



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

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge.

They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours, lines of code streaming up and down the screen.

Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with.

Satan is visibly upset, and cries, 'I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out.'

'Very well, then,' says God, 'let us see if Jesus fared any better.'

Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers.

Satan is astonished. He stutters, 'But how? I lost everything, yet Jesus' program is intact! How did he do it?'

God looks up over his glasses and chuckles, 'Ah you see, Jesus saves.'

Salvation has, rightly, always been the big issue. Who was going to make it, how it was going to happen and when would Christ return in glory have captured the imagination of each generation of believers.

The roots of this thinking can be found in today's Gospel. The earliest Christians, especially the Gentiles, saw that the Jews had been given every opportunity for salvation. They were the Chosen people. They had the Law and the Prophets. They

were looking for the Messiah. Jesus, however, did not come as they expected or act as they hoped, so they rejected him and his followers. Within a generation after Jesus' death the Jews were persecuting the Christians and expelling them from the synagogues. The Christians took comfort from saying that in the salvation race the Jews might have started as the favourites, but they had missed the start and were now coming last.

This way of thinking had a strong effect on the Church. While we have always believed in the mercy and love of God, at different times we have been hostile to other religions, other denominations and the secular world. We have often needed to express this in absolute terms about who was going to be saved and, more importantly, who was not!

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- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Aug 21, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29
2nd Reading: Heb 12:18-19,22-24
Gospel: Lk 14:1,7-14



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 1st Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

Grace McKellar Centre:

10.15am - 1st Tuesday

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 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:

Bozo Cosic, Giuseppina Mazza, Manuel Alonso, Joan Horan, Phyllis Dean, Victoria Webb, Almor Mairos and Margaret Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

Damiano Fazio, Fr William Durkin, Fredrick Fusea, Francesco Pardo, Gordon Brown, Bonnie Wiltshire, Francesco Abate, Caterina Iannuzzi, Michael Degoldi, Generosa, Cristito & Silvestra Ramirez, Anka Javni, Francesco, Domenico & Concetta Matarazzo, Paolo & Margherite Iannotta, 40 days since death of Salvacion Sarmiento and 1 year anniversary of Charlie DiDomenico

BAPTISMS:

Jacob, Dylan & Troy Petri, Charlie Banor, Max Grant, Charlie Bradby, Estella Hansen, Killian Kinch, Owen Merchant, Jacinta Short and Max Morelli

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

- ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 28, 2016 -

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti

A Sare, A/I Dugandzic

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Carson

Sr J McGonigal

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

M Brown

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

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J Cowell

B Middleton

11.00AM

M Burn

J Fraatz, L Eastman

M Broekman, D Dougherty

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R Zarb

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:

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)

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE CLUSTER:

As a first step in moving towards a one-priest parish, there will be a minor change in the weekday Masses. Namely, there will only be a Saturday morning Mass with Reconciliation to follow once a month at Holy Spirit. The change will take effect from the first Saturday of September, (3rd). Thereafter there will be the Saturday morning Mass the first Saturday of each month.

FR MICK'S LIBRARY:

Last week there was an opportunity for parishioners to take some books from Fr Mick's Library. I hope you find them encouraging and inspirational reading. The remainder have been given to the Wing and a Prayer Bookshop in Geelong to assist them develop a second-hand library.

Silver Jubilee



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
	Ellen Kelly	5229 0195
	Sue O'Donoghue	5221 7978
	Trish Stickland	0418 522 527

Peggie Carmody	5278 7179
Ruth O'Neill	5221 8962
Desma Dougherty	5244 5459

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:** Please contact the Cluster Office if you can help - training will be provided.
- **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** 40 Year Celebration 1976-2016 will be held on **Wednesday 7th September**, 12noon at the Wool Exchange Entertainment Complex, 44 Corio St Geelong. We hope all our members are able to be with us on this special occasion. Main course prices range from \$9-\$18. We will have a Birthday Cake for dessert. Bookings required by **Friday 2nd September**. Please confirm with Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Noella Duggan 5278 2142. Transport is also available for those who require it.
- **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** Magazine available next week; a special Youth Edition for Spring 2016. Articles include - *World Youth Day report, Opening the doors of Mercy - what Australians need to do; Top Secret Mission of Mercy - Being there for someone; Taking Mercy to the Streets - Youth ministry on the move.*

FR MICK'S MATES:

1. **Film Night at St Mary's - THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER: *What We Did on Our Holiday*** with David Tennant, Rosamund Pike and Billy Connolly. *While visiting family in the Scottish Highlands, a troubled couple (Rosamund Pike, David Tennant) try to put on a happy face, but their three children innocently reveal all of their biggest secrets.*
Two sessions - 4pm and 7pm with light refreshments between sessions. Tickets on sale after Masses this weekend.
2. **Entertainment Books Still Available:** Books \$60 with \$12 going to Fr Mick's Mates.

Community News:

- 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 0408 217 375
- 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
- “ **ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS:** Rosary 2pm, Mass 3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with main celebrant Archbishop Denis J Hart DD
- Sept 15... THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Hosted by Archbishop Denis Hart, 7-9am at the CQ Club 113-123 Queen St Melbourne. Dr Kevin Donnelly will speak on *Taming the Black Dog*. Enquiries 0439 172 465. RSVP 12 Sept, cost \$45/person.

OP SHOP:

Together with the Catholic leaders of Geelong, including leaders from St Joseph's, Sacred Heart, Clonard and St Ignatius Colleges, a public Op Shop will be running to raise funds for Samaritan House and help address homelessness in the Geelong region. This one-day-only Op Shop will be running on **3rd September at the Geelong West Town Hall**. Doors are open from 9am-2pm and there will be live music and a sausage sizzle throughout the day. Donations of clothes can be made before the event to Geelong West Town Hall from 9am to 3pm.

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The Second Vatican Council, however, reflected on the Church's experience of working side by side with religious people and secular humanists throughout the world who were as committed as we are to justice, love and freedom. In the 'Declaration on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions', the bishops thought more generously about how God has a relationship with all people who in turn relate to God, even if they do not name it in the same way we

are able to. The Council did not resile from believing that Jesus is the way to the Father, but they also affirmed that God can work in an infinite number of ways to assist people to salvation. It is Church teaching now that our relationship to all people who share the best of our values must be characterised by acceptance, collaboration, dialogue and charity.

This does not make salvation any less important. It just clarifies for us that it is God, not us, who does the saving and the judging.

Christian salvation marks us out as people who know who we are following, where we are going, how we are getting there and why this world, and the next, matters to us. Salvation gives our lives meaning, direction and purpose.

The way we live out this salvation should be irresistible to others. As the folk hymn sings, 'They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'