



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

In our desire to affirm that the scriptures are inspired, it can be easy to forget that they come out of the lived experience of a community of faith. Indeed, one of the things that is wonderful about our belief in God's revelation is that it occurs within human experience. Today's Gospel is an excellent example. Jesus predicts that one of the consequences of believing in him is that divisions will follow.

We can tell from the whole text of Luke's Gospel that these divisions were certainly a part of the earliest Christian community which wrote this book and that their faith in Christ led them to confront some very tough issues: how could Gentiles inherit the promises made to the Jews; why the rich members of the community had special responsibility to the poor; the centrality of forgiveness in the Christian life; and what

leadership role women should have in the earliest Church. We know that fights over these issues and faith in Jesus as the Christ or the Messiah, divided families and villages, cities, nations and a religious tradition.

This gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can domesticate the Christian community into a 'feel-good' society. Our religious words and actions, however, are always meant to have an edge; our faith should 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted'. If Christians at home, at work, in society and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we are not worthy of this Gospel.

Sometimes when we hear Jesus use the metaphor of a blazing fire we can see a violent image, but I am not sure if it has to be exclusively interpreted this way. Fire is sometimes necessary and good to clear out the layers of undergrowth built up over time that smother the soil of a forest and prevent new growth. Fire is a beacon that gives guidance and attracts attention. A blazing fire can attract everyone to its light, warmth and power. So maybe this Gospel is a call to purge the weight of old growth that can stop fresh thinking. Maybe it gives guidance to us in the justice we are meant to live and the attention we must call to the needs of all God's children. And maybe it is a reminder that the life of our Christian community is meant to be attractive through its gentle power and warmth. If the price we pay for witnessing to any of these values is that we divide the crowd, so be it.

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- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Aug 14, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 66:18-21
2nd Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Lk 13:22-30

**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 15: Montalto family, 2 Graylea Ave; **Aug 22/29:** Spitale family, 4 Marathon Ave; **Sept 6/13:** Hoare family, 21 Sycamore 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:

Brenda Harris

ANNIVERSARIES:

Julie DaCosta, Kevin & Beverley McFarlane, Bruno Nesci, Luigi Fatone, Miroslav Macarol, Cath Edwards, Kate Dempsey, Bruno DiCristoforo, Luigina Nardi, Rocco Resciniti (10 year anniversary)

BAPTISMS:

Saskia Boland, Jack Faithfull and Harvey Ricardo

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 21, 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 Pioneer Room, St Mary's. Dinner/Guest Speaker - ph 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:

FEAST DAY OF THE ASSUMPTION - MONDAY AUGUST 15TH:

Masses: 9.15am - Holy Family Church - school children in attendance
12noon - St Patrick's School - school children in attendance

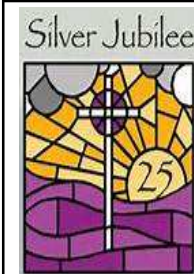


MASSES IN THE CLUSTER FOR NEXT WEEK:

Aug 20... 6pm - First Eucharist at Holy Spirit Church
Aug 21... 11am - Commitment Mass for Holy Spirit Confirmation Candidates at Holy Spirit Church
11am - Commitment Mass for St Patrick's Confirmation Candidates at Ss Peter & Paul's (this is an extra Mass)

FR MICK'S BOOKS AVAILABLE:

Fr Mick had an extensive library of theological, scripture and no surprise, many joke books. If you would like some of these books you would be most welcome to take them. Some of them will be available at the back of each of the Churches. Then next week they will be returned to the Office and the remainder would be forwarded onto St Vincent de Paul.



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 **Thursday September 1st** at the **9.15am Mass at Holy Family Church.**

*There will be a Cuppa afterwards in the Pastoral Cluster Meeting Room.
Please bring a plate to share.*

SILVER JUBILEE and *K*RISTMAS FOR *K*UYA CELEBRATION

Date: 9th October, 2016
Time: 12.30 for 1.00pm
Place: Capri Receptions, Separation St Bell Park
Tickets: \$30

Table Captains:	Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063	Peggie Carmody 5278 7179
	Ellen Kelly 5229 0195	Ruth O'Neill 5221 8962
	Sue O'Donoghue 5221 7978	Desma Dougherty 5244 5459
	Trick Stickland 0418 522 527	

If you wish to organise a table please contact one of the above Table Captains.

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.*

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.

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:

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.

- Aug 19...** **FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** 6.30pm in St Mary's Pioneer Room in support of Relay for Life. Cost \$10/person, BYO supper and drinks. Good fun entertainment will be provided. Please ph David Lunn 0408 378 982 if you are interested.
- Aug 20...** **REFLECTION DAY WITH MARY:** Co-ordinated by the **Legion of Mary**, Geelong Curia, from 9am Mass at St Mary's Basilica followed by Rosary, talks and Reflection lead by Fr Jun Jun Amaya (Legion of Mary Spiritual Director, Sandhurst Diocese), held in the Hibernian Hall (next to St Mary's office) from 9.30am-2.30pm. More information ph 0409 135 589.
- " **MASSIVE GARAGE SALE:** 8am-12noon at St Mary's Parish Storage Shed, cnr Portarlington Rd & Moon St Moolap.
- Aug 21...** **CALLING PAST MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF STELLA MARIS SEAFARERS' CENTRE:** (600 Lt Collins St Melb) - a Reunion is being held from 2-6pm at Stella Maris, RSVP by **Friday Aug 19** for light refreshments. Please ph 9629 7494 if you can attend.
- 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 Chiavaroli by ph 5222 0467 or email rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au by **Monday 22 August**.
- Aug 27...** **TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave. Come along and choose from a range of pampering activities incl hand or foot massage, Myotherapy, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing and a'noon tea. From 1pm until 3.30pm. Cost \$10 - enquiries Sr Carmel O'Dwyer 5229 7954.
- Aug 28...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA PRESENTS:** Australian Chamber Choir presenting *Bach in the Castle of Heaven*. Tickets at the door \$35 adult/Senior, \$30 Concession, school students free. Enquiries to Jeannette 5223 3554 or musicatthebasilica.org.au

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'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?