



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

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn.

At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks

to Jesus with all our hearts"!

Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about

the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best.

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community;

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- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Oct 9, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 17:8-13
2nd Reading: 2Tim 3:14-4:2
Gospel: Lk 18:1-8



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 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:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Albert Piccirilli, Anne & Harry Wallace, Joseph Gillett Snr, Dawn King, John Bohan Snr, Margaret Cranbourne

BAPTISMS:

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PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

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 16, 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
D Whelan

SUPPORT FOR KRISTMAS FOR KUYA

At **ALL** the Masses today 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.



Kristmas for Kuya Wish List

Thankyou for the Gift of Opportunity



Through our Partnership with Sr Kate O'Neill of Our Lady of the Missions, Kuya Centre and the Columbans in the Malate Parish, Manila, we are seeking to support the following programs:

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| One Uniform for Primary Student | \$ 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| One month's supply Water | \$ 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| One Year's Tuition | \$ 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical Supplies for Clinic | \$ 75 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 100 Street Children for One Day | \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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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: \$ _____

Thank you for your support

This form can be dropped on the collection plate at Mass or alternatively deliver to the Pastoral Cluster Office.

Cluster News:

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 12... KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate. **Guest speaker - Sr Kate O'Neill of the Columban Order to talk on her work in the Philippines.**
- 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
- Oct 23... SINGING THE CLASSICS:** The Geelong Chorale - *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 0412 524 316.
- Oct 29... TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network-Geelong invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave Geelong West, 1pm-3.30pm. Cost \$10 - enquiries 5229 7954.
- Nov 6... MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** Gloriana Chamber Choir with conductor Andrew Raiskums. 3pm at St Mary's Basilica - \$30 Adult/Senior, \$25 Concession and School students free.

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 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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God? (Lk 17:18)

Most of us live 'easy' lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted.

Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around?

Take time every day and thank God for all he has given you.

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he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and

then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society

has rejected.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'.

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.*

