



# 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

Even in Church circles these days it is quite common to engage a management consultancy company to help find people for a particular diocesan job. This is a good idea and often these companies find excellent people for the task.

I recently saw a consultancy profile, however, for a diocese seeking a lay chancellor. We all know these people must be upright citizens, but I am convinced that Jesus himself may have been challenged to fill this job description! Apart from having degrees in civil and canon law, the desired applicant had to have 'outstanding Catholic faith, an exemplary moral character and have nothing in his or her background that could cause the Church embarrassment or scandal in the future.'

A couple of days later I came across a

tongue-in-cheek summary of a management consultant's report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian Church:

'John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

'Peter: Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.

'Paul: Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

'Jesus: Has been popular at times, but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful women and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.

'Judas: His references are solid. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Great possibilities here.'

In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation.

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## Second Sunday of Advent

(Year A/1 - Dec 4, 2016)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace forever.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths; all people shall see  
the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Is 35:1-6,10  
2nd Reading: James 5:7-10  
Gospel: Mt 11:2-11



### 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:

**Dec 5-18:** Moore family, 30 Willana Ave;

**Dec 19-Jan 7:** Montalto family, 2 Graylea Ave;

**Jan 8-21:** Johnson family, 63 Ruhama Ave;

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Bridget Jones, Rosa Puglia, Patricia (Patti) Callan and Dianne Ivas

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ripalda Sicuro, Giovanni, Rosetta, Antonio & Domenico Santamaria, Vincenzo & Giuseppa Salvo, Joze Matjasic, Kevin Bohan and 1 year anniversary of Chris Lunn

**BAPTISMS:** Max Bonaddino, Cooper Ghin, Jordi Lagana, Mattea Lettieri and Andi Mari

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Anita Capicchiano, Robert Hayes, Helen Lacy, Theo DaCosta, Geraldine Fay, June Smith, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa, Roger Hardwick

**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, DEC 11, 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

D Dougherty

B Middleton

### 11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

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. <b>BYO casserole &amp; drink to share.</b>
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](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## Cluster News:



### **VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

Sign up boards are in the Churches this weekend for volunteers to help at our Christmas Masses.

**T**HE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will have their annual **Christmas Appeal Collection** this 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.

- ◆ **DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS:** This week the invitations to all known Catholics to our Christmas Second Rite Reconciliation and Christmas Masses will be available for distribution. Again we call on you, if you can, to assist with this distribution. The invitations are in order alphabetically according to STREETS.
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL:** Home produce will be on sale after the following Masses: **Holy Spirit 11am Sunday 4th Dec; Ss Peter & Paul's 5pm Sat 10th Dec and 11am Sun 11th Dec and Holy Family 8am and 9.30am Sun 18th Dec**. All proceeds to Fr Mick's Relay for Life. Thankyou for all involved in this effort.
- ◆ **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** are available from the Piety Stall in all three Churches until **Dec 18**.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.



## Community News:

**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.

### **THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:**

Come join us for our special Christmas 3-course evening meal, musical entertainment, Christmas Raffle and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for \$35. The date to remember is **Tuesday December 13**. Please note we have changed our venue to "The Pioneer Room", 2nd level at St Mary's Parish Offices. For more information and reservations, please phone or text Michael at 0431 959 584 by **Friday December 9**.

### **MARYVILLE NURSING HOME:**

At Present Maryville Nursing Home has vacancies. Contact C Conder on 5221 5299 if you would like any information.

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

To **Sr Carmel O'Dwyer** who is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of her Profession as a Sister of Mercy on 3rd December, 2016.

## 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 Dec 5...** 12.30-1.15pm **Rhys Boak** from St Michael's Uniting Church, Melbourne
2. **Mon Dec 12...** 12.30-1,15pm **Ken George** from All Saints Anglican Church, Geelong
3. **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.



## ROYAL COMMISSION UPDATE - Melbourne Response Compensation Limit to Double

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has today announced an increase to the *Melbourne Response's* compensation cap for survivors of abuse from \$75,000 to \$150,000 with effect from January 1st, 2017. The Archdiocese's decision was made following a review of the *Melbourne Response* by retired Federal Court Judge, the Hon Mr Donnell Ryan QC, the ongoing work of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the announcement this month by the Commonwealth Government of its intent to introduce a redress scheme commencing in 2018 for the survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

Archbishop Hart said that he "regrets that this announcement has taken longer than he had hoped. This has occurred because of hearings of the Royal Commission in which the Archdiocese was involved and the extended time taken by the Commonwealth Government to announce its position on a Commonwealth redress scheme. Our objective has been to seek to align any change in compensation under the Melbourne Response to the decisions by government on compensation for survivors to ensure survivors have equal access and treatment."

Archbishop Hart said that "the Melbourne Archdiocese is committed to a fair system of redress. We have decided it is right to both increase the compensation cap for survivors of abuse and re-visit cases for survivors of child sexual abuse if these survivors would have received a higher offer had the new arrangements been in force at the time their case was heard." He said that "The *Melbourne Response* has helped many survivors since its introduction 20 years ago. We have listened to survivors and we will continue to do so. Today's announcement is in reflection of this."

In 2014 Archbishop Hart announced that he would revisit the compensation arrangements of the *Melbourne Response*. Mr Ryan's report included recommendations to double the maximum compensation to \$150,000 and that previous cases could be re-opened if the survivor would have received a higher offer had these arrangements been in force at the time their case was heard.

For survivors of child sexual abuse who have proceeded through the Melbourne Response since the announcement of the Ryan Review in April 2014, the additional monetary payment will be the difference between what the survivor would have received if a cap of \$150,000 was in place at the relevant time less payments already received. For survivors of child sexual abuse who have proceeded through the Melbourne Response prior to the announcement of the Ryan Review in April 2014, the additional monetary payment will be the difference between what the survivor would have received if a cap of \$150,000 was in place at the relevant time, less the payments already received adjusted for inflation.

It is our intention to communicate initially with those survivors of child sexual abuse who have been through the Melbourne Response since April 2014 and with those who have been in contact with the Archdiocese to inform them of the additional compensation available to them and subject to their agreement to make payment to them by Christmas. All other survivors of child sexual abuse who have been compensated under the Melbourne Response will be invited to make application to have their compensation reconsidered. Application forms and further information is available at [www.cam.org.au/professional-standards](http://www.cam.org.au/professional-standards)

Further modifications to the procedures of the Melbourne Response arising from the Royal Commission are being considered and will be the subject of a later announcement. The Archbishop says "I am encouraged by the recent announcement by the Commonwealth Government and now await specific details of the scheme and also a decision by the Victorian Government on whether it will opt in to the Commonwealth scheme. I urge all governments to support a scheme that provides survivors with equal access and treatment, no matter in which jurisdiction or institution the alleged abuse occurred."

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### CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

#### **Glory...**

The coming of the Lord gives us a glimpse of glory in this world, and helps us on our pilgrimage to the next world.

Where do I find these moments of 'glory' in my daily life?

*Please pray for more priests and religious who will help us to see the glory of the Lord in the Sacraments and in ministering to each other.*

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

*Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. (Mt 3:10)*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

/From P1...

They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility.

In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private

faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.'

If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again.

May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'