



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

As a child I can remember our diocese having large processions for the feasts of Corpus Christi, Christ the King and one of the Marian feast days. They were called 'public demonstrations of Catholic faith'. For children they were sometimes long and boring, but they did give us a sense that we belonged to something big, and someone bigger, and that our faith had a 'stand up and be counted' dimension to it. For many Catholics today large-scale religious processions are quickly becoming a thing of the past. That's a pity.

The point of religious processions is not just to get us from one location to the next. It is also to mark a rite of passage. Think of the smaller processions most Christians undertake in their lives: to the baptismal font; down the aisle to take their marriage vows, or to graduate from a school or college and to be farewelled. In each case we recess out of the Church differently from how we entered it: as a newly initiated member of the Christian community; as a husband or wife; as a graduate; and to be buried.

The Palm Sunday Procession is the last congregational one mandated by the Missal to be observed throughout the entire Church. Recalling Jesus' procession into Jerusalem this procession is not meant to be an historical pageant. Like all liturgical moments it's meant to intersect with our own lives and speak to our journey of faith. What makes this procession so powerful is that it starts with hysteria and ends in death. And that tells us something we need to hear.

Matthew's account of the Passion is very tough on the Jewish leaders. His entire Gospel has been preparing the hearer for this. Matthew shows that even though the Jews had the New Moses right in front of them, they were unable to recognise him because he didn't fit their expectations of the Messiah. The crowd in Jerusalem receive him like a pop star, acclaiming him as their own. By week's end the Chief Priests and elders manipulate the crowd's enthusiasm to force Pilate to execute Jesus. And throughout it all, during the adulation of the crowd, their change of allegiance to Barabbas and at his trial, Jesus hardly says a word. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus' silence is deafening. *(Cont'd P4)*

- Palm (Passion) Sunday -

(Year A - April 17, 2011.)

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: 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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

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.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Fr Ron Merrick, Daniel Prachniar, Max Benz
ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Zulich, Charlotte Henderson, Clinton Price, Les Murphy, Bobbie Black, Fr Tim Tolan, Pietro Stranieri, Gennaro Bove
BAPTISMS: Henry Dilullo, Zachary Downie, Joshua Esperanza (HF), Lily Kolotelo, Angus Newby, Lachlan Pratt (HS)
PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr Tony Hally (former PP of Bell Park), Joseph Escorse, Jillian Henry, Bernie Dalton, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Wendy Commons, Margaret Donaghy, Margaret Harris, Maria Law, Peter Farrar, Doris Boyle, Heidi Maguire, Joan Bellew, Kate Jennings, Nevenka Juraga, Joan Gazenbeek

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

ROSTER - EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Holy Thursday - 7pm @ Holy Spirit

Commentator T McMahon
Readers J McKenzie, K Maddalena
Special Ministers A&L Fossey, J McMahon, V Trinder, B Murphy, V Resciniti
Projectionist T Dunlop

Good Friday - 3pm @ Holy Family

Commentator F O'Neill
Readers L Lehpamer, D Dunn, P Gizycki, G Tolan, L Kelly
Projectionist C Resciniti

Easter Vigil - 7.30pm @ Holy Family

Commentator F O'Neill
Readers J McKenzie, C Taylor, M Shilling, P Gizycki
Special Ministers G Harrison, V Resciniti, D Lunn, J Taylor
Projectionist C Resciniti

EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY FAMILY:

8.00am **Commentator** K Saunders
Reader L Kelly
Special Minister E Kelly, B McFarlane, L Sells

9.30am **Commentator** T McMahon
Reader H Verdnik
Special Ministers J McMahon, D Lunn, J Sheahan, H Verdnik, M Fiorillo
Projectionist C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

10.00am **Commentator** E Cotter
Reader
Special Ministers E Cotter, V Trinder, D Boyle
Projectionist T Dunlop

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

11.00am **Commentator** M Foley
Reader M Martin
Special Ministers H&M Broekman, M Foley
Projectionist A Zard

Required...

A reader for 10am on Easter Sunday at Holy Spirit.

If you can help phone Frank Mon-Wed 9-5pm at the Cluster Office on 5278 1343.

Thanks.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT -



Many people face and live with discrimination. Even in our own land, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people struggle to access healthcare and educational benefits that other Australians enjoy.

On this final Sunday of Lent we met Judy, a Murrawarri woman from Western Sydney, who is a part of a Caritas Australia-supported training program at Aboriginal Catholic Social Services. We are called, by the life of Jesus to stand in solidarity with our indigenous sisters and brothers.

The work of Caritas Australia gives us this opportunity. Please donate to Project Compassion today.

We are an Easter People...

You are warmly welcome to share in our Holy Week Celebrations:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - 2ND RITE: (The last of our four Ceremonies)		
Wednesday April 20th...	7.30pm	Holy Family
MASS OF THE OILS:		
Tuesday April 19th...	11.00am	St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne
MASS OF ANOINTING:		
Wednesday April 20th...	11.30am	Holy Spirit, followed by lunch
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:		
Thursday April 21st...	7.00pm	Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration
	6.00pm	Holy Family - Croatian
GOOD FRIDAY: April 22nd...		
Way of the Cross:	10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
	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 23rd...		
Blessing of Easter Food:	4.00pm	Holy Family
EASTER VIGIL: April 23rd...	7.30pm	Holy Family
	10.00pm	Holy Family - Croatian
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: April 24th...		
	8.00am	Holy Family
	9.30am	Holy Family
	10.00am	Holy Spirit
	11.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: <i>(In a language other than English)</i>		
	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

HOLY FAMILY BBQ:

**This will be held this Sunday (the third Sunday of the month),
April 17 - 12noon. Please BYO to share.**

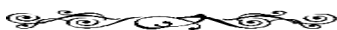


Holy Family:

- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: Mothers' Day Raffle** - Tickets \$1 each will be sold Sunday April 17 after 8am and 9.30am Masses. Two prizes to be won - first prize valued at \$100.
Dutch Auction - Monday May 2nd, 7pm. All welcome!

Holy Spirit:

- ◆ **ANOINTING MASS** will be held 11.30am at Holy Spirit Church on Wed April 20. A light lunch will follow in the Parish Hall, CWL members a cake or slice please. For transport please ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **CAR RAFFLE TICKETS:** Would those who still have outstanding tickets for the car raffle from Holy Spirit, please return them either to Stuart Robley, ph 5229 4914, or alternatively, at the Parish Office.



- ◆ **DIVINE MERCY: Celebration of the Feast of Mercy May 1, 2011** - One afternoon with Jesus at Holy Spirit Church, Bostock Ave, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1.15pm for private prayers, Confessions at 1.30pm, 2pm Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers and 3pm Holy Mass, including blessing and veneration of the Image of the Divine Mercy, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone most cordially invited to take part in this celebration.



Community News:

- Apr30&May1...** **INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND OF PRAYER for Madeleine and all Missing Children:** Please join the Madeleine Prayer Circle (Madeleine McCann disappeared from her holiday apartment in Portugal four years ago). Thousands of people worldwide unite together in prayer for Madeleine and all missing, abused and exploited children in our world. Please join us!
- May 1...** **"BUILDING A BETTER GEELONG by helping newcomers from overseas to become part of their new community":** 4pm at St David's Uniting Church Hall, Aphrasia St Newtown. Guest speaker Tony Jenkins, Manager Settlement & Community Services at Diversitat. Enquiries 5229 4117, 5221 5578, 5241 9344.
- May 2...** **REVISED MISSAL WORKSHOP:** The second of two workshops in the Hibernian Hall at St Mary's Office complex, 7-8.30pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about, and better understand, the changes to the New Revised Mass. All welcome!
- May 4...** **WELCOMING PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS: Why and How** - A public forum at the Cardinal Knox Centre Lecture Theatre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne. Lecture by Sr Patricia Madigan OP, 7.30pm. Contact 9639 1344.
- May 5...** **CatholicCare - LOSS AND GRIEF PROGRAM:** A six week facilitated Grief Support Group and Information Program for those who have experienced the loss of someone they loved. Facilitators Fr John McCarthy and Dr Jenny Green (Psychologist). Ph 5221 7055 for more information.

PLEASE NOTE:
Pastoral Cluster
Office will be
closed on Good
Friday, Easter
Monday and
Tuesday (Anzac
Day)

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)

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In the journey of faith we should always be on our guard against being part of a manipulated crowd. The unchecked enthusiasms of a crowd can carry us away to places, people or things we would not ordinarily choose and should not embrace. If we are vulnerable, a gifted guru through his or her version of eternal life can whip us up into a frenzy. We only have to look at the power of the media and advertising to see how susceptible we are to becoming a slave to fashionable ideologies, dress codes and what and who is in or out. Every time we buy something because someone else has it or because we convince ourselves that our wants are really our needs, the crowd has won. The story of Passion Sunday is that manipulation of a crowd, even by legitimate authorities, can be the beginning of spiritual death. Hype often distorts priorities, blurs good judgment and can choose expediency over integrity.

So what's the remedy to being manipulated, to regaining a sense of what really matters, to standing up against the crowd for the values we know are right? Jesus shows us in Matthew's Gospel. It starts with silence. It's being a contemplative in a manic world and praying for the courage to dissent from the crowd's hyped-up madness.

As we process into Holy Week, this annual rite of passage for our faith, may we model our lives on Jesus in every way by creating the silence we need in our lives to sort out our priorities, by using silence powerfully in a world that loves words but has very little to say about our meaning and destiny and allowing our sacrificial love, even to the point of death, to do all the talking.