



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 focuses on those nagging questions that plague us all from time to time. What will heaven be like? What will happen to me in the resurrection of the body? While these are interesting enough questions on which to speculate and pray, this story from Dan McAuley reminds us that resurrection and a taste of heaven are often closer than we think.

'One day when I was in my early years of High School I noticed this boy from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends the next afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and

went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They knocked all his books out of his arms and tripped him up so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses, and I saw a tear in his eye.

'As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and just said, "Thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to another school before now. We talked all the way

home, and I helped him carry his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool guy. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same.

'Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are going to really build some serious muscles with this pile of books every day!" He just laughed and handed me half the books. Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were in our last year of school we began to think about university. Kyle wanted to study overseas, I was going to stay at home. I knew wherever we were that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem.

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- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - Nov 6, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his forever and ever.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Mal 3:19-20
2nd Reading: 2Thess 3:7-12
Gospel: Lk 21:5-19



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 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:

Fr John Aldag, Andrew Parker, Maria Effenberger, Hermanus Hagebols, Neville Hobbs, Ema Markota (Croatia) and Frederico D'Aprile (Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ken Martin, Damian Dougherty, Marie Gallagher, Salvatore Daniele, Bob Johnson, Klara Van Slooten

BAPTISMS:

Hugo Baulch, Charlie Juric, Stella Nardi, Kiara & Annabelle Sherman, Amelia Ellul, Zara Jelicanin and Milla Webb

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

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 13, 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
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. 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:

 **B**EREAVEMENT MASSES: This 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 this Sunday 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.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:

There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office, or email: cluster@cam.org.au Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.

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

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.

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP - DECEMBER MEETING:

Christmas Dinner at the Sphinx - **Monday December 5th**. Please let Peggy know if attending.

MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be having their final meeting for the year on **Wednesday 9th November**, 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall. We encourage members to attend the Sisters of the Holy Angels Luncheon in the Hall prior to our meeting. For transport please contact Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

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 are available for free this 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.

'SEEKING MARY':

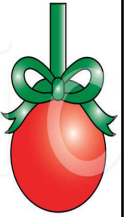
The Lacy family received a lovely letter from 'Mary' who knew Michael Lacy when he was a young man and they are seeking the contact details to thank her for the letter. Mary, if you read this letter, please contact the Pastoral Cluster Office and we will forward the details on.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON:

Everyone who attended had a great day. Thankyou for your support which raised \$2,200 for Fr Mick's Mates. A huge thankyou to all who helped set up, cater and clean up. Also special thanks to those local businesses who supported the day through their donations. *(David Lunn)*

Kristmas for Kuya:

Once again, the combined efforts of the parishes and the schools achieved a great fundraising result for Kristmas for Kuya. The Raffle raised **\$3,891**; the Lucky Envelopes **\$1,267**; the Wish List **\$8,975**; the Mass Collection on October 9th **\$5,137**; and the profit from the Luncheon Tickets **\$1,925**. **A GRAND TOTAL OF \$21,195!** Sr Kate and her team are most appreciative of your generous support and wish to convey that this amount of money will make an extraordinary contribution to the welfare of so many.



Community News:

- 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 9...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday 7.30pm in Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- 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
- " **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GEELONG COMMITTEE** will be holding their service planning meeting 10am at Wesley Uniting Church, Yarra St Geelong. 2017 service on March 3rd has been prepared by the Christian Women of the Philippines with the theme *Am I being Unfair to You?* Cluster parishioners welcome to come along and be part of this ecumenical group. For information or transport ph Sue O'Donoghue 5221 7978 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- 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!

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT WANTED: Mature gentleman in early 50s is seeking part-time work (16-20 hours per week). Willing to do all kinds of work, including manual work (due to age, not too heavy though!). Has experience in a variety of areas of work. References available. Further details contact Fr Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or frkd@stmarysgeelong.com.au



MARYVILLE NURSING HOME

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

May the Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

(2Thess 2:16-17)

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.

/From P1...

'Kyle topped our class at school. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. But when he took the microphone he looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Sometimes I was jealous.

'Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said,

"Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said. As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduating from school is a time when you can thank those who helped you make it through the tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach, but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to another person can save someone from hell. Let me tell you a story."

'I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had

planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mother wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying all his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, my friend saved me from doing the unspeakable. I looked at hell, but the kindness of a friend showed me heaven. And he didn't even know it and I haven't looked back since."

If we want to know what heaven or the resurrection is like, then Jesus says, go and do likewise.