



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

Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known. David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a

memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories. Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were

yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt. As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Year C - Nov 2-, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power forever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
1st Sunday of Advent
1st Reading: Is 2:1-5
2nd Reading: Rom 13:11-14
Gospel: Mt 24:37-44



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:

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: John McMahon, Anna menchise and Leo Bohan

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Culo, Julia Brady, Hilda Pearson, Kevin Craven and 1 month since death of Maree Haberman

BAPTISMS: -

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Anita Capicchiano, Robert Hayes, Helen Lacy, Theo DaCosta, Geraldine Fay, June Smith, Rudi Vanjek (Jnr), Cheryl Lambert, Leo Ryan, Ana Siketa

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 27, 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

A Henderson, G Tolan

J Cowell

B Middleton

11.00AM

M Burn

J Fraatz, L Eastman

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:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Cluster News:

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON: A warm invitation is extended to all Senior Parishioners to attend the Mass and Luncheon on **Saturday December 3rd**, commencing with Mass at 11am and Luncheon at 12noon. If you wish to attend please place your name on the signup board (**White Form**) in the Narthex.



Catering for the Function - Please place your name on the sign up board (**Pink Form**) in the Narthex if you can assist with the catering. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **FR GERARD AWAY ON RETREAT:** I will be away for just over a week from Friday Nov 18 until Sunday Nov 27. The first part of the leave is attending a Seminar on Christian Meditation and Ageing followed by a week long Silent Retreat with the focus on Christian Meditation.
- ◆ **LECTORS PLEASE NOTE:** Your copy of the new **Break Open the Word** is now in the Sacristy where you are rostered. Please collect it as soon as you can. Many thanks for your continued support.



THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will have their annual **Christmas Appeal Collection** on the weekend of **December 3/4**. This appeal will assist all those people in our community who will be going through difficult times during the forthcoming holy season of Christmas.

- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Packets of 8 at \$7 will be available from the Piety Stall at Holy Spirit Church.
- ◆ **COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** \$9 - available for purchase from the Piety Stall in all three Churches until **December 18**.
- ◆ **FR MICK'S RAFFLE BOOKS:** Just a reminder that raffle books need to be returned by **THIS SUNDAY, November 20**. With thanks - David Lunn.
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** On **Sunday Nov 20** after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit there will be a dinner held for the presentation of the Annual Awards for the Knights of the Southern Cross, held at Holy Spirit Hall. Widows are most welcome to attend.
- ◆ **LEAVING COLLECTION DEC 10/11:** Please note that the Catholic Missions will hold their Annual Appeal. The focus of this year's appeal is **Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace** and the focus is to assist people in Papua New Guinea.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP - DECEMBER MEETING:** Christmas Dinner at the Sphinx - **Monday December 5th**. Please let Peggy know if attending.
- ◆ **FREE PIANO:** The Sisters of the Holy Angels have a piano to give away. For more details please phone 5277 3620.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will be holding their Christmas Breakup Lunch 12noon on **Tuesday December 6** at Hamlyn Park Bistro, Calvert St Hamlyn Hts. All members and ladies on our catering list are welcome to attend and are requested to bring along a wrapped gift for Kris Kringle to the value of up to \$5 please. **Bookings essential by December 1**. Contact Tricia Joyce on 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

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**. Also during Lent we had our Combined Churches Raffle which raised **\$2,995**. **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.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON - FR MICK'S MATES:

Many thanks to the following businesses who generously donated to the Melbourne Cup Luncheon: **Moorabool Valley Chocolates; Parker's Steak House; Sawyers Arms Tavern; Petrel Hotel; Wool Exchange Hotel; St George Hotel; Sir Charles Hotham Hotel; Great Western Hotel; Milan's Lingerie; IGA Supermarket; Sphinx Hotel; Dan Murphy Liquor Store; Coles Supermarket; Gateway Hotel; Tattsлото Agency Bellpark; Jumping Jelly Beans (Jumping Castle)**. Please support these businesses for their generosity.

Community News:

- Nov 26...** **TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network invites you to a relaxing afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave. Come along and choose from a range of pampering activities incl hand or foot massage, Myotherapy, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing and a'noon tea. From 1-3.30pm, cost \$10. Enquiries Sr Carmel O'Dwyer 5229 7954.
- Dec 2...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** End of Year BBQ Breakup at the home of Louise and Alan Fossey from 7pm. Invitation to members, ladies and family. Meat and drinks supplied, just bring a salad or a sweet. Cost only \$10 per head. Phone Joe Lambert on 5229 8442 to confirm attendance, etc.
- Dec 4...** **CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Friends of Rice Village invites you to our Christmas Fair from 11am to 3pm at Mercy Place Rice Village, 7 Moylan Loop, Marshall. Devonshire Tea, Spinning Wheel, Gourmet BBQ, Cakes/biscuits/preserves and a selection of Stall Holders. All Proceeds to amenities for Rice Village residents.

WING AND A PRAYER:

The Wing and a Prayer Book and Gift shop is now situated at 116 Moorabool St (just near 'Flight Centre' and the cnr of Moorabool & Lt Malop Sts). Open weekdays 10am-4pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm. In preparation for Christmas you may wish to see their large range of Christmas Card packs, Nativity scenes, as well as a wide range of books - including 2nd hand ones.

FREE LUNCHTIME ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS BASILICA:

Music for reflection on the season of Advent will be presented with other classical works to lift your spirits in readiness for Christmas.

1. **Mon Nov 28...** 12.30-1.15pm **Mel Waters**, formerly from St John's Anglican Church, Toorak
2. **Mon Dec 5...** 12.30-1.15pm **Rhys Boak** from St Michael's Uniting Church, Melbourne
3. **Mon Dec 12...** 12.30-1.15pm **Ken George** from All Saints Anglican Church, Geelong
4. **Mon Dec 19...** 12.30-1.15pm **Frank DeRosso** from St Mary of the Angels Basilica, Geelong.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 16TH DECEMBER - WINDFIRE CHAMBER CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE:

Mozart Mass in C Major K220 "Sparrow" and Music for Christmas. Conductor Rick Prakhoff with Lee Abrahmsen, soprano; Belinda Prakhoff, mezzo, Michael Petrucelli, tenor and Nicholas Dinopoulos, bass baritone.



CHILD MIGRANTS, THE VULNERABLE AND THE VOICELESS:

This is the focus of the Holy Father's message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees which will be celebrated worldwide on January 15, 2017. If you would like to see the document please visit the following webpage: www.pcmigrants.org

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. (Col 1:12)

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire 'things'.

Try putting God first in all things instead.

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In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or

might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feast day! The final day of the

church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God!

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'