



# 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

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th

and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work

for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

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## - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Oct 2, 2016)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
The word of the Lord stands forever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Kg 5:14-17  
2nd Reading: 2Tim 2:8-13  
Gospel: Lk 17:11-19



### 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:

**Oct 3-10:** Duggan family, 1-8 Elise St; **Oct 18-30:** Sharry family, 23 Lily 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:

Lawrence Bowen, Frank Chrimes, Wilf Podbury, Margaret Donaghy, Sandra Costa

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Salvatore Peralta, Jennifer McLaurin, Margaret Gartlan, John O'Loughlin, Marj & Irene Dempsey, Giuseppina Resciniti, Eugenio Bifano, Angela Laspade, Maria, Antonio, Benito & Joanne DeAngelis

### BAPTISMS:

Raphael & Millicent Doherty, Patrick & Connor Sim, Monique Wright, Addison Cappadona, Alice Healey, Henry Walsh and Liam Walsh

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anita Capicchiano, Robert Hayes, Helen Lacy, Theo DaCosta, Geraldine Fay, Maria Peralta, June Smith, Rudi Vanjek (Jnr), Joan Southall

### 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 9, 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

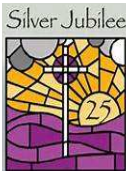
## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

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)**

**SUPPORT FOR KRISTMAS FOR KUYA:** At ALL the Masses of the weekend of October 8/9 there will only be one collection with all the proceeds going to support the great work of Sr Kate and the team at the Kuya Centre.

### 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	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

If you wish to attend the luncheon we have some tables with one or two seats available. Please contact Trish Stickland on 0418 522 527 to secure your place. Thankyou for your support!  
 Final numbers and money by Wednesday October 5th.  
 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 Year's tuition	\$50
One month's supply of water	\$25	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:

**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.

### MELBOURNE CATHOLICS:

Monthly magazine is available at the back of each Church this weekend.

### 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.

## 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](mailto:rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) by **Monday 3 October**.
- Oct 8...** **MARCH FOR THE BABIES - LIFE EQUALITY:** 1pm at the Treasury Gardens Melbourne (meet at the cnr of Spring St and Wellington Pde). To show your support wear pink and/or blue.
- 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)
- 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](http://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](http://trybooking.com/MDZU)
- Oct 23...** **SINGING THE CLASSICS:** The Geelong Choral - *For the Joy of Singing the Classics 2016 - Sing with us!* Gounod - St Cecilia Mass with conductor Allister Cox, accompanist Frank de Rosso. 2-5pm St Luke's Uniting Church Highton. \$12 - music and a'noon tea included. Bookings essential with Anne Pilgrim [pandapil@skymesh.com.au](mailto:pandapil@skymesh.com.au) 0412 524 316.

### 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 October 11** for only \$30. This month our guest speaker is freelance writer, columnist and journalist, Jodie Whittaker. Please note that we have changed our venue to **The Pioneer Room**, 2nd level at St Mary's Parish offices. For more information and reservations please phone or text [Michael](tel:0431959584) at 0431 959 584 by **Friday October 7**.

### MARYVILLE NURSING HOME:

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

### WALKING WITH FAMILIES:

New video and print resources designed to introduce people to Pope Francis' exhortation **The Joy of Love** have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Copies of booklet available at the back of each Church. After Sunday 9 October there will be videos available to be viewed online at [cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)

## 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.*

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Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is

God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been

found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.