22 August**.

YOUTH EVENT 14TH AUGUST:

All young people from high school age upwards are invited to an exciting event for youth taking place in the Pioneer Room, St Mary's (above the Parish office across from the Church), 150 Yarra St. A wonderful opportunity to meet and socialise with all other young people from around the entire Geelong Deanery. Pizza/snacks and vegetarian options available. Guest speakers/testimonies, contemporary Christian music, games. Featuring the NET team and a special guest! More information and RSVP contact Joanne Mascarenhas at jmascare@deakin.edu.au or Ange Degrandi on 5243 9891 (ange.degrandi@cam.org.au)

/From P1...

'We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

'We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul;

we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

'These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.'

We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?