



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

Maybe the reason this Gospel-story has become so famous is its extraordinary attention to detail; the regal colours of Dives' clothes, his exquisite tableware and fine dining. It all conjures up a vivid picture. At the same time Lazarus' world is equally well described. Begging at the gate, Lazarus' only companions are the dogs and his sores. Even giving names to both these characters adds to the power of the parable. These people are not just a rich man and a beggar. They are Dives and Lazarus, well-known to everyone in the village. All these years later they are well known to us too. Not the actual characters, of course, upon whom the story could be based, but all the Lazarus' and Dives' in our own villages. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.

Recently the United Nations published a

paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places. There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition.

This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen.

The UN report goes on to say that 1.2 billion people live on \$1.50 a day or less. And while we might be personally very generous in assisting the poor in a variety of ways, our Dives-like countries are not. Australia only gives \$98 per person per year to aid third world development. Canada gives \$108, the UK gives \$112 and the USA's third world development budget is just \$67 per person per year. And for all the moral scorn sometimes heaped upon Scandinavia, Denmark is the most generous country in the world, giving \$649 per capita last year.

The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words. /Cont'd P4

- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Sept 25, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your
commandments.

But give glory to your name and deal with
us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4
2nd Reading: 2Tim 1:6-8,13-14
Gospel: Lk 17:5-19



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 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:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Nobby DaCosta, Agnes Tuddenham, Andrew Murray, Ivan Lukesic, Harry Gazenbeek, William Barclay and five year anniversary of George Carmody

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, OCT 2, 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:

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| 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



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



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| 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.

*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

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| ♦ 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 |

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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.

MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL will hold their AGM at **1.30pm, Wednesday October 5** in Holy Spirit Hall. Sr Kate O'Neill will be joining us. Members please bring along a plate to share for a'noon tea. Cluster ladies invited to come along. 2017 Membership \$20, Horizon \$20 and Scripture Diary \$10 can all be paid for on this day. For information or transport contact Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

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 available this 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:

- 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 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 \$30 adult/Senior, \$25 Concession, school students free. Enquiries Jeannette 5223 3554 or musicatthebasilica.org.au
- Oct 12...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE PRESENTS: EMPOWERING WOMEN** - Please join us at a dinner to support our 'Empowering Women' partnership programs with CTID Girls College in Baucau, Timor-Leste and West Arnhem Girls Academy NT. \$50/head - 2 course dinner and drink on arrival, additional drinks at bar prices. Tickets from College Reception or shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au **RSVP by Wednesday 7 October**.
- Oct 16...** **ONE-DAY ENRICHMENT SEMINAR FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** Presented by the office of Life, Marriage and Family and Worldwide Marriage Encounter is presenting a One-Day Enrichment Seminar for married couples. 9am-5pm at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne. Cost \$35/couple (incl course materials, lunch and morning and afternoon cuppa). Information/booking: trybooking.com/MDZU

MARYVILLE NURSING HOME: At present Maryville has vacancies. For more information please contact C Conder on 5221 5299.

This weekend we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. 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!

/From P1...

Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will

not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why?

There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the

consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.