



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... (by Richard Leonard SJ)

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.



Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world. We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world. Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world.

Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete' as a result of having a baby and yet each year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world. The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that:

- our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday;
- our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live;
- our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross. (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.

- Passion (Palm) Sunday -

(Year C - March 28, 2010.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Six days before the solemn Passover the Lord came to Jerusalem, and children waving palm branches ran out to welcome him. They loudly praised the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the Cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.



AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: FrJohn Mullally, Slavko Murasic, John Robertson, Mary Kenworthy

MONTH SINCE DEATH: -

ANNIVERSARIES: Benedetto & Anna Belich, Francesco & Katarina Jerman, Jason Keepen, Becky Lunn, Denis Scibberas, Vincenzo Smarrelli, Mary Ellen, Patrick & Winnie Bohan, Celestina Fernando, Amy Glynn, Arthur, James & Mary Allison, Maria Aquino, Gennaro Bove, Salvatore & Antonetta Valentino. Constance McCormack, Mary O'Loughlin, Edward McCormack.

BAPTISMS: Archie Erlenbusch (P&P)

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



OUR LADY'S STATUE: **March 29** - Sexton family, Hamlyn Ave; **April 5** - Lynch family, Vines Rd;
April 12 - Wilson family, Gladstone St, **April 19** - Wright family, Logan St.

✠ **ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK 2010** ✠

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thurs April 1, 7pm Holy Spirit:

Commentator: R O'Neill
Lectors: T McMahon, G Harrison
Special Ministers: J Taylor, C Taylor



GOOD FRIDAY (April 2)

Passion Ceremony, 3pm Holy Family:

Commentator: D Lunn
Lectors: P Gizycki, J O'Neill, G Tolan, P Dickson, M Willett, L Lehpamer

EASTER VIGIL

7.30pm Holy Family:

Commentator: D Lunn
Lectors: J McKenzie, C Taylor, M Shilling, L Lehpamer
Special Ministers: M Willett, J Taylor, L Fossey, E Kelly

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO Saturday evening Mass at 5pm Ss Peter & Paul's or 6pm at Holy Spirit

EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Family:

Commentator: R Allum
Lector: A Vanjek
Special Ministers: A Vanjek, R Allum

9.30am Holy Family:

Commentator: T McMahon
Lector: M Lukesic
Special Ministers: D Farrar, P McBride, Rick Zanardo, Rosa Zanardo

11am Ss Peter & Paul's:

Commentator: L Strzelecki
Lector: K Maddalena, M McGeady
Special Ministers: K Maddalena, L Strzelecki

11am Holy Spirit:

Commentator: M Currie
Lectors: J O'Neill, E Cotter
Special Ministers: E Cotter, J O'Neill, M Currie

Easter Flower Roster for Holy Family: Group 4



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.

CLUSTER NEWS:

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!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: This week 'Australian Catholics' is available. The focus of the journal for this quarter is on the Liturgy. Including articles about Liturgy for Young People; Stations of the Cross; Changes in the Liturgy, etc. And it's FREE!!!

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:

⇒ **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO 9am Wednesday morning Mass at Holy Spirit as there will be an Anointing Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's that day.

⇒ **THANKYOU:** Dear friends, I would like to thank all who helped me celebrate my 100th birthday. A special thanks to Fr Mick who celebrated Mass in my home on my birthday eve. A big thankyou to everybody! (Beryl McGonigal)

HOLY FAMILY:

⇒ **PLEASE NOTE:** There is NO 9.15am Mass on Holy Thursday.

⇒ **DINNERS AT HOME:** Similar to last year, Fr Mick and I would like to take the opportunity to visit people in their homes for dinner. During the month of April, Frs Mick and Gerard are happy to visit some of the families of Holy Family. The times they are available are on a clipboard at the back of the Church if you would like to invite one or both to dinner.

COMMUNITY DATES & NOTICES:

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.

Apr 15... **CHARITY GOLF DAY** run by the Southern Cross Golf Club with all proceeds to St Vincent de Paul Society. Shotgun start at 12noon at RACV Torquay Golf Club. Ph Ed Featherston 5261 7414.

Apr 16... **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ENROLMENT/OPEN DAY:** 9am-12noon Staff Tours with last tour leaving 11.30am. 4-7pm (last tour leaving at 6.30pm)

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.

" **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ENROLMENT/OPEN DAY:** Information sessions 2-4pm.

Apr 21... **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ENROLMENT/OPEN DAY:** School tours 4.30-5.30pm or 7-8pm

Fr Mick's Mates - Relay for Life

I am delighted that the Pastoral Cluster, as part of Fr Mick's Mates, was well represented at the Relay for Life event last weekend. We had 75 people as registered members, including families and staff from Holy Spirit and Holy Family schools. Furthermore, we raised over \$8,000. The final figure from the Cancer Council will be issued later.

The achievement of this impressive result is testimony to the generosity of spirit and endeavour of many people.

I offer heartfelt thanks to Fr Mick our patron, Trish Stickland the Team Captain, the Fr Mick's Mates Organising Committee, and all those who in different ways supported this community event through registration, administrative support, attendance at the Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Bay Cruise and other fundraising events and activities.

I believe our involvement in the Relay for Life event is a great example of our local Church community being actively involved and supportive of the wider community. The support for Relay for Life through Fr Mick's Mates is a tangible expression of Jesus' commandment to be 'light to the world'.





Easter Ceremonies:



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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SECOND RITE:

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
Adoration after Mass concluding with Night Prayer of the Church - 9pm
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

ENROLMENT/OPEN DAYS:

Clonard College	Sunday 2 May 10.30am-4pm Information Sessions:	Sunday 2 May 10.30am & 2pm Tuesday 4 May 9am, Wednesday 5 May 5pm
St Joseph's College	Friday 16 April 9am-12noon Staff Tours	Last tour leaving 11.30am 4pm-7pm (last tour leaving at 6.30pm)
Sacred Heart College	Sunday 18 April 2pm-4pm Information Sessions:	School Tours Wed April 21 4.30-5.30pm or 7-8pm

PROJECT COMPASSION 2010:



In a world of inequality we are called to hunger and thirst for what is right. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Bule from Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and its people have continued to suffer a food crisis, food

shortages, poor health and environmental degradation. Bule is participating in a Caritas Australia-supported project that is addressing this food insecurity and malnutrition. It provides training in sustainable agriculture practices that enables families like Bule to have access to enough food, safe water and a small but regular income. Your donation to Project Compassion empowers vulnerable communities to become self sufficient.

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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And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvaries of our world and be Christ-like? In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

- He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant;
- He spoke the truth to Pilate;
- He empathised with the women of Jerusalem;
- He forgave those who condemned him;
- He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified.

And here's the rub: in facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise.

If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it – processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'.