



# 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

For some weeks now Luke has been telling us about the cost of discipleship. As a commentary on what was happening in his community and a preparation for what was to come, today's gospel used the hyperbole of hatred to drive home the point. For the earliest Christians a choice for faith in Jesus could be this stark and dramatic: families split up and sometimes people who had loved each other turned their brother or sister, mother or father over to martyrdom. This is the context in which Luke's community produced this Gospel.

It is always good for us to recall that for some of our brothers and sisters beyond these shores the perils of public

belief are still like those of Luke's community. Luckily for us the threat of death for our faith is only a very remote possibility. The power of this Gospel is that even if we are not faced with physical death, there are many other dyings that see us share in the cross of Jesus and follow in his way.

The verbs in this passage tell an interesting story: 'carry', 'follow', 'estimate', 'lay foundations', 'plan' and 'give up possessions'. It is a very tough list of things to do. Whatever our situation in life, this Gospel advocates that we figure out our priorities and live them out. In other words, we 'say what we mean and live what we say'.

We often think we could never live

without most of the things to which we have become accustomed or attached. But we can. We know from people who have lived through some of the worst events of last century that there are very few things that are essential to a happy life: human dignity; meaning and purpose; love of others; a sense of security. These are the essentials. Each person has a right to them and we have obligations to do our bit to see that they enjoy them. Everything else, as good as it might be, is icing on the cake. The problem is that we 'want our cake and eat it too!'

As Christians we cannot have it both ways. We cannot say we are baptised into the life and death of Christ and not be prepared to sacrifice anything. /Cont'd P4



## Happy FATHERS' Day!

### - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Sept 4, 2016)

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Let your face shine on your  
servant,  
and teach me your laws.  
**Alleluia!**

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

##### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14  
2nd Reading: 1Tim 1:12-17  
Gospel: Lk 15:1-32



#### 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:

**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:** Sr Mary Oswald (Sri-Lanka), Mariangela Palombi, Antoni Catnay, June Watts

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mate Druzic, Wilfred Podbury, Teresa Valitutti, George Bollard, Kristian Verdnik, Imelda Wood, William Dempsey, Fabian Lukun, George Bollard

**BAPTISMS:** Jack & Henry Deppeler, Florence Mutton, Bianca Cavallo and Kye Wilson

**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 11, 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:

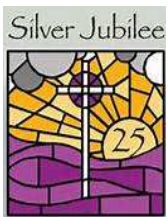
Pastoral Cluster Luncheon...	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
Holy Family Luncheon..	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
Holy Family Women's Group...	First Monday evening 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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org](http://www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org)**



## Cluster News:



### SILVER JUBILEE THANKS:

I feel humbled by the generous spirit of the Parish Schools and the wider parish who have provided a number of celebrations for the Silver Jubilee. My priesthood and the Jubilee only makes sense in the context of the community and I have indeed been very blessed to be part of this parish community for the past 14 years. So I see the Jubilee celebration as your celebration as well. To all those who had a particular role, be it in the schools or parish celebrations, heartfelt thanks - *Fr Gerard*

### SPECIAL MASSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

<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 Festa di San Bartolomeo - 2.30pm St Mary's Basilica
<b>Mon Sept 5...</b>	Mercy Mass - 9.15am Sacred Heart College
<b>Tues Sept 6...</b>	Holy Family School Mass - 9.15am
<b>Thurs Sept 8...</b>	St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass - 7pm St Thomas' Norlane
<b>Fri Sept 9...</b>	Holy Spirit Gr P/5/6 Mass - 11am Holy Spirit
<b>Sat Sept 10...</b>	Holy Spirit Confirmation Commitment Mass - 6pm (Sr Kate to speak)
<b>Sun Sept 11...</b>	Holy Family Confirmation Commitment Mass - 9.30am (Sr Kate to speak)

### 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.

### 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



<b>Table Captains:</b>	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.*

### PARISH CONFIRMATION: The program is as follows -

<b>Sept 6...</b>	7pm - Family based presentation on the Sacrament of Confirmation - parent/child in attendance
<b>Oct 9...</b>	Welcome and Commitment Mass
<b>Oct 16&amp;23...</b>	Lessons for children during the first part of the Mass
<b>Oct 26...</b>	7pm at Ss Peter & Paul's - parent/child in attendance
<b>Oct 30...</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION 11AM AT Ss PETER &amp; PAUL'S CHURCH</b>

## CLUSTER NEWS/ Cont'd...

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 large Meeting Room in 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.**

## Community News:

- 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 10...** **MELBOURNE ORDINATIONS:** The Archbishop will ordain Rev Tao Pham as a priest and Marcus Goulding and Toan Nguyen and Anil Mascarenhas as deacons for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Ordination Mass starts at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral and all are welcome. Please keep these men in your prayers and pray that many others will follow them. Pray daily for vocations!
- 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.
- Sept 21/23...** **MUSICAL PREMIERE - JOHN PAUL II:** Come and be inspired and uplifted by this wonderful celebration of the life of this influential and courageous man of God. **Renaissance Theatre (Kew High School)** 1pm and 7pm. Call Geraldine **before August 30** for special \$20 ticket deal! [www.trybooking.com/KPEK](http://www.trybooking.com/KPEK), [www.callofguadalupe.com](http://www.callofguadalupe.com), phone 0413 398 528.

### GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:

Please come and join us for a 2-course evening meal and the opportunity to meet new friends **from 6.15pm on Tuesday, Sept 13**, for only \$30. This month our guest speaker is Australian playwright, author and journalist, Bernard Clancy. Please note that we have changed our venue to **The Pioneer Room**, 2nd level at St Mary's Parish Offices. For more information/reservations, please ph or text Michael at 0431 959 584 by **Friday, Sept 9**.

/From P1...

If material riches come our way, with them come an even greater obligation to share with the poor

If we have talents and energy we are called to put them at the service of improving the world in any way we can.

If we want the hope of the resurrection, we have to first carry the cross. So riches, a better world and hope come with a price.

Many of us, however, do not need to be

reminded about all this because we carry crosses every day. For some it comes through mental, physical or spiritual ill health. For others it can be in our homes where we have to deal with illness, dysfunction or violence. It can be in our places of employment where we are overworked, undervalued or bullied. Whatever our particular crosses may be we are one with all those who have 'gone before us marked with the sign of faith' and who found Christ in the midst of their

suffering. This Gospel promises us that Christ walks beside us bearing the burden of the struggle.

May this Eucharist give us eyes to see Christ present in our most difficult moments and make us more compassionate so we never add to the weight of another person's burden, but help carry it as best we can.