



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard SJ

Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy. Who can blame the young children, then, who recently wrote down the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament? 'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us on our Lenten journey. Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

Just when some of us think Lent is a grim season of self-denial, the Church gives us the story of Jesus' Transfiguration to put our sacrifices in context.

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- Second Sunday of Lent -

(Year A - March 20, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

This is my son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

1st Reading: Ex 17:3-8
2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel: Jn 4:5-42



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

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:** 11am Tues;

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: -

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosaria Trafficante, Domenico Mileto, Roderick Lamaro

BAPTISMS: Ari DiBiagio, Isla Ghin, Jayda Lincoln, Adele Marriner (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Wendy Commons, Margaret Donaghy, Margaret Harris, Maria Law, Mary Smith, Peter Farrar, Doris Boyle, Heidi Maguire, Joseph Escorse, Joan Bellew, Kate Jennings, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Nevenka Juraga

(Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list - please phone the office if you wish names reinserted)

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAR 27, 2011.

(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

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

E Cotter, P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown, D McFarlane

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

M Foley

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

Cluster News:

GETTING THE BEST OUT OF LENT:

1. Lenten Calendar 2011 - *Take to Heart, Put into Practice*

The free Lenten Calendar that was distributed has a very brief reflection for each day, including a phrase from that day's scripture readings. The intent of the Calendar is that the person take a few minutes each day to reflect on the text and try and put a word from that text into action.

2. Lenten Scripture Study Groups:

10am... Wednesdays at Holy Family Community Centre; 7.30pm... Thursdays at Holy Family Community Centre

3. The Reflection:

As an initiative of the Australian Church the Australian Bishops would like to invite you to participate on the free online program *The Reflection*. Each week during Lent the Bishops of Australia will be sharing their thoughts and reflections in a *lectio* style, on the Sunday Gospels leading towards Easter. By simply logging onto the website each week (<http://thereflection.vividas.com>) you will be able to participate in a *lectio divina* for Lent, working with it at your own pace and in your own time over the week.

4. Project Compassion:

Project Compassion boxes are available at the back of each Church. Please take one. Over Lent there will be a brief reflection in the Bulletin on how your generosity is helping individuals and families break out of the vicious cycle of poverty.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT -



Your compassion and generosity alleviates trauma and brings hope to people who are suffering. This week we met Elisabeth, 24, from the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of the world's most poverty-stricken nations.

Here violence and homelessness are widespread. Since 2000, Caritas Australia has supported medical, psychological and economic care to thousands of men, women and children affected by sexual violence here. This unconditional acceptance and compassion gave Elisabeth hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion and help survivors of violence, like Elisabeth, to heal after conflict and learn skills for a more stable future.



EASTER MAILOUT WORKING BEE:

This weekend the invitations will be at the back of the Churches and we ask if people could deliver them. Those invitations remaining at the end of the weekend will be available in the Pastoral Cluster Office and I ask those kind people who have been deliverers if they could come to the Cluster Office to collect the invitations for distribution.

Thankyou to Trish Stickland who organised and to the many volunteers who came to prepare the Easter Invitations for mail-out. The adage "many hands make light work" was certainly the case last week. (Fr Gerard)

VISITATION OF THE ARCHBISHOP TO THE PASTORAL CLUSTER:

I am delighted to announce that the Archbishop is planning a Pastoral visit to the Cluster on **Thursday April 7** and will be the principal celebrant at the 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit on **Saturday April 9**. I have forwarded an itinerary to the Archbishop and await his response. The details of the visit will be in next week's Bulletin.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATION:

As part of the Centenary project, the school will be installing stained glass clerestory window panels in the recently refurbished multi-purpose area. The stained glass windows will tell the story of the school's patron, St Patrick. Over the coming weeks more information about the opportunity to sponsor a window will be made available.

MAKING JESUS REAL:

On Monday March 21, I will be joining all staff of our three Primary Schools for a religious program entitled "**Making Jesus Real**". The essence of the program is conveying our faith and Christian behaviour in a language and way that is attractive and accessible to primary school children.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS:

Clonard College	Fri April 1	1pm - 3pm or 4.30pm - 6pm Information sessions 1pm & 4pm
	Tues May 4	Tour of the College - 9am
St Ignatius College	Sun Mar 20, 11am-2pm	Open Day
	Wed May 4, 9am-12noon	See the College at Work
St Joseph's College	Fri Apr 29, 9am-12noon Staff Tours	Last tour leaving 11.30am 4pm-6.30pm (last tour leaving at 6pm)
Sacred Heart College	Tues April 5, 2pm-4pm	Option 1 - Tour 3.45-4.45pm followed by information session: 5-5.45pm Option 2 - Tour 5.30-6.30pm followed by information session: 7-7.45pm



IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:

St Patrick's Primary school is once again hosting the fantastic Irish Folk Festival on Sunday March 20 in the school grounds.

In addition to the normal fun things - rides, show bags, crafts, Irish fare, face painting, fresh produce etc, there will be "The Great Leprechaun Drop". A great day out for the whole family!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Last Sunday at 9.30am Mass at Holy Family, we welcomed our Catechumens **Lisa Ford** and **Tiffany Burns**, and baptised candidates **Donna Courtney**, **Samuel** and **Jessica Ford**. Today our Catechumens will attend the RITE OF ELECTION in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne at 2.30pm.

On the following three Sundays the SCRUTINIES, rites which are meant to uncover then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good, will be celebrated.

- ◆ The **First Scrutiny** will be celebrated at the 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit on Saturday March 26
- ◆ The **Second Scrutiny** will be celebrated at the 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's on Saturday April 2
- ◆ The **Third Scrutiny** will be celebrated at the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on Sunday April 10.

A brief introduction of our adults involved in the Scrutinies:

- ◆ *My name is **Lisa Ford**; I am married to husband Andrew and we have three children - Samuel 11, Jessica 8 and Benjamin 6, who currently attend St Patrick's Primary School, Geelong West. We are fairly new to the Geelong region having moved from Ballarat for my husband's work. We both work locally and also try to be actively involved in the school community. We look forward to becoming a part of the parish and meeting new people.*
- ◆ *My name is **Tiffany Burns**; I have two children - Ben and Jessica, who attend Holy Spirit School. I wasn't baptised as a child and neither have my children. I would like to embrace the Catholic religion and support my children's Catholic education, and support them in their future baptism and other sacraments.*
- ◆ *My name is **Donna Courtney**; I have two children - Oscar and Poppy, who attend St Patrick's School, Geelong West. I was baptised a Catholic as a child and have always considered myself to be a Catholic. I wish now to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year.*



Ss Peter & Paul's News:

- ◆ **FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE:** Domenica 20 Marzo nella chiesa di St Patrick in Britannia St Geelong West - alle ore 9.30am. La messa sara celebrata da Mons James Murray. Tutti siete benvenuti..

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **A CALL FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS & COMMENTATORS:** When we gather to celebrate Eucharist we need people to carry out the various ministries in order to have a meaningful celebration. Due to illness or other reasons, we have a need for members of our community to stand up to be Commentators, Readers and/or Special Ministers. We have vacancies on our rosters at the following Masses: **Special Minister for 1st week of month 11am; Commentator & Special Minister for 2nd week of month 6pm; Special Minister for 3rd week of month 11am and Commentator for 4th week of month 6pm.** Please give this your consideration and if able to help contact Frank Kearney at the Cluster Office on 5278 1343. **We also need somebody to co-ordinate the Masses - help with set up - at the 6pm 1st and 2nd week and 11am 3rd week.** Training is available.
- ◆ **MEMBERS OF MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** are pleased to be able to advise that we are now resuming catering in the Hall after a Funeral Mass of Holy Spirit parishioners. Sandwiches, cakes/slice and hot soup will be provided in colder months, with tea and coffee (we purchase pastries if requested). If you can help we would love to hear from you - the more names we have means you are not required to help too often as we share it around. Ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Community News:

Mar 27... **ACIES:** The Legion of Mary, Geelong Curia, at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, 51 Plume St Norlane from 2-3.30pm followed by a refreshment. All welcome! For information ph 0409 135 589 or email abuaya@bigpond.net.au

Fr Mick's Mates - Relay for Life March 19/20, 2011:

At Deakin University beginning Sat noon until Sun noon. All parishioners are invited to join the team for a BBQ at 7.30pm on Saturday March 19. BYO meat and drink with a salad to share. **The site Numbers are 78 and 79.** You may wish to stay for the Candlelight Ceremony at 9pm.

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The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and purpose for this world and the next.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world. In this context anything we can do this Lent that helps remove the blocks in our full response to his love, must be worth effort.