



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)

There is a tough phrase at the end of the Gospel we have just heard; 'Go and sin no more.' It's like a sting in the tail, standing in contrast to the compassion of Jesus in his encounter with the woman. Yet, on closer inspection, it is the most important phrase in the story. And that's saying something because this dramatic event is the only one in the Gospel where Jesus confronts sexual sin, where only the woman is dragged from the scene of the crime to answer the charge of adultery. Is it any wonder that in some early manuscripts of John's Gospel this story was left out, its authorship questioned? The dangerous memory of Jesus' compassion toward the woman was too strong in the minds of John's community for it to be excluded, however, and so it remains as an inspired text for us to make our own. It is sometimes very important to hear Jesus say to us, especially in the area of our sexuality, 'I do not condemn you.'



So often, however, we want Jesus to leave it at that. But Jesus goes further. He tells it as it is. If any of us want life and want it to the full, we have to stop doing the destructive things that get us into trouble in the first place. It does not matter if it is drinking, gambling, eating, working, stealing, sexual dysfunction, being into pornography, being violent at home or any other type of obsessive compulsive behaviour, there is little point in being sorry for the consequences of our weaknesses and not changing the pattern of behaviour that leads us to ruin each time.

Twelve step programs enshrine the wisdom of today's Gospel in how they help us to own up to the destructive behaviour of our lives and yet give us hope to live beyond our worst moments.

Steps four to ten say:

- Step 4. I have made a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself.
- Step 5. I have admitted to God and to another the exact nature of my wrongs.
- Step 6. I am entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- Step 7. Humbly ask God to remove my shortcomings.
- Step 8. Made a list of all persons I had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. (Cont'd P4)

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.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:

Lord our God,
You guide Your people by the ministry of Priests.

Keep them faithful in obedient service to you, that by their life and ministry, they may bring you glory in Christ.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

- Fifth Sunday of Lent -

(Year C - March 21, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men.
You, O God, are my refuge.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Is 50:4-7
2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Lk 22:14-23:56



The Pastoral Cluster at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am (Sunday)

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

6.00pm Sat

11am - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Sat

11am - 2nd and 4th Sundays

9.30am - Italian Mass at St Patrick's

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd Sunday)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family: 9.15am Tues, 9.15am Thurs

Holy Spirit: 9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

Grace McKellar Centre: 10.15am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Tues;

Maryville Nursing Home: 11.15am Wed;

Multicultural Centre: 1.30pm - 1st Fri

Vincentian Village: 3.00pm - Mon

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:

If anyone would like to have our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help Tina Montalto, ph 5278 9314.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Giovanni Cito

MONTH SINCE DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosaria Traficante, Maree Stokes, Antonino Rotiroti, Frank & Tony Iskra, Antonio & Domenica Gatto, Roderick Lamaro, Anna Kot, Annette Fagan-Nolan, Giuseppe & Chiara Gulli

BAPTISMS: Sarah Osburne, Callum Stone, Tara Sahajdak, Violet Patti, Eliza Lunardelli (HF), Luke Grgurevic, Indianna Jaramillo, Hamish Betts, Lily Hibble (HS), Malachy Woods (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Felix Capicchiano, Toni Siketa, Jordan Willis, Margaret Mayne, Kylie Behr, John Robertson, Lorena Gonzaga, Joe Vanjek, Jim Hudson, Donald McMahon, Joan Gazenbeek, Lucas Bailey, Dorothy McKenzie, Jeff Booth, Robert & Simon Yap, June Tay, Janet Ho,
^ Dianne Rickey, Dominic Pellizzeri, Delia Hanlon

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010.

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

E Gdak, J McMahon, D Lunn

E Glynn, A Flomo

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

E Cotter, P Dickson

C McShanag

C Canny, M Brown, D McFarlane

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

M Ackland, M Gifford, S Beamond

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

M Foley

M McGeady

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

Liturgy in the Pastoral Cluster:

THANKSGIVING STATEMENT FORMAT:

There have been a number of enquiries about the information on the recent Thanksgiving receipts. I apologize for any confusion. The bottom slip, below the dotted line, is used in parishes where there is a Schools Building Fund and a % of giving is tax deductible. **This is not the case for the Cluster**, so the amount given (ie the tax deductible percentage) is zero dollars.

The information just above the dotted line shows the total given from the start of the recent campaign - 29.11.09 to 21.02.10 and your current pledge. Any queries please leave a message at the Parish Office and I will return your call next Thursday evening, or email helenbrislane@netspace.net.au. Thankyou - Helen.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

The next step for our Catechumens BRIAN and RACHEL JEPSON, and our Candidates BRONWYN CUSWORTH, DANIELLE INGWERSEN, DANIEL SIKETA, CLARA URQUHART and JADE WILLIAMS in their journey to join the Catholic Church at Easter are the **SCRUTINIES** to be celebrated at 9.30am Mass on Sunday 21.

The **Scrutinies** are rites of self-searching and repentance. The Scrutinies are meant to:

1. Uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of our Catechumens and Candidates.
2. To bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the candidates from the power of sin, to protect them against temptation, and to give them power in Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

The prayers in the Scrutinies are based on the gospels from Year A for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, so the readings at the 9.30am Mass will be from Year A.

As the Christian life is always one of ongoing conversion, the Scrutinies apply to all of us. Hence the intercessions of the Prayer of the Faithful used for the Scriptures will be prayed at all the Sunday Masses in the Cluster.

CLUSTER NEWS:

Many people request a name of someone who is ill to be inserted in the bulletin for prayers. This gesture is a good gift to the ill person. To ensure an effective response the following protocol is necessary to follow. Firstly, the person who is ill gives explicit permission to have their name placed in the bulletin. The purpose of this protocol is to protect the privacy of the ill person. Secondly, the name will be printed in the bulletin for approx five weeks. If prayers are still needed then the person or carer needs to phone the office so that the name can be reinstated.

CAR RAFFLE: As part of our fundraising for the Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines, we are involved with the Archdiocesan Car Raffle as in previous years. Over the coming weeks there will be opportunities to purchase the raffle tickets. They are only \$2 each and the first few prizes are cars. A great raffle and a great cause!

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

⇒ **ANointing MASS:** Wed Mar 31, 11.30am followed by lunch in the Ashby supper room hall. Cluster parishioners welcome, hosted by Manifold CWL. Members a plate, please. For transport ph Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

HOLY SPIRIT:

⇒ **BLUMES FASHION SHOW:** This will be held in the Cluster meeting room, 147 Separation St Bell Park 10.30am on Wed Mar 24. Entrance \$5 incl morning tea and raffle ticket. CWL members a plate please, changing room available. Clothing can be purchased on the day, cash or cheque. Hosted by Manifold CWL - Transport ph Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.

COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

- Mar 21... **LEGION OF MARY - ACIES:** St Francis Xavier, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio, 2-3.30pm
- Mar 22... **JESUS IN JERUSALEM** presented by Dr Joe Fleming, 10-11am and 7.30-8.30pm at St Bernard's Church, Fryers Rd Belmont
- Apr 11... **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Mass of the Divine Mercy at St Mary's Geelong, 3pm. Reconciliation is available from 1.30 to 3pm prior to the Mass.
- " **LIFE WALK 2010:** Join us on the final day - 8am start cnr Princes Hwy & Warrigal Road, 11.45am cnr Victoria & Wellington St with 12.15pm finish at St John's Hall, Clifton Hill. Information www.lifewalk.org.au
- Apr 18... **150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART COLLEGE:** Mass 10.15am on the College Oval followed by a harvest picnic lunch and a feast of entertainment in school grounds. All welcome! Visit www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au or phone 5221 4211 for more details.



IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL

Sunday March 21, 11am till 4pm.

Rides, showbags, Guinness, Spinning Wheel, 'Donegal Express' Band, BBQ, Craft, Books, Irish Fare, Face Painting, fresh produce and so much more!
Petrel Street, Geelong West
ALL WELCOME!

Fr Mick's Mates - Relay for Life, March 20th and 21st

All parishioners are invited to join the team for a BBQ at Deakin University at 7.30pm on Saturday March 20. BYO Meat and Drink with a Salad to share. (Site No 78 & 79)

Also at 9.00am Sunday March 21 there will be a breakfast of bacon & eggs supplied by Desma.





Easter Ceremonies:



You are warmly invited to share in our Holy Week celebrations...

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY:

Sunday March 28

Parishioners are invited to bring a piece of greenery from their own gardens to be blessed as palm. Other palms will be provided if you forget.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SECOND RITE:

Tuesday March 23	7.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West
Wednesday March 24	7.30pm	Holy Family, Bell Park
Thursday March 25	7.30pm	Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts
Wednesday March 31	7.30pm	Holy Family, Bell Park

MASS OF ANOINTING:

Wednesday March 31 11.30am Ss Peter & Paul's, followed by lunch

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Thursday April 1	7.00pm	Holy Spirit
<i>Adoration after Mass concluding with Night Prayer of the Church - 9pm</i>		
	6.00pm	Holy Family - Croatian

GOOD FRIDAY (April 2)

Way of the Cross	10.00am	Around St Patrick's Schoolyard
	10.30am	Holy Family
	11.00am	Holy Spirit
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm	Holy Family
	6.00pm	Holy Family - Croatian

HOLY SATURDAY (April 3)

Blessing of Easter Food 4.00pm Holy Family

EASTER VIGIL:

7.30pm	Holy Family
10.00pm	Holy Family - Croatian

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

8.00am	Holy Family
9.30am	Holy Family
11.00am	Holy Spirit
11.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's



EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

(In a language other than English)

9.30am	Lithuanian Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's
9.30am	Italian Mass at St Patrick's Chapel
11.30am	Croatian Mass at Holy Family

PROJECT COMPASSION 2010:



God calls us not only to life, but life to the full. This week's Project Compassion story introduces us to Teresa from El Salvador, who lives in one of El Salvador's most impoverished communities. Teresa and her youngest of four sons, are living with HIV. They are supported by Caritas Australia who fund a preventive education and accompaniment program that aims to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS and support those living with and affected by it. Your Project Compassion donation enables Caritas Australia to continue to address the physical and emotional wellbeing of people like Teresa who are suffering from HIV/AIDS and give them access to improved health as well as promote their confidence and self esteem.

Project Compassion boxes to be returned if possible at the Holy Thursday ceremonies 7pm at Holy Spirit or, alternatively, on Easter Sunday.

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Step 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except where to do so would injure them or others.

Step 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when I was wrong promptly admitted it.

The thing I like best about these is that they are pro-active. They alert us to the fact that the best pathway to know healing and forgiveness is not to be passive, but to be active and admit our own faults and work to heal them. Some of us may have been given a tough hand from life's deck of cards, but we do not have to be passive victims, never able to change the cycles of destructive behaviour. If the steps work and we trust today's Gospel then we can be happy, healed and forgiven because we heal and forgive others.

Jesus bestows great dignity on the woman by saving her from being condemned to death, but even more so he knows that it does not have to be like this and so challenges her to turn her life around. May we hear the same challenge in this final week of Lent. No matter what we have ever done, sexually or otherwise, we are greater than our worst moments. Jesus loves us enough not to condemn us, but to give us this Eucharist so that we might find the strength and hope to stop doing the things that destroy us and to live a life that leads to peace and joy.