



# Geelong Catholic Deanery Newsletter

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**Incorporating the Parishes of – Bell Park, Belmont, Corio, Drysdale, Geelong, Geelong East, Geelong West, Grovedale, Manifold, Meredith, Norlane, Queenscliff & Winchelsea.**

## **THE DEANERY - COMMUNION FOR MISSION**

To facilitate a sense of communion through the development of support networks for those who live in the Deanery or are involved in its pastoral ministry: Priests, Pastoral Associates, Parish Councillors, liturgy planners, musicians, religious co-ordinators, principals and so on. The Deanery should live the four dimensions of Worship, Proclamation, Community and Service.

## **A WORD FROM THE DEANERY CO-ORDINATOR**

In March last year, a large meeting of over 200 people assembled at the Sacred Heart College Hall to discuss some areas of the future of the Church in the Geelong region and, in particular, the best way in which the Geelong Deanery could operate.

A new Deanery structure was decided upon, which would see the establishment of a "Deanery Committee", comprising one or two parish representatives from each of the thirteen parishes, working in concert with the Parish Priests.

Early in May, the Committee met for the first time, and Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick "passed the baton" of Deanery Co-ordinator to myself, Parish Priest of St. Mary's.

Since then, the Committee has met each month, usually with an attendance of twenty or more people. It has attempted to address ways in which the Deanery parishes can co-operate to be more productive as a cohesive and co-ordinated unit in those activities, which would either fail or be less successful if attempted by an individual parish alone.

While many activities have been discussed, planned and enacted, some of the more prominent thus far have been:

1. The Deanery Variety Show, attended by more than 300 people, which raised over \$3,000 for the various St. Vincent de Paul Conferences within the Deanery. Nearly every parish was represented in a marvellous display of talent.
2. St. Francis' Chapel and Centrepoint Books, staffed by around 180 rostered volunteers, and providing Mass each day. The profits from the well-stocked Bookshop help pay all running expenses and return some of the capital establishment expenditure to the Deanery. It is a happy, welcoming presence of the Church in the Geelong C.B.D.
3. Youth activities, especially the successful Deanery Youth Mass each month, have been a worthwhile major focus.
4. The Pastoral Planning Committee has made great progress in developing a pastoral strategy that will enable parish life to flourish despite the inevitable diminishing in the number of priests. This is a lengthy and complex process, but it is hoped it will have the full support of the Archbishop and our new Regional Bishop.

Other initiatives have commenced this year, such as the Catholic Solo "Friendship Connections".

Fr. Kevin Dillon

## NEW DEANERY APPOINTMENTS

### DEANERY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Name: Maree Burn  
Position: Executive Officer  
Parish: Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong  
Background: Maree was a Police officer with the Victoria Police for 21 years. After policing, she worked in Geelong as an Administrative Assistant and has now taken on the role of providing administrative support to the Deanery Co-ordinator and Committee.  
In addition Maree works as a Bike Education Training consultant. She lives with her husband and 17 year old son and has a 21 year old daughter living and working in London.  
Interests: Cycling, Tennis, Theatre, Ballet (watching, not performing!) & Travel

### DEANERY PASTORAL INITIATIVES OFFICER

Name: Leonie Rastas  
Position: Pastoral Initiatives Officer  
Parish: St Mary's, Geelong  
Background: Leonie has worked as a Nurse and Midwife for the past 24 years. In addition she has achieved Pastoral Care and Workplace training qualifications.  
For the past 3 years she has been working as a Parish Nurse at Our Lady Help of Christians in East Brunswick. She also nurses at St. John of God Hospital on a casual basis.  
The role of Pastoral Initiatives Officer entails facilitating support groups and community building projects on a Deanery level. Leonie is married with 4 sons aged 21, 20, 15 & 13 and 2 daughters aged 18 & 6.  
Interests: Walking, Comedy Theatre, Reading, Sewing & Cycling

### NEW PASTORAL ASSOCIATE / COMMUNITY WORKER APPOINTED FOR CORIO / LARA

Name: Len Monk  
Position: Pastoral Associate / Community Worker  
Parish: St Bernard's, Belmont  
Background: Len holds an advanced certificate in Pastoral Ministry and has a background in Local Government, specifically in management in the local community services area. He has worked part time in Werribee North as a Pastoral Associate for the past 8 years and also as a Pastoral Associate at St Bernard's part time for the past 11 years, where he has among other projects co-ordinated the Neighborhood Project and helped with the production of the Beehive Magazine. Len is married with 7 children.  
Interests: Music, Folk & Classical, General Sports & Gardening

## PASTORAL INITIATIVES AROUND THE DEANERY

- **FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING**

Support groups

- The Solo Friendship Connections is up and running with an overwhelming response. 70 people have attended the dinners and activities to date.
- A support group for those affected by problem gambling is in formation and further details will be issued later.

- **HEALTH EDUCATION / PROMOTION**

- Session planning is in process.

*Did you know you could get a free Medication Manager from Pharmaceutical Benefits Information? A compact plastic wallet to store prescriptions, Medicare card etc can be obtained free of charge. Ph 1800 020 613 to order.*

- **PASTORAL WORKERS SUPPORT NETWORK**

- Regular lunchtime meetings are to be scheduled for the purpose of networking with other Pastoral Workers around the Deanery and providing a means of mutual support and sharing.

- **MINISTRY TRAINING**

- Fr Elio Capra and the team from the Office of Worship will be presenting a training evening at Newcomb in November for all Special Ministers and readers.

- **FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

- A series of videoed talks by Bishop Mark Coleridge entitled *Catholics Listening to God* will soon be available for loan by Parishes interested in sharing them with their community. There are seven talks of 40 minutes duration.
- Gospel & Life Reflection Resources are also available on request from the Deanery Office.

- **YOUTH ACTION**

- A youth Mass followed by supper and an expo of youth movements and associations operating in Victoria will be hosted at St Mary of the Angels Church Geelong at 6pm on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Sun June 2 6pm	Deanery Youth Mass & Supper	St Mary of the Angels, Geelong
Tue June 4	Breakfast at Rice Village Journalist Karen Matthews	Rice Village, Marshall Contact Dianne Ritchie - 5241 3686
Tue June 11	Deanery Monthly Meeting	St. Bernard's Parish Hall
Wed June 19	Seminar – Presented by Fr Kevin Bates	Bannockburn
Thu June 20 6 – 9.30pm	Deanery Forum “Reading the signs of the times .... renewing the Church”	St. Mary's Societies Hall Light meal provided. RSVP Deanery Office – ph 5229 0926 by Tue June 18.
Wed June 26	Sports Celebrity Night	Alex Popescu Room Contact Dianne Ritchie - 5241 3686
Sun July 21	Fr Peter Foley's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination	
Fri July 26 7.30pm	Deanery Concelebrated Mass & Supper	Clairvaux Hall Reynolds Rd, Belmont
Thu August 1	Western Zone Pastoral Associates' Meeting	Werribee
Fri Oct 11 Sun Oct 13	Deanery Variety Show (Matinee)	St Mary's Hall
Sat Nov 2	Derby Day Fete (Advance notice)	St Mary's School
Sun Nov 3 7 - 9pm	Ministry Training Readers / Special Ministers	Christ the King Church and Hall, Newcomb

# DAILY ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS TIMES

Parish	Sunday Mass Times
Holy Family, Bell Park	8.00am & 9.30am, 11.30am (Slovenian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun), 11.30am (Croatian, not 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun), 12.30pm (Croatian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)
St. Bernard's, Belmont	6.30pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm
St. Francis Xavier, Corio St. Anthony's, Lara	7.00pm (Sat), 10.30am 8.45am
St. Thomas', Drysdale St. Patrick's, Portarlington Lumen Christi, Leopold Ss Philip & James, St. Leonard's	7.45am, 11.00am 9.30am 10.00am 6.30pm (Sat)
St. Mary's, Geelong  St. Robert's, Newtown St. John of God Hospital	6.30pm (Sat), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.15pm (Polish), 6.00pm 10.00am 10.00am
St. Margaret's, East Geelong Christ the King, Newcomb	10.30am 7.00pm (Sat), 9.00am
Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong St. Patrick's, Geelong West	6.30pm (Sat), 10.30am, 5.00pm 9.30am (Italian)
Nazareth, Grovedale St. Therese's, Torquay Rice Village, Marshall	10.30am 7.00pm (Sat in Jan.), 9.00am 5.30pm (Sat), 11.20am
Holy Spirit, Manifold Heights St. Anthony's, Hamlyn Heights	6.00pm (Sat), 11.00am 9.00am
St. Joseph's, Meredith St. John's, Bannockburn Sacred Heart, Inverleigh St. Brigid's, Anakie St. Patrick's, Elaine St. Mary's, Lethbridge	11.00am (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun), 8.00am (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ) 9.30am 6.00pm (Sat – before 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun) 8.00am (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> ), 11.00am (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ) 7.30pm (Sat – before 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun) 6.00pm (Sat – before 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun)
St. Thomas Aquinas, Norlane St. John's, North Geelong	6.00pm (Sat), 10.00am 7.00pm (Sat - Latin), 8.30am
Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Holy Family, Barwon Heads	10.30am 9.00am 7pm (Sat)
St. John's, Winchelsea St. Christopher's, Anglesea St. Patrick's, Mt. Moriac	8.45am 10.30am 7.00pm (Sat)

