



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection. . . by Richard Leonard SJ

As Christians in the world we cannot help but be influenced by the developments that happen around us. Indeed, we believe that many of these advances are gifts from God, given to us to enjoy. But not all developments in thinking and practices are for the better.

One recent and alarming development is the false thinking that we cannot judge other people, or that we should not be judged. The wider community regularly maintains that no one is in a position to judge another's behaviour or statements. This approach holds that everyone's words and actions are of equal value. This position is many things, but it's certainly not Christian, but this hasn't stopped it from finding a home amongst us. We regularly hear statements from Christian men and women like, 'We're not in a position to judge' or 'You can't judge them' and 'If it's fine for them, then it's fine'. This thinking has a name. It's called moral relativism and it tries to claim that the morality of behaviour is only determined by the person who does the act, or the context within which the action is taken.

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that a context is very important in trying to work out if someone is to blame for what they say and do, but that a person's particular circumstances never change the fact that the words or actions are in themselves wrong. We hold that while all human beings have equal value and dignity, we do not believe that everyone's opinion and actions are of equal worth. We believe that 'right judgment' is a gift of the Holy Spirit and that it's best exercised with humility and compassion.

When I hear people say I should not judge others, I assume they are telling me that I should not condemn other people. There is a world of difference between judging and condemning. To judge is to make an assessment. To condemn is to damn. As Christians we judge because we have to keep discerning how the things of the world can be reconciled with the things we hold to be true. Condemnation is the prerogative of God alone, who sees all, knows all and loves all. In today's Gospel, however, John tells us that even God has forfeited the right to condemn the world, but has sent Jesus to be the world's light, life, truth and saviour.

The Gospel reminds us that if we feel condemned for what we have done and said, then it's because we have condemned ourselves, not because God condemns us. (Cont'd P4)

- Fourth Sunday of Lent -

(Year B- March 18, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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.



OUR LENTEN SONG:

Receive the Light of Christ.
May he shine within our hearts,
May the Christ-Light fill us
With joy and peace

PENITENTIAL RESPONSE:

Help us rejoice in your
Mercy.

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: Mar 19 - Montalto family, 2 Graylea Ave Herne Hill

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.

MASS AT 'WING AND A PRAYER': Mass is held Mon-Fri 1.05pm in Malop St (next door to Darrel Lea). All welcome!

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Maria De Almeida (in Portugal)

ANNIVERSARIES: May Walpole, Nevio Ercoli, Rosaria Traficante, Antonino Battaglia

BAPTISMS: Katalina Petrovic (HF), Imelda & Tasmin Logan, Claire Sykes (HS), Ayla Nikolovski (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Margaret Dunn, Heidi Maguire, Ljerka Lehpamer, Dympna Murray, John Consedine, Florence Williams, Pasha Alden, Joseph Escorse, Gillian Henry, Fr Tony Redden, Yvonne Seales, Margaret Donaghy, Frank Bohan

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 25, 2012.

(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

M Lacy

P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

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

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- . **Holy Family Luncheon -** Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO food and 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 Wednesday 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 DURING LENT

*"The Lenten season has a two-fold character - it recalls Baptism or prepares for it, and it stresses a penitential spirit (s109). During Lent penance should not only be internal and individual but also external and social (s110)" Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Vatican II. An important element in the life of the Church to assist this two-fold character of the Lenten season, we have the **RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults...***

An integral part of the RCIA program is the **Scrutinies** which are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in our hearts, and to bring out then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. **The Second Scrutiny** will be held at 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's this weekend for our Elect to be baptised; **Lisa Jones, Scott McLean** and **Lisa Sells** and for our baptised Candidates preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep these good people in your prayers.

Mar 17... SECOND SCRUTINY RCIA - 5pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's (readings from Year A)

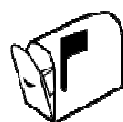
Mar 18... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - 9.30am at Holy Family and 11am at Holy Spirit

Mar 25... THIRD SCRUTINY RCIA - 9.30am Mass Holy Family (readings from Year A)

Mar 25... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's

Mar 30... MASS WITH ANOINTING - 1.30pm at the Multicultural Centre

EASTER MAILOUT:



Invitations to our Easter Ceremonies to all known Catholics are available in the backs of our Churches. They are organized according to alphabetical street order. There are still a considerable number of invitations to be sent so if you are able to take a couple of streets and place them in people's letter boxes, that would be much appreciated

PROJECT COMPASSION:



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to work through right relationships to bring freedom and lasting positive change for some of our world's most vulnerable communities. In this week's story we meet Bae Lisa from the Philippines, one of over 300 indigenous leaders engaged by Caritas Australia's partner to work together towards peace and authentic human development in Mindanao's fractured communities, where over two million people have been displaced since the 1970's. Bae Lisa works to deepen understanding of the conflict and build a peace process owned by conflict-affected communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion today to provide humanitarian relief and encourage participation in the peace process by those most marginalised by conflict.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!!

This week there have been three good and positive experiences of community and outreach. **Firstly**, many thanks for the generosity of effort and time to those who came to prepare the Easter Mailouts for delivery. **Secondly**, at St Patrick's the Preps through to Grade 2's from the three parish schools came together for an enjoyable Mini Relay for Life event. The morning included prayer, a fun input on health and wellbeing and a piper and Fr Mick led the children out for a couple of laps of the oval. Many thanks to the staff, students and parents for their participation. Special thanks to Trish Stickland who organized this successful event. **Thirdly**, at Holy Family the children from Grade 3 through to Grade 6 from our three schools participated at a Mass which focused on awareness and their contribution to the Columban Partnership. Again, many thanks to the staff and students for their thought provoking and prayerful involvement. Also special thanks to Fr Garry Walker, a Columban Priest who gave the Homily and words of encouragement to our young people.

THANKYOU! To all who notify the Office when you notice a change of address or house that has been sold, as you are delivering the Easter letters. It helps me keep the parish records up-to-date. (*Helen Brislane*)

Cluster News:

FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE:

Just a reminder for those attending the Saturday evening Masses - there is the Candlelight Ceremony at 9pm at Deakin University Campus, Waurin Ponds. This is a simple and moving ceremony and certainly one of the highlights of the Relay for Life event.

HOLY FAMILY:

- ♦ **REFURBISHMENT DONORS BOOK:** In the Narthex there are a couple of copies of names of people who made a formal donation to the refurbishment for Holy Family Church. If you are one such person please check to see if we have the correct spelling of your name. Sorry for the late response - *Fr Gerard*
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY LUNCHEON:** This luncheon is held every third Sunday of the month. You are welcome to attend - please bring food and drink to share. (Cold meat, salad, drinks etc rather than BBQ food)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

- ♦ **ST PATRICK'S PAST PUPILS REUNION:** Sphinx Hotel, Thomson Rd North Geelong at 6.30pm. RSVP Shirley 5248 3347.
- ♦ **FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE:** Domenica 18 Marzo 2012 nella chiesa di St Patrick in Britannia St Geelong West - alle ore 9.30am. La messa sarà celebrata da Mons James Murray. Tutti siete benvenuti.

HOLY SPIRIT:

- ♦ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL:** We will be having our trip to Barwon Park Winchelsea on **Wed 21 March**. Information/transport ph Jeanette Sheahan on 5278 2063.

Community News:

Mar 24... CLONARD COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS GET TOGETHER: (Targeting graduating classes of 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992 and 2002). The school will be open from 4-7pm with tours, memorabilia and old school pics on show; refreshments and finger food provided. A great opportunity to catch up with your old class mates, RSVP essential. For further information please contact the Clonard office on 5278 2155 or email office@clonard.catholic.edu.au

Apr 14... GOLDEN JUBILEE OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION - SR ANNE COSSAR RSM: 6pm Mass at Holy Rosary Church, Hamelin St White Hills, Bendigo, followed by a social evening. RSVP 30 March to Karyn 5443 2083.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL Seeking volunteers to work on a one-to-one basis with students from Prep-1 in a school mentoring program. For details contact: Kaylene McKay 0417 808 914 or email kmckay@ceomelb.catholic.edu.au

SAMARITAN HOUSE CO-ORDINATOR: The Geelong Region is soon to establish an Overnight Shelter for homeless men. If you are interested in being employed as a Co-ordinator, please forward your application to lisa.dalla-zuana@aus.salvationarmy.org or ph 5244 9500.



IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:

11am - 4pm
Sunday
March 18 at

St Patrick's Primary
School, Britannia St
Geelong West.

A great fun day for family - rides, bric-a-brac, food stalls, entertainment as well as the 'Leprechaun Drop' (a chance to win \$1,000 cash). All welcome!

OPEN DAYS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

St Ignatius College:

Sunday March 18, 11am-2pm, Information Session 11am
See the College at Work - Wed May 2, 9am-12noon
Ph 5251 1136, email info@ignatius.vic.edu.au
Web: www.ignatius.vic.edu.au

Sacred Heart College:

Wednesday 28 March -
Option 1: Tour 1 - 3.45pm, Information Session 5-5.45pm
Option 2: Tour 2 - 5.30pm, Information Session 7-7.45pm
Ph 5221 4211, email reception@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
Web: www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

Clonard College:

Friday March 23, Tours 1pm & 4pm
See the College at Work - Mon March 26, 9.15am
Ph 5278 2155, email office@clonard.catholic.edu.au
Web: www.clonard.catholic.edu.au

St Joseph's College:

Friday April 20, 9am-12noon Student Guided Tours,
4pm-6.30pm Staff Guided Tours
Ph 5226 8100, email sjcoffice@sjc.vic.edu.au
Web: sjc.vic.edu.au

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John tells us that even when we find ourselves lost in the darkness of our most destructive behaviour, the saving love of Christ is always available to us, inviting us to come out of the darkness into his light.

What a great metaphor the light and dark is for making the best judgments in our own lives. Alarm bells should always ring when we find ourselves not wanting anyone else to know what we have said or done. Secrecy is often the ally of sin and the more open and transparent we are, the more confident we can be that we are walking as children of the light.

May this Lenten Eucharist enable us to let go of the desire to condemn others and ourselves, and to receive again the compassionate, just and humble gift of right judgment that helps us to see the darkness for what it is, and keeps us walking in the light of Christ.