



# 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

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world.

There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice.

National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the

banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little – except God's justice.'

A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at

Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame.

We know this it is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see.

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## - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Aug 28, 2016)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 9:13-18  
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17  
Gospel: Lk 14:25-33



### 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 29:** Spitalo 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:** Colleen Housse

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Norm Keith, John DaCosta, Walter Augustyn, Carmelo DeLuca, Angelo & Elodia Capra, Kathleen & Ollie McDonald, Bill Salt, Bruno Nicolich, Francesco Alteri, Francesco, Domenico & Concetta Matarazzo, Paulo & Margherita Iannotta

**BAPTISMS:** Mackenzie Davies, Pearl Harris and Edward Message

**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, SEPT 4, 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. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## Cluster News:

### MASSES IN THE CLUSTER FOR NEXT WEEK:

<b>Tues Aug 30...</b>	9.15am Holy Family School Prep Mass
<b>Thurs Sept 1...</b>	9.15am Holy Family - Fr Gerard's Silver Jubilee Mass - school children in attendance
<b>Fri Sept 2...</b>	1.30pm Multicultural Centre Mass
<b>Sat Sept 3...</b>	Father's Day Mass - 6pm Holy Spirit
<b>Sun Sept 4...</b>	Father's Day Mass - 9.30am Holy Family

### 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 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

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



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
	Trish Stickland	0418 522 527		

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

### 5.30PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS AT ST MARY'S:

This Mass is not just a St Mary's Parish Mass but has been organised to be a late evening Mass for all of Geelong. The priests from Geelong are rostered to preside at this Mass. Assistance is now required from the wider Geelong community for people to be rostered as a Reader or Special Eucharistic Minister for this Mass. If you are able to assist please phone Sr Anne on 5222 1977.

### 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](mailto: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 this 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.*

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**After the 9.30am Mass on November 6 (the weekend of Bereavement Masses), there will be a ceremony to name the Community Centre at the Pastoral Cluster Office in honour of Fr Mick.**

### FR MICK'S MATES:



**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 now on sale for \$20.**

**Available at the Cluster Office or ph David Lunn 0408 378 982.**

**Entertainment Books Still Available:** Books \$60 with \$12 going to Fr Mick's Mates.

## Community News:

- 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](http://musicatthebasilica.org.au)
- Sept 3...** **OP SHOP:** In aid of Samaritan House to be held at Geelong West Town Hall from 9am to 3pm. Live music and sausage sizzle - all welcome!
- Sept 9...** **Dr Susan Timoney** will be speaking on the Renewal of Parish Life in the Hibernian Hall from 10am until 1pm. This talk will be beneficial for Parish Councillors and Parish Leaders. Please RSVP to Catherine Moon 0409 007 913 or [deanexec@pipeline.com.au](mailto:deanexec@pipeline.com.au)
- 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.
- Sept 17/18...** **DIVINE AUSTRALIA** is a Charismatic Catholic Ministry based in Melbourne and are having a 2-day power packed youth ONLY retreat from 10am and concluding 6pm on both days at Salesian College, Bosco Campus, Chadstone. This is a free event to experience the loving presence of God. All are welcome. Enquiries to Nicola on 0410 423 350 or Andrew on 0405 346 207.

### FESTA DI SAN BARTOLOMEO:

Domenica 4 Settembre, 2016. 2.30pm Nella Basilica Di Santa Maria Degli Angeli, Yarra St Geelong. La Santa messa sara' celebrata da Father James. Dopo la Santa messa ci sara la processione fuori intorno della chiesa. 5pm - Verra offerto un rinfresco nella sala Santa Maria Yarra St Geelong. Invitiamo tutti gli Italiani di essere presenti alle funzioni religiose del nostro Protettore, manifestando la nostra fede e il nostro attaccamento alla chiesa Cattolica dimostrando le nostril nibili virtu' portate con noi dalla nostro indimenticabile e lontana Patria di origine. Questa grande e solenne festa annuale e' organizzata dal comitato di San Batrolomeo di Geelong. **Si prega di notare la data di questo evento ha cambiato. La chiesa era gia prenotato.**

### DEANERY YOUTH EVENT:

28th August at 12pm after the 11am Mass at St Mary's to be held at the Mary MacKillop Room next to St Mary's Offices. For more information please contact Jo Mascarenhas on 0451 818 596 [jmascare@deakin.edu.au](mailto:jmascare@deakin.edu.au) or Ange DeGrandi [ange.degrandi@cam.org.au](mailto:ange.degrandi@cam.org.au).

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Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from

God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are.

May this Eucharist – this taste of heaven's justice – give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and

show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.'