



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

Many years ago I remember hearing the story of a charismatic prayer meeting which went all night. Apparently the leader was convinced that, 'God wants to do a strong and powerful work here tonight and we have to show we are worthy.' So he insisted that everyone stay until it happened. By dawn nothing had overtly occurred, so the leader declared, 'God has worked hundreds of miracles here tonight – on the inside.' He may have been right, but it sounded like mystical spin doctoring to me! What worries me about his story is that it can portray God as a remote and severe figure whom we need to convince that we are serious about him before he will be moved by our plight.

Today's Gospel is often used to support this idea. The persistent widow gets her way

because she nags the judge into submission. While Jesus praises her endurance, he tells the disciples that God is NOT like the judge, but rather that God will quickly attend to our needs, rather than see us cry out all night.

There is a long and venerable tradition in the Church that prayer can influence God's will. Our belief in the power of intercession is predicated on it. This tradition holds that God regularly and actively intervenes to effect good outcomes in the world. In this school God is waiting to be asked or have us ask others to petition him.

The problem with this school is how much an all-knowing, unchanging God changes his mind in regard to our petitions. Furthermore God's interventions in the world are fine if all the decisions are running our way, but what happens when they run against us?

This approach can downplay free will. It can minimise our role, with God, to discern our options and choose carefully. If most of our petitions are focused on what God can do, it shifts all the responsibility (and the blame) on to God.

An equally long and venerable tradition in the Church, however, is that prayer changes us. This tradition has had less airplay. Fasting, abstinence and pilgrimages, for example, do not change God, but are meant to change the person who undertakes them. These things can enable us to be more responsive or receptive to whatever happens in life. I think this tradition needs to be reclaimed.

The idea of prayer changing us, changes our prayer – giving it greater dynamism and urgency.

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- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Oct 16, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19
2nd Reading: 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18
Gospel: Lk 18:9-14



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 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:

Salvatore (Sam) Genova and Anselm Ambrose

ANNIVERSARIES:

Antoinetta Javni (25 year anniv), Lindsay Beck, Maria Sos, Giovanni DiRocco, Len Callander, Antonio Sanghi

BAPTISMS:

Alayah Bove-Short, Wichay, Nyabel, Nyamal & Pouk Paul, Isabella Verco, Chloe Cooke, Javier & Raffael Bruna, Lillian O'Callaghan, Noah Robertson, Poppy Swindells, Peyton Liston, Louis Spence and Harrison Unitt

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 23, 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:

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:***

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KRISTMAS FOR KUYA / SILVER JUBILEE

Vote of Thanks -

I am deeply appreciative of last Sunday's Kristmas for Kuya and my Silver Jubilee celebration. I am particularly grateful that we have such a community who can come together in such large numbers and who are also generous in their support for our Philippines Partnership. The event truly was a community celebration.

There is an African proverb that says "it takes a whole village to raise a child" and certainly the same could be said for putting on a function such as this.

I would particularly like to offer a heartfelt vote of thanks for the generosity of effort and spirit to -

- ◆ Trish Stickland who organised and oversaw the whole event
- ◆ Sr Kate who inspired us with the work that she does
- ◆ Steph Berginc, Jan Fagan and Bern Boxer - the Philippine Partnership co-ordinators from each of the three schools who organised the school involvement in the event
- ◆ Chris McGivern and the St Pat's School Choir who entertained us
- ◆ John Canavan, a school friend who provided a short comedy show
- ◆ Paul McBride who organised and oversaw the audio and visual technical side
- ◆ Frank Kearney for his kind tribute
- ◆ Table Captains for their contribution
- ◆ Ajani Wijesuriya for making the beautiful Jubilee Cake
- ◆ The staff at Capri Receptions for again providing a lovely meal and a great venue
- ◆ For the many people who provided prizes, gifts for the hampers and the slices
- ◆ Those who contributed in any way to the administrative and practical side of the event
- ◆ Finally, an event such as this is only successful if people support it by their presence and many people were supportive in this way.

A great day because of a great effort!

Many thanks- *Fr Gerard*

Winners of the Raffle -

Naomi Vagg, Angela Neville, D Cattanach, Sharon Luff and R Tigani

Silver Jubilee of Ordination Bookmarks -

At the back of each of the Churches there are Fr Gerard's Silver Jubilee of Ordination Bookmarks. You are most welcome to take them.



MEETINGS IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER:

- ◆ **Parish Leadership Team Meeting** - Tuesday 18th October, 7pm
- ◆ **Meeting to finalize arrangements for Cup Day** - Friday October 21st, 4pm
- ◆ **Parish Liturgy Meeting** - Tuesday 25th October, 7pm

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.*

Cluster News:

PLEASE NOTE:

The Cluster Office will be closed from 1pm until 4.30pm next Monday, October 17, as Fr Gerard and Bernadette will be attending a Child Safe Standards workshop in Geelong.

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 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.

MARYVILLE NURSING HOME

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. (2Tim 4:2)

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way.

Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable.

Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

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While we may not know the mind or will of God, we often know our own thoughts and desires. We can usually pinpoint what needs recrafting or reshaping in us so that we may live out the goodness and love of God more clearly. Confronting and converting these obstacles, with God, can see our prayer at its boldest and bravest.

At these times we can enjoy God's healing and forgiveness. And because conversion is a lifetime process, Jesus encourages us not to lose heart but to pray always and hold on to faith even when the going gets tough.

John Powell once said, 'God knows what we want and need before we open our mouths.

In prayer, then, he does not need a performance from us. He longs for an act of love.' May this Eucharist help us to move away from demanding that God change his mind or will to allowing his love to keep converting and changing us.