



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

I have never been able to reconcile the long faces some of us put on in Lent with the prayers of the Church that describe this as 'a joyful season'. The following story takes seriously that laughter is an essential element of our Lenten observance.

Once upon a time in a nice little forest, there lived an orphaned bunny and an orphaned snake. By surprising coincidence, both were blind from birth. One day, the bunny was hopping through the forest while the snake was slithering along the same path. The bunny tripped over the snake and fell down.

'Oh, my,' said the bunny, 'I'm terribly sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you. I've been blind since birth, so, I can't see where I'm going. In fact, I'm also an orphan, so I don't even know what I am.' 'It's quite okay,' replied the snake, 'my story is much the same as yours. I've been blind since birth and never knew my mother. Tell you what, I could slither over you, and figure out what you are.'

'Oh, that would be wonderful,' replied the bunny. So the snake slithered all over the bunny, and said, 'Well, you're covered with soft fur; you have really long ears; your nose twitches; and you have a soft cottony tail. I'd say that you must be a bunny.' 'Oh, thank you! Thank you,' cried the bunny in obvious excitement.

The bunny then suggested to the snake, 'Maybe I could feel you with my paw, and help you in the same way you've helped me.' So the bunny felt the snake all over, and remarked, 'Well, you're scaly and smooth, you have a forked tongue, you're impossible to pin down and you have no backbone at all. I'd say you must be either a contractor, a consultant or possibly someone in senior management.'

On reflection the Gospel of the man born blind is a joyful one too. Imagine this man's elation at having his sight restored. As the story develops the all-seeing Pharisees move to spiritual blindness by putting on the blinkers of the law. They cannot recognise Jesus or his works of mercy because of their tunnel vision. Jesus doesn't fit their worldview. Meanwhile the blind beggar, who has sight restored, goes on to gain insight about who Jesus is and the way that God works in the world; he begins to see how shallow and pathetic the Pharisees really are.

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- Fourth Sunday of Lent -

(Year A - April 3, 2011.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

1st Reading: Ezek 37:12-14
2nd Reading: Rom 8:8-11
Gospel: Jn 11:1-45



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)

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:** 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: Magna Demur, Giuseppe Minutoli, Anna Markesich

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Vickers, Stefani Lehpamer, Francesco Iannuzzi, Teresa DeLuca, Rosa Natale Cucinotta, Maria Grazia Leone, Elizabeth Jovic, Gelacio & Cristito Ramirez, Des Brennan, Les McFarlane Snr, Caterina Giacomazzo, Alojz Akmacic, Arthur, James & Mary Allison, Mary Kenworthy

BAPTISMS: Jordon Walker, Marnie Wangman (HF), Billy Amos, Hugo Ingwersen, Zarli Pankhurst, Ruby Schofield (HS)

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



ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APR 10, 2011.

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

E Di Domenico, I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Sheahan

V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

G Harrison

B Murphy, R O'Neill

M Brown, D McFarlane, P Ryan

B Stocks

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

L Strzelecki, A/L Fossey, M Sleeman

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

T Martin



See the dignity, hopes and dreams of people who live with disability and poverty. In this week's story, we met Bach and his daughter from Vietnam, who lived isolated from their community due to their disabilities until recently. Caritas Australia supports the health, livelihoods and social integration of 750 people with disabilities here including Bach, encouraging them to form Support Groups to gain social and employment skills.
Your Project Compassion donation mobilises awareness and solidarity so that people with a disability have opportunities in life equal to all others.

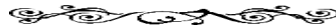
Cluster News:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - 2ND RITE:

Please note - in preparation for the Easter Ceremonies there will be (4) 2nd Rite Reconciliation services. The times and venues are outlined below:

Tuesday April 5	7.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul's
Wednesday April 6	7.30pm	Holy Family
Thursday April 7	7.30pm	Holy Spirit
Wednesday April 20	7.30pm	Holy Family

The Reconciliation Service will be similar to those we have held in the past, ie based on Tenebrae (a gospel centred reflection on the Passion with the use of light and darkness).



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:

Your free edition of the Easter Australian Catholics is available. The focus of this edition is on how parishes have changed, renewing faith through the schools and dreaming of the Church for the future including changes to the wording of the Mass.

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**. His visitation will include being Principal Celebrant at the 9.15am Mass at Holy Family, meeting with the priests and staff, visitation to the Italian Prayer Group, lunch, Mass at Vincentian Village, afternoon tea at the Pastoral Cluster and concluding with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.30 to 5.00pm. A warm welcome to all parishioners to attend the morning Mass, the afternoon tea and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For catering purposes if you wish to attend the afternoon tea, please advise the office on 5278 1343. The Archbishop will be the principal celebrant at the 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit on **Saturday April 9**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BETTY MURPHY:

In the recent quarterly production of 'Barwon Health' the following acknowledgement of Betty's contribution to the Grace MacKellar Centre was acknowledged:

Betty Murphy recently celebrated her 45th year volunteering at Barwon Health as a Catholic Chapel support volunteer. Along with organising the rosters and recruiting people from her local church, Betty is involved in collecting people from the different lodges and bringing them together to the Chapel for communion.

"I remember quite some years ago having communion in the carpentry shed, due to renovations to the Chapel," Betty said. "Many people have come and gone throughout my 45 years; at different times we've had primary school students assisting at the Chapel, and we have a wonderful reliable team helping out at the present."

Betty is part of a working group to bring all the religious denominations together to share resources and do minor improvements at the Chapel.

Barwon Health would like to extend thanks to Betty for the outstanding service she has provided to our community.

Betty Murphy enjoys her volunteering role and says it's a privilege to do it!

- *"Making Waves", Quarterly Publication of Barwon Health*

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

SCRUTINIES are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts, not only of our elect **Lisa Ford** and **Tiffany Burns** and our baptised candidates **Donna Courtney**, **Sam** and **Jessica Ford**, but for all of us, and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect and candidates, and indeed all of us, from the power of sin and to give them strength in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Since the Scrutinies are penitential, there will be no penitential rite at the beginning of Mass over the next two Sundays. The Scrutinies are always celebrated after the homily when all have heard and reflected on the Gospel. We will keep the same format for all the Masses over the weekend, as we are renewing our own baptismal commitment during Lent. An adaptation of the Scrutiny will be used at the other Masses of the weekend. - *(Fr Mick)*

- ◆ 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.

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their monthly meeting in the Holy Spirit Hall **Tuesday April 5 at 2pm**. Information, apologies or transport please ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Holy Family:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP** are holding a demonstration of **Gems from Start to Finish** with John and Mary McMahon on **Monday April 4 at 7pm**. All welcome!

Community News:

- Apr 5...** **RETIRED OFFICER'S KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Next meeting 12noon at the White Eagle
- Apr 11&May 2...** **REVISED MISSAL WORKSHOP:** Two workshops in the Hibernian Hall at St Mary's Office complex. This is an opportunity to learn more about, and better understand, the changes to the New Revised Mass. All welcome!

INVITATION - HYMNS OF PRAISE:

An invitation to singers to join the Festival Choir to lead the Hymns of Praise at St Luke's Uniting Church, Barrabool Rd Highton on Sunday May 29 at 11.30am. A full orchestral accompaniment, Festival Choir, well-known hymns, one compulsory rehearsal, RSVP by May 10. Contact details Jeanette 5223 3554 or email music.basilica@bigpond.com

PLEASE NOTE NAME CHANGE:

Centacare Catholic Family Services has changed its name to 'CatholicCare'

MONICA O'TOOLE YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP:

This scholarship has been established to financially support a student whose family would otherwise find it difficult to educate their daughter at Sacred Heart College. Please contact Sacred Heart College on 5221 4211 for details.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS:

Clonard College	Tues May 4	Tour of the College - 9am
St Ignatius College	Wed May 4, 9am-12noon	See the College at Work
St Joseph's College	Fri Apr 29, 9am-12noon	Last tour leaving 11.30am; Staff Tours 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

Holiday Movies at St Mary's Plaza Theatre (Parish Centre, Lt Myers St) 10.30am and 2pm:

Tues Apr 12:	Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2	A suggested donation of \$3 per head would be appreciated.
Thurs Apr 14:	Legend of the Guardians - The Owls of Ga'Hoole	
Tues Apr 19:	Bambi 2	
Thurs Apr 21:	Open Season 3	
Tues Apr 26:	Shrek Forever After	

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This Gospel also contains a critical theological lesson: disability and illness do not come from personal sinfulness. It's surprising that we need to keep saying this, but too readily we hear otherwise intelligent and good Christians, for example, telling us that some illnesses have been 'sent' by God as punishment for sins or they wonder what their families have 'done' to deserve disabled children. It's true that God permits us to live in an imperfect world where we are prone to illness and disability. But that same world gives us the freedom to be creative in the face of adversity, to be compassionate with those who are sick or disabled and free to believe that there is a purpose for each human life. God, the source of all love, does not actively send bad things to us, instead, he is our constant companion in dealing with them; giving us the courage and strength to cope with, and sometimes overcome, them.

The task of this joyful season is to bring our good humour and compassion to bear on the blind spots in our own lives and be on our guard for the times when we are too confident about who God is, how he works or what he can or cannot do. May it never be said of us that we were so consumed by our own religious vision that we missed God's woods for the trees.