



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

Philip was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him he wanted this car as a graduation gift from the family. His father did nothing. As his graduation day approached, Philip awaited signs that his father had purchased the car.

Finally, the day after his graduation, his father called him into his study and told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and that he loved him. He handed Philip a beautifully wrapped box. Philip opened the box and found a beautiful, leather-bound Bible, with Philip's name embossed in gold. He did not even take the Bible out of the box.

Angrily, he yelled at his father and said, 'Is

this it? With all your money you give me a Bible?' and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Philip's family ran after him, but he jumped in his car and sped away. He refused to answer his mobile phone, even when his family kept ringing it for hours and hours.

Very late that night, when he had cooled down somewhat, he drove home to discover that his father had suffered a massive heart attack and died two hours before. His father had a history of heart disease. His furious and heart-broken mother told him to go and find the Bible which was the cause of the scene that morning.

He found the Bible right where he had thrown it down on his father's desk. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. He came to a bookmark where his father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, 'And if you, being evil,

know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?'

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. Philip broke down and sobbed.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

The Gospel we have just heard is often called, 'the little man's revenge'. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well.

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- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Oct 30, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Macc 7:1-2,9-14
2nd Reading: 2Thess 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Lk 20:27-38



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: Andrew Marshallsea, Don Lipinski

ANNIVERSARIES: Judite DaRosa, Almor, Jose & Carlos Mairos, Eileen Brady, Nikola & Jela Skulic, Jose Medeiros, Madalena Ferraz, Madge King, Sally Dulce and 1 year anniversary of Maria Tigani

BAPTISMS: -

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, NOV 6, 2016 -

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators

R Allum

Lectors

V Pavlovic

Special Ministers

J Bartolo, B McFarlane, I Baulch

Welcomers

K McArthur

Projectionist

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

C Neilson

Lectors

J O'Neill

Special Ministers

C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy

Welcomers

I Cleary, L Fossey

Projectionist

M Kroger

11.00AM

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

5.00PM

Commentators

C O'Brien

Lectors

Sr J McGonigal

Special Ministers

N Neeld, P McGlinchey

Welcomers

B Pleasance

Projectionist

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:

CONGRATULATIONS!

Today we welcome and congratulate the young candidates from the Catechetical Program who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Ss Peter & Paul's Church, 11.30am this Sunday. Special thanks to Paul Spence, Frank Kearney and Kerrie Menchise who have assisted the children in their preparation. We also extend a warm welcome to the candidates' family and friends.



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Please note the Parish Office **WILL** be open on Tuesday (Melbourne Cup Day). However, because of some work being done both on the Community Centre and the Church, the Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Also the car park will be unavailable during this time. **There will be NO Thursday Mass at Holy Family.**

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.

Also, as part of the Parish and School communities desire to honour Fr Mick, a couple of memorials will be established. There will be a Perpetual Scholarship given to a boy and a girl at each of the three schools who have shown leadership in Social Justice and Community. Also there will be a one-off donation from the parish to each of the schools to assist in the establishment of a memorial in the schools to honour Fr Mick. Finally, some funds will be set aside to be given to the schools so that they can assist families who have special needs. The fund will be named after Fr Mick. The payment of these memorials will come from the Parish Levy, which the school families pay. The Principals will be present at some of the Masses to receive the cheques.

OPENING OF FR MICK'S COMMUNITY ROOM:

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.

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.

SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:

On **Wednesday Nov 9, 12noon** in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Heights. Cost \$10 - all welcome!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - *Mercy in the Big Tent Church:*

How can we as Catholics better embody the mercy of God in the way we live out our faith in the world? In this edition there is an article around questions arising from the marriage equality debate as well as other worthwhile and interesting reading. Australian Catholics will be available for free next weekend.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mass of the Anointing - at Holy Family Church on 3rd December beginning 11am with Mass with a luncheon to follow.

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:

- 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 7...** **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MERCY:** A pilgrimage to visit, recognise and show gratitude for the works of mercy that have been carried out in some of the most significant places of Mercy in central Geelong. Meet 4.30pm at the SHC Cemetery, Retreat Rd Newtown. Conclude approx 7pm at the Geelong Waterfront. To register please visit shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
- Nov 11...** **MERCY CUP OF TEA DAY:** A memorable day to celebrate the life and legacy of Catherine McAuley who founded the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin in 1831. An invitation for all to enjoy a cup of tea on this special morning. Tickets are \$10 from Reception or online at shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au RSVP **Friday 4 Nov** to rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au or 522 0467
- 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@griefftoaceaus.org.au or ph 0407 704 539. For more information visit griefftoaceaus.org

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over". (Lk 19:8)

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant!

Open your heart, how is God calling you?

/From P1... All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a 'walkabout' in the village.

Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho's chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God's Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages. Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and

dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of Zacchaeus' home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God's door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation.

It's the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But

there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships.

No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand.