



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection. . . by Richard Leonard SJ (Guest Writer Fr Chris Hope)

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them. (Cont'd P2)

- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - January 29, 2012)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name and glory in your praise.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7
2nd Reading: 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23
Gospel: Mk 1:29-39



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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Mon: Vincentian Village 3pm; **Tues:** 9.15am Holy Family; **Wed:** 9am Holy Spirit; **Thurs:** 9.15am Holy Family; **Fri:** 11am Holy Spirit; **Sat:** 9am Holy Spirit

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Pat Shortte

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuseppa Puglia, Damian Taylor (1st Anniversary), Giuseppe Marcantonio (1st Anniversary), Fr Laurie Cusack, Stan Mandziak (6 months since death)

CLUSTER OFFICE: Given that this is the last week of holiday time, the Office will be manned on an ad-hoc basis. If the office is not attended please leave a message on the answering machine.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

- Fr Mick's Mates Committee Meeting Wednesday 1st February 7.00pm
- Final function for this year - Friday Feb 24th **Boat Trip on the Bay.** Contact D Lunn 0408 378 982 - **60 tickets only available!**

PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

This program is for children Gr 3 or above who attend non-Catholic primary schools but are Catholic. The course will run over four weeks with a mixture of Tuesday evenings for parents and children (7.30-8.30pm) and Sunday mornings (9.30-10.30am) at Holy Family. Enrolments for this course close on **WED 22ND FEB 2012. Enrolment on any Monday or Tuesday 9am-5pm at the Cluster Office or on Wednesday 22nd Feb from 7-8pm.** Call Frank Kearney on 5278 1343.

MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL will hold their first meeting for 2012 on **Wed Feb 1, 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Parish Hall.** New members most welcome. Please note our change of meeting day from the first Tuesday to the first Wednesday; this will continue during the year. For transport or information contact Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

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The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

A Vanjek

F Chrimes, J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane

U Guardiano, K McArthur

6.00PM

Sr Sibberas

E Cotter

D Boyle, M Abbott, D Torpy

V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

5.00PM

C O'Brien

D Woods

N Neeld, P McGlinchy

9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo

M&E Hoffman

11.00AM

M Currie

P Joyce, B Middleton

V Trinder, M Currie, P Joyce

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles