



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

A bishop in a rural diocese was explaining to the confirmation class how he was the shepherd of the flock. Given that many of the children came from large sheep farms he decided to draw on today's Gospel as an analogy for his pastoral leadership. 'I care for all of you like the Good Shepherd,' he said. The students seemed consoled. Warming up, the bishop continued, 'For instance, what would your fathers do if he lost one of his sheep?' The class was silent. The bishop asked again. The students were confused. The bishop got personal, 'Michael what would your Dad do?' 'Seeing we've 42,000

of them, bishop, he'd let the stupid blighter go!

Sometimes the power of the Gospel needs a little help to become inculturated! If the bishop had done his homework and asked Michael about 420 missing sheep he would've got the answer he was after!

The Exodus reading and the Gospel from Luke could not provide a greater contrast in the images of God they present. Thank goodness we are children of the new covenant, intimates of the Good Shepherd.

The Lord in Exodus, by contrast, is

vengeful; his destructive anger only changes because of Moses' intercession. The idea that God 'gets us' through disasters, illness, misfortune and hardship is, tragically, still potent in Christian faith. No matter how often the Church teaches us, for example, that HIV/AIDS has not been sent as a curse by God on gay men, or that non-Christians are not punished for their beliefs through war and famine or that God does not send small accidents and sicknesses because God knows we need a rest, we can find this erroneous thinking is alive and well.

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Warm Welcome...

I'm delighted to announce that the Archbishop has appointed Fr Rolyn Vics CM as an Assistant Priest to the Cluster for an initial appointment of twelve months.

- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Sept 11, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will rise and go to my father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

2nd Reading: 1Tim 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13



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 13: Hoare family, 21 Sycamore St; **Sept 10-26:** Trinder family, 20 Downie Ave; **Oct 3-10:** Duggan family, 1-8 Elise 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 Margaret Dwyer RSC, Concetta Leone, Domenico Liberati

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Sells, Walter Booth, Maurice Glynn, Jack Hickey, Janet Philp, Amy Heyward and one month since death of Giuseppina Mazza, Tony Balkin

BAPTISMS: Abigail Gower, Audrey McDonald and Jenson & Hamish Travers

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 18, 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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Cluster News:

WELCOME:

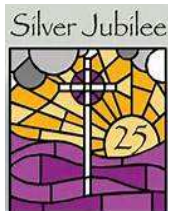
This weekend at the 6pm Holy Spirit Mass and 9.30am Holy Family Mass, we extend a very warm welcome to Sr Kate who will share some of her experiences in the wonderful work she is doing with the children of Manila.

HOLY FAMILY & HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOLS:

I am delighted to announce that **Pina Capra** has been appointed the Deputy Principal for Holy Spirit School for 2017. Also I am delighted to announce that **Anthony Laffy** has been appointed Deputy Principal of Holy Family School for 2017. As a Cluster of Catholic schools we acknowledge senior leadership positions have a significant role in shaping the culture in which effective learning and teaching occurs in a Catholic context. We wish Pina and Anthony every success in this endeavour. We were fortunate in having many applicants of a high standard applying for both positions.

FR GERARD'S LEAVE:

I will be away from **Wednesday 14th** and return **Thursday 29th** September.



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:

Sat Sept 10... Holy Spirit Confirmation Commitment Mass - 6pm (Sr Kate to speak)

Sun Sept 11... 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



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.

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.

MELBOURNE CATHOLICS: Available now - lots of engaging stories. Copies \$4 from the back of each Church. Melbourne Catholics provides a simple and contemporary expression of the Catholic faith in Melbourne and beyond and features articles, interviews, commentary and photography to inspire, uplift and inform - whatever your belief or place in life. Our key message is that the Catholic faith, as a messenger of God's love, has something to offer everyone.

Community News:

- Sept 14...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly Meeting 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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, www.callofguadalupe.com, phone 0413 398 528.
- Oct 9...** **AUSTRALIAN BOYS CHOIR AND THE VOCAL CONSORT:** 3pm at St Mary of the Angels Basilica. Conductor Noel Ansell - from Byrd to Britten. Tickets at the door or Trybooking.com \$30 adult/Senior, \$25 Concession, school students free. Enquiries Jeannette 5223 3554 or musicatthebasilica.org.au

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**.

GEELONG DEANERY YOUTH GROUP:

We are excited to announce that our group (GDYG) will be meeting **every Sunday from 12-2pm** in the **Mary MacKillip Room**, adjacent to St Mary's Basilica at 150 Yarra St. The basic outline of the group will involve an opening prayer, music, games and guest speakers, as well as social activities and outreach. All welcome from high school age upwards - hope to see you there!

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At its worst it drives people away from the Good Shepherd who knows each of us by name, who will go to ridiculous lengths and risk everything to go after us and welcome us home.

There is a huge difference between God permitting evil in the world and God perpetrating such acts. We do not believe that God, the summit and source of love, rains down evil upon the world. Whatever of the many and wonderfully varied images of God in the

Old Testament, the Israelites had a developed belief in God's vengeance. Jesus, however, spoke more of God's justice and compassion.

And even as intimate and loving as the Good Shepherd metaphor is, Jesus is clear about our freedom to choose between life in Him and the path which draws us away. None of us is coerced into the flock. We are not God's victims. We know and hear the voice of the one who loves us most and are drawn to him, and can make a return

every time we stray.

May this Eucharist, then, enable us to let go of any residual belief that God is out to get us. May it sharpen our hearing to his call and help us to delight in his embrace. And may it embolden us to be good shepherds to those we love so that we might risk everything, in his name, to be foolishly loving and compassionate to all we claim as our own.