



# 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 farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside except for a pet dog he doted on. The dog finally died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest, saying, 'Father, the dog is dead. Could you possibly be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Kelly refused point blank, 'No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a new denomination down the road, and there is no telling what they believe in, maybe they'll do something for the animal.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right now. By the way, do you think 10,000 pounds is enough to donate for the service?' to which Father replied, 'Now why didn't you tell me the

dog was a Catholic!'

A cheap jibe regularly levelled at the Church is that while we preach about justice and development for all people, we are one of the world's wealthiest multinationals. Sometimes Catholics are stung by this criticism. There is something healthy about that because there is always more we can, and should, do about our detachment from materialism. At the same time, however, our accusers should be reminded of a few facts that spoil their good story.

In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. Many established churches through good planning and generosity have a large plant on decent

real estate, but I don't know a diocese, religious order, parish or Church agency that does not need to carefully look at its cash flow. We rely on your goodness to keep going each year. Our real estate is often our only collateral for our borrowing; always done to improve the services we can render the People of God.

The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men – lay, professed and ordained – who selflessly serve the Church and the world.

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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.***

## - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Sept 18, 2016)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
**Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7  
2nd Reading: 1Tim 6:11-16  
Gospel: Lk 16:19-31



### 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 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:

Fr Adrew Camilleri PP, Margaret Donaghy and Trish Simpson

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Amato, Vincenzo Benevento, Valli Glynn, Giuseppe Puglia, Gaetano Pino, Nicanor Manalo, Madalena Ferraz, Jose Medeiros and 1 month since death of Almor Mairós

### BAPTISMS:

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### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anita Capicchiano, Robert Hayes, Helen Lacy, Theo DaCosta, Geraldine Fay, Maria Peralta, June Smith

### 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 25, 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

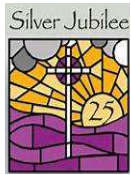
## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

<b>Pastoral Cluster Luncheon...</b>	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
<b>Holy Family Luncheon..</b>	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
<b>Holy Family Women's Group...</b>	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
<b>St Vincent de Paul...</b>	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
<b>Legion of Mary...</b>	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
<b>Baptism Preps</b>	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
<b>Holy Family Choir Practice...</b>	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
<b>Manifold CWL...</b>	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
<b>Italian Mass...</b>	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
<b>Catholic Diners' Club...</b>	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)



### 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.*

### *K*RISTMAS FOR *K*UYA - RAFFLE TICKETS

Great prizes to be won - Crown Voucher \$500  
 Westfield Voucher \$500  
 Ice Cream Maker \$500 } Cost \$1 each; Drawn October 9th, 2016

Please take a book of ten home to sell -

All proceeds going to the Partnership with the Columbans, Sr Kate O'Neill and Kuya Centre

If you wish to support our major Partnership Fundraiser, you can do so through the Wish List.

#### WISH LIST

- ◆ One uniform for Primary Student \$10
- ◆ One month's supply of water \$25
- ◆ One year's tuition \$50
- ◆ Medical supplies for Clinic \$75
- ◆ Feeding 100 street children for one day \$100

✂ .....  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Cheque (made payable to the Pastoral Cluster)

**Mastercard or Visa** (please circle)

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name exactly as it appears on the card:

First                      Initial (if any)                      Surname

**Mr / Mrs / Miss** \_\_\_\_\_

Card Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Cluster News:

## FR GERARD'S LEAVE:

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

## FR MICK'S MATES:

Thanks to all who contributed to our Film Night. We raised **\$900** to 'fight cancer'.  
To Fr Mick's ladies - thank you for your untiring work; without you our group could not have continued for the last ten years.

## 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.

## 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 Cup Day Luncheon

When: Tuesday November 1  
Time: From 12noon  
Place: Holy Spirit Hall

*Tickets to be available next week.  
Enjoy lunch with a glass of  
Champagne and a social afternoon  
with telecast of Races,  
Sweeps and Raffles.*

*All proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates.  
\$20 per ticket*

*Book your spot now with Desma  
Dougherty, Margaret Haines, Amie  
O'Brien or the Cluster Office.*

# Community News:

- 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.
- Oct 6... CIRCLE OF MERCY:** Sr Patricia Fox RSM presents *Laudato Si': an Invitation, Encounter and Challenge*. 7pm-8.30pm at Celies Hospitality Centre, Aphrasia St entrance. Supper provided. RSVP Rita Chiavaroli phone 5222 0467 or email on [rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) by **Monday 3 October**.
- 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](http://Trybooking.com) \$30 adult/Senior, \$25 Concession, school students free. Enquiries Jeannette 5223 3554 or [musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://musicatthebasilica.org.au)

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled ***A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society***. From the Statement comes this beautiful reflection by Pope Francis:

There was a father, mother and their many children, and a grandfather lived with them. He was quite old, and when he was at table eating soup, he would get everything dirty: his mouth, the serviette - it was not a pretty sight!

One day the father said that, given what was happening to the grandfather, from that day forward he would eat alone. And so he bought a little table and placed it in the kitchen. And the grandfather ate alone in the kitchen while the family ate in the dining room.

After some days, the father returned home from work and found one of his children playing with wood.

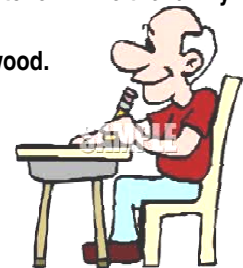
He asked him: "What are you doing?"

To which the child replied: "I am playing carpenter".

"And what are you building?" the father asked.

"A table for you, papa, for when you get old like grandpa.

***Everyone has a place at the table!***



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When we are attacked for the land and buildings we have it's always good to remember some facts about our Catholic family's commitment to the poor: outside the United Nations and governments, Catholicism is the largest provider of education, health, welfare, personal assistance and Third World development in the world; we have the largest and lowest-paid charitable workforce of any international group; we have been trying to serve God, not money, for two thousand years; and from the earliest Christians to this very day, some Catholics have loved and served the poor so faithfully, that they

die with them, and for them.

Where all of this is concerned, we are our own worst enemies. False humility has meant we have not sufficiently celebrated what Grace has done in and through us in regards to poverty and the world's poor.

None of this excuses us from the direct challenges in today's Gospel. We all know how seductive money is and how quickly greed can throw our moral and spiritual compasses off course. In moral theology, however, intention is critical and even money, seductive as it is, can be, and is, put to good service in Christ's kingdom. It's always a question of where the heart is.

By not publicly acknowledging the service done in our name and with our assistance, we do the Church and ourselves an injustice. When we fail to explain the number of times and places Christians clearly put Jesus ahead of money we allow the Church's critics to have the last word, as though it was the only word on the subject.

May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere.