



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard SJ

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean. *.(Cont'd P4)*

- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B- February 12, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
And you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 43:18-19,21-22,24-25

2nd Reading: 2Cor 1:18-22

Gospel: Mk 2:1-12



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:

Feb 13: Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave;

Feb 20: Sexton family, 31 Hamlyn Ave; **Feb 27:** Bongiorno family, 49 Calder St; **Mar 5:** Wilson family, 12 Gladstone Ave.

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: Fr Peter Fulton, Maria Polimeni (Italy), Les Fox

ANNIVERSARIES: William (Jess) Jess, Antonio Polimeni, Bernard Tolan, Daniel Dempsey, Joseph Hagebols, Assunta Fazio (1 month), Ripalda Sicuro, Domenico Santamaria, Antonio Faranda (Month Mine)

BAPTISMS: Madeline Teplys (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Margaret Dunn, Heidi Maguire, Ljerka Lehpamer, Dympna Murray, John Consedine

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, FEB 19, 2012.

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh

R&L Allum

9.30AM

L Lehpamer

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, E Glynn, M Fiorillo

E Dalton

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

Sr J McGonigal

J McKenzie

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

V Logan

B Stocks

11.00AM

J McCarthy

G Brown, M Kroger

V Trinder, L Fossey

I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

D Brown

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

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RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- . **Holy Family BBQ -** Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO meat, salad, drink to share.
- . **Holy Family Women's Group -** First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
- . **St Vincent de Paul -** Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre, 7.30pm
Ss Peter & Paul's meet 4th Thursday 2pm in the Small Hall
Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
- . **Baptism Preps -** 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
- . **Children's Liturgy -** Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)
Holy Spirit - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am Mass (during school term)
Ss Peter & Paul's - 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11.00am Mass (during school term)
- . **Playgroup -** Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- . **Manifold CWL -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Tuesdays in the month
- . **Italian Mass -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- . **Catholic Deanery Solo Group -** Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- . **Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon -** Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.
- . **Catholic Diners' Club -** Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Terry on 5221 7339

If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:

LITURGY IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER IN FEBRUARY:

- Feb 12 (Sun)...** **Presentation of Primary School Aged Children for Baptism** - 9.30am at Holy Family Church
- Feb 12 (Sun)...** **Children's Liturgy** - 11am at Ss Peter & Paul's
- Feb 16 (Thurs)...** **Beginning of Year Mass** - Holy Family School 9.15am at Holy Family Church
- Feb 18 (Sat)...** **Welcome to Preps and Teachers of Holy Spirit School** - 6pm at Holy Spirit Church
- Feb 19 (Sun)...** **Children's Liturgy** - 9.30am at Holy Family, 11am at Holy Spirit
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- Feb 22 (Wed)...**  **ASH WEDNESDAY** - 9.15am at Holy Spirit Church - school community in attendance
9.15am at Holy Family Church - school community in attendance
12noon at St Patrick's School Chapel - school community in attendance
1.30pm at St Mary's for Clonard College
7.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul's
- Feb 25 (Sat)...** **Welcome to Preps and Teachers** - of St Patrick's School 5pm at Holy Family Church (Please Note: **NOT** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church)
- Feb 26 (Sun)...** **Welcome to Preps and Teachers** - of Holy Family School 9.30am at Holy Family Church
- Feb 25/26...** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

At the beginning of Lent there will be the distribution of Project Compassion Boxes and also the Lenten Calendar.

LENTEN CALENDAR 2012:

Returned to Ourselves -

In Lent, in Autumn, we have another opportunity to be "Returned to Ourselves". It is a beautiful way of saying what we are about in Lent. The 43 Daily Reflections in the Calendar aim to assist us in this. Each of the Reflections consist of an image, a brief paragraph that concludes with a quote from the Scripture of the Day.

TOWARDS THE LIGHT - Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups:

This is a resource for Lent 2012 to enable parishioners to deepen their relationship with Jesus on their Journey to Easter. The book includes prayers, the Sunday Gospels and Gospel reflections. The 'Living Lent' section provides excellent information and background of Lenten practices and rituals such as Ash Wednesday, fasting, almsgiving and prayer. **Towards the Light** can be read for personal reflection, or used for parish faith education groups. A CD will be available to help those who wish to form groups. In order to have the books available for the first week of Lent, **we need to know how many to order by Feb 14**. Therefore, please sign the clipboards available in each Church **by Sunday Feb 13** if you are interested.

LITURGY MEETING:

Monday Feb 20, 7.30pm at the Pastoral Cluster Office. The purpose of this meeting is to finalise the Liturgical Calendar for the Year and to prepare for our Easter Celebrations.

Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ♦ A Mass for the first anniversary of the death of CARMELO TODARO will be offered on this coming Thursday, Feb 16, at 7.30pm - Ss Peter & Paul's.

Cluster News:

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.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

- Final function before the Relay for Life Event on March 17/18 will be the **Boat Trip on the Bay on Friday Feb 24th.** Contact D Lunn 0408 378 982 - **60 tickets only available!** (Most tickets have been sold).

MEDITATION GROUP: Our Cluster Meditation Group has started again for this year. We meet at 5.30pm in the Cluster Office at 147 Separation St Bell Park. We have a core group of 7-10 each week. Any new people are very welcome to come and try. Each session has about 10-15 mins of input followed by a period of 25-30min meditation. For more details contact Fr Gerard or Frank at the Cluster Office on 5278 1343.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: The Summer edition 2012 is available for free. This edition focuses on the Importance of Being Good. The interesting and readable articles include How to be Good; Living a Better Life; One Decision at a Time; Facing Moral Dilemmas; Harry Potter and the Seven Heavenly Virtues; Learning from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, etc.

ROSTERS - Lectors, Commentators, Special Ministers, Welcomers, Projectionists: New 2012/13 Rosters for all our parishes are available for pickup in the Sacristies. If you are on the roster please pick up your addressed envelope in the Sacristy of the Church in which you carry out your ministry. Thankyou.

CONGRATULATIONS: The Pastoral Cluster community congratulate Bishop Les Tomlinson, an Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne and the Vicar General, on his appointment as the Bishop of the Sandhurst Diocese.

Community News:

Feb 18... FESTIVAL OF THE OUTBACK: A fun and friend-raiser for Anam Cara from 11am - 8.30pm in the grounds of Anam Cara House in St Mary's Basilica. Stalls, food, amusements and light entertainment throughout the day. If you can assist please phone Anam Cara House on 5222 5831.

“ **MUSIC UNDER THE STARS:** An outdoor concert version of the Merry Widow 7pm at the Members Lawn, 13th Beach Golf Club, Barwon Heads. (Gates open 6pm) Bookings essential through GPAC ph 5225 1200.

Feb 21... IF YOU WANT PEACE, WORK FOR JUSTICE: Launch of Project Compassion - 12noon in the Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne by Archbishop Denis Hart. Pancake lunch provided. RSVP to Margaret@caritas.org.au

Feb 26... 2012 DEANERY MASS: St Mary's Basilica 5.30pm (light refreshments to follow). Bishop Vincent Long, the Regional Bishop, will be the Principal Celebrant. The Mass is an opportunity to welcome Bishop Vincent.

Mar 2... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD SUPPORT GROUP: This morning session is a practical workshop for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word. 10.15am-12.30pm at the Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde East Melbourne. For more details ph Frank Kearney on 5278 1343 (Mon-Wed).

MARYVILLE NURSING HOME: Vacancies are available at Maryville Nursing Home on the Esplanade. For information please contact Cheryl on 5221 5299.

HELP REQUIRED: Are you able to assist with the school breakfast program at St Thomas Aquinas School Norlane, which is organized by St Vincent de Paul, on any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning? No cooking skills required; setup is 7.45am and finish at 9.15am. We would welcome people on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Please ph 5243 2870 for more details.

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Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.