



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 well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel

important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, *humus*, meaning 'close to the earth'.



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Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Oct 23, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 11:22-12:2
2nd Reading: 2Thess 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Lk 19:1-10



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 31-Nov 14: Lynch family, 13 Criton Ave; **Nov 15-28:** Johnson family, 63 Ruhama Ave

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:

Merv Brunt, Joan Southall, Maree Jacombs and Chris McGivern

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ercole Iezzi, Antonio Sanghi, Reg Doherty, Concetta & Frank DeLafonte, Francis Murphy, Jozef Kot, Michael, Eileen, Basil & Bernie Haberman, Andrew Sheahan, Salvatore, Antoinetta & Rosa Valentino, John Bove and 1 year Anniversary of Teresa Bahl

BAPTISMS:

Isabella Mulia

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 30, 2016 -

(5th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

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:

6.00PM

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

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:

5.00PM

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

C O'Brien
Sr J McGonigal
N Neeld, P McGlinchey
B Pleasance
D Whelan

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:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org



Cluster News:

CONFIRMATION MASSES: This weekend we welcome and congratulate the Grade 6 students from our three Primary Schools who will be making the Sacrament of Confirmation. We extend a warm welcome to our new Regional Bishop - Mark Edwards. There will be four Confirmation ceremonies - 11am and 5pm at Holy Family Church for St Patrick's School on Saturday 22nd Oct, and 2pm for Holy Family School and 4.30pm for Holy Spirit School on Sunday 23rd Oct. (All at Holy Family Church).

BEREAVEMENT MASSES: The weekend of 5/6 November at all Masses and 13 November (at the 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's) the focus of our Mass will be **Remembering and Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones**. As part of the Bereavement Mass there are notelets entitled "**In Loving Memory Of**" which will be placed at the foot of the Cross. These leaflets are now available if you would like to take one and fill it out in preparation for the November Masses. At the Remembrance Masses please do not put the notelets at the foot of the Cross until directed by the Priest.

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. There will be a morning tea after this ceremony - please bring a plate to share.

ROSARY: The Rosary will be recited at 8.45am prior to the 9.15am Mass, Tuesday and Thursday, at Holy Family Church. All welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP - MEETING NIGHT CHANGE OF DATE:

Melbourne Cup Eve - the November meeting is being brought forward one week to **Monday 31st October**, so all ladies can participate in the Melbourne Cup Eve Festivities. Starting at 6.30pm - chicken/salad/dessert provided. BYO drinks.

MEETINGS IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER: Parish Liturgy Meeting - Tuesday 25th October, 7pm

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.

KRISTMAS FOR KUYA/SILVER JUBILEE VOTE OF THANKS:

I am deeply appreciative of the recent 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. I am also most appreciative of the generous gifts - thankyou!

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

- ◆ Trish Stickland, Partnership Co-ordinator, 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*)

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 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 4...** **CLONARD COLLEGE SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL:** Featuring a night market, food vans, art exhibitions, drama, dance, music, craft workshops and kids activities. Free community event for the whole family! 6-10pm at Clonard College, 225 Church St Herne Hill.
- 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.
- Nov 13...** **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS:** The Annual mass for deceased students, staff and benefactors of St Joseph's College Geelong will be held at 2pm in the College Chapel. All are welcome!



GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT:

Healing the Wounds of Abuse is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held **March 26-31, 2017**. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au or ph 0407 704 539. For more information visit griefftoGrace.org



MARYVILLE NURSING HOME

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



ST MARY'S DERBY DAY FETE

When... Saturday October 29th
Time... 9.00am - 4.00pm
Where... Cnr Yarra & Lt Myers St Geelong

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted. (Lk 18:14)

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status, is another way of making those things 'gods' before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given.

Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

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The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we

can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.