



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

If ever you get the chance to travel to Turkey make sure you go to the Roman ruins at Ephesus. The trip is instructive for all sorts of reasons, not least because two thousand years ago Ephesus was a seaport and now you have to drive inland for over an hour to get there. I wonder what our cities will look like in another two thousand years? But Ephesus is worth the trip. The Roman ruins there, especially the library, are extraordinary. For Christians, however, three other places there capture the imagination. It's the place to which the great letter in the New Testament was addressed. There are the ruins of the hall in which the important Council of Ephesus met, and there are ruins of a monastery built over what is claimed to be the final home of St John, the Beloved Disciple. There is also the much more dubious claim that Mary's final house, and the site of her Assumption, is on top of the mountain overlooking the ancient city.

There are good reasons to believe that the Gospel of John, from which we have just read, was written in Ephesus, 70 years after Jesus' death. I like to think about the context in which the Scriptures were written, not just because it helps me understand some things in the text, but also to appreciate that our Scriptures were inspired by the experience of a flesh and blood community.

Ephesus was a centre of learning, trade, government and religion in the ancient world. We also know that the early Christians were greatly persecuted and martyred there. The early church was filled with stories of betrayal, torture, death and heroic witness to the faith. The stakes for believing in Jesus were very high. And it was the heroic witness of these martyrs that eventually led to the conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. It should come as no surprise to us then that John's Gospel should have a special focus on sharing in the sufferings of Jesus and the glory to come.

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel must have been very important to a community that was awash with the blood of their fellow believers. Our foremothers and forefathers in the faith counted themselves blessed to die as Jesus died, alive in the faith of God's love for the world. Just imagine how that community of martyrs first heard these words, 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'

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- Fifth Sunday of Lent -

(Year B- March 25, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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:
Jesus is our source of salvation and eternal freedom.



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: March 26... O'Neill family, 11 Derby Rd.

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: Rhonda Rotaru, Jim Stynes, Jan Goralski, Margaret Whitlam

ANNIVERSARIES: Maree Stokes, Anna Kot, Eileen Hickey, Becky Lunn, Amy Glynn, Frank & Tony Iskra, Dorothy Finn, Winnie Bohan, Celestina Fernando, Les Moloney, Viktor & Franciska Pockaj, Franjo, Josipa, Mijo, Ivan & Eva Regetas, Franca, Mija & Marija Kukac, Eva & Slavko Jakov, Josip Ludinic

BAPTISMS: Isabell Mifsud, Finn & Milly Panozzo (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, APRIL 1, 2012.

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

A Vanjek

F Chrimes, J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane

U Guardiano, K McArthur

9.30AM

T McMahon

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, D Farrar, R&R Zanardo

M&E Hoffman

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

E Cotter

D Boyle, M Abbott, D Torpy

V Logan, P Ryan

B Stocks

11.00AM

M Currie

P Joyce, B Middleton

V Trinder, M Currie, P Joyce

A Dickson, D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien

D Woods

N Neeld, P McGlinchy

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

- 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

RECONCILIATION SERVICES BEFORE HOLY WEEK:

- Mar 27... **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - 7.30pm Holy Family Church, school children involved
Mar 28... **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - 7.30pm Holy Spirit Church, school children involved
Mar 29... **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - 7.30pm Ss Peter & Paul's, school children involved

- Mar 30... **MASS WITH ANOINTING** - 1.30pm at the Multicultural Centre
April 1... **PASSION/PALM SUNDAY** - You might like to bring some greenery from your garden to be blessed at all Masses



HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

- April 3... **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - 5.30pm Ss Peter & Paul's Church
April 4... **MASS OF ANOINTING** - 11.30am Holy Spirit Church, luncheon to follow
" **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - 7.30pm Holy Family Church
April 5... **HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE** - 7.30pm Holy Spirit Church
April 6... **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - 10am Ss Peter & Paul's, 10.30am Holy Family, 11am Holy Spirit
" **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** - 3.00pm Holy Family Church
April 7... **BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD** - 4.00pm Holy Family Church
" **EASTER VIGIL** - 7.30pm Holy Family Church
April 8... **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES** - 8.00am & 9.30am Holy Family, 10am Holy Spirit, 11am Ss Peter & Paul's



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

April 15... **Divine Mercy Sunday Mass** celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv. At Holy Spirit Church at 1.30pm followed by Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayers, concluding with Benediction. In preparation for the Mass there will be Confessions on Saturday after the 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION:



this week's story we meet Judy, whose shanty town in Peru bears little resemblance to God's vision of a just world, with high tuberculosis and malnutrition rates, no running water, no sewage and next to no employment. Since 2004, your donations have supported a Maternal and Infant Health Program here, including a childcare centre providing activities, meals and preventative health services for families. Today, Judy imagines a brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion to allow Caritas Australia to continue such development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ, and shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching principles, in over 35 countries.

Cluster News:

FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE:

CONGRATULATIONS! Fr Mick's Mates has once again won the award for the highest fundraiser at the Geelong Relay for Life Event 2012. It is a great effort achieved because of the generosity of effort of the team and the Pastoral Cluster community at large.

Looking back on the year that has been, there have been many endeavours of fund-, friend- and awareness-raising. These include the Melbourne Cup Luncheon, the Bay Cruise, the BBQ's after Masses and at Bunnings in Corio, the registrations, the stalls selling crafts, relishes and jams, the Mini Relay for Life event at St Patrick's School in which the children from the three Cluster Primary Schools participated, raffles, etc.

Also many thanks to the 124 people who registered as team members. Fr Mick is delighted he has so many 'mates'.

Special thanks to our patron **Fr Mick**, our team captain **Trish Stickland**, the committee of **David Lunn, Amy O'Brien, Noreen Haberman, Desma Dougherty, Vicki Resciniti, Michael and Anne Scaddan, Margaret Haines, Margaret Brown and Betty Rice**.

THANKYOU!

To all those who delivered the Invitations to our Easter Ceremonies.

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE: Please return any raffle books outstanding by **Sunday April 1st**. Thankyou.

HOLY SPIRIT:

- ♦ **ANointing MASS** will be held at Holy Spirit Church, 11.30am. A light lunch will follow in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall - Cluster parishioners welcome. CWL members a plate of cake or slice please. For transport contact Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354.

Community News:

Mar 26... THE WORKERS OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL OF GARABANDAL - First showing Rice Village, 2-26 Marshalltown Rd Marshall at 1.30pm and second showing at The Plaza Theatre, St Mary's - 150 Yarra St 7.30pm. Enquiries please ph Francis on 5244 2039.

Apr 4... MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: "Ecce Homo - Behold the Man", a special Easter encounter with music, meditation, poetry, etc at St Mary's Basilica 8pm. No charge, donations welcome. Enquiries Jeannette 5223 3554.

Apr 29... 125TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OF ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE: 1.45pm St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Contact Venetia on 9326 7154. Please indicate if you plan to attend the afternoon tea which follows.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013: Rio de Janeiro - July 22-28 2013 - *Embark on a Journey of Faith*.

For further information about this international event for young Catholics from around the world, please visit www.cam.org.au/youth

OPEN DAYS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

St Ignatius College:

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:

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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By comparison we have it easy today, but martyrdom comes to all believers in different ways. In the broadest sense a martyr is one who is prepared to pay the price for holding true to Christ. For us now this might mean making serious choices about the company we keep, the business ventures we enter into, the non-violent protests we mount, foregoing luxuries so that others in our world might have necessities, and even remaining faithful to the vows and promises we have made. Christian faith sometimes bites hard, and when it does we know we are sharing in the martyr's lot.

And what should be our response when our faith in Christ costs us something big? Jesus models it for us in today's Gospel, '...what should I say? "Father, save me from this hour." No, it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'

May this final week of Lent, then, see this flesh and blood community be like our forebears in Ephesus and actively seek out ways of sharing in the martyr's lot by letting go of what is not essential and focusing on the One who loved us to the end.