



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard SJ

Church architecture often tells in stone the story of theology. By the ninth century as Christian Churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God. God was 'immortal, invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes'. Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle which over the centuries got further and further away from where the people stood or sat.

One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of Churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often half way down the church where people could have easy access to it.

Today's Gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it.

The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away. It is no accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs: his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, she understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it.

So for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate here every Sunday. The Eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity.

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again.

Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high. Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C - January 20, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Proclaim his marvellous deeds
to all the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the Gospel
to share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Jan 27 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Neh 8:2-6,8-10

2nd Reading: 1Cor 12:12-30

Gospel: Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21



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

WEEKDAY MASSES: As per normal program.
OUR LADY'S STATUE: Jan 21-28: Johnson family, 63 Ruhama Ave; Feb 4-11: Lynch family, 13 Girton St.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Dr Barry Loughnan, Emil Cavcic, Stephen Davis, Stefania Gwizdek, Glenys Miller
ANNIVERSARIES: Ronald & Maryanne Finn, Domenico Mazza, Alice Cudmore, Giuseppe Pitaro, Alison DaCosta, Paul Taylor, Assunta Nadile
BAPTISMS: Emily Barker, Kaiah Jones, Isabelle Pavlovic (HS)
PRAY FOR THE SICK: Margaret Barry, Gillian Henry, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Theo DaCosta, Jela Perse, Andrew Stocks, Veronica Duffy, Winifred Atkinson, Providenza Rinella, Alex Sokoloff, Caroline Mann, David Rhodes, Francis Remedios, Ida DaCosta

CLUSTER NEWS:

- ◆ **Fr Gerard** will return from a Retreat Seminar on Christian Meditation in India on Tuesday Jan 22. We welcome Fr Tom Cleary, Columban, this weekend.
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** Office hours during Christmas and January will follow the customary school holiday program. If no one is in the Office, please leave message on the answering machine.
- ◆ **CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGELO CAPRA** who celebrated his 100th birthday this week.
- ◆ Consideration is being given to restoration at Ss P&P's Church. We would be looking at the restoration of the pews and possibly the lighting. To comply with Heritage Victoria's requirements, if the fluorescent lights are to be replaced, they need to be a replica of what was there prior to 1966 (when the lights were installed). I'm wondering if there is anyone who has photographs of the Church (with the pre-fluorescent lights) could they please contact me on my return. (*Fr Gerard*)



FR MICK'S MATES BAY CRUISE:
 Friday 22nd February, 7.00pm.
 Cost \$20/ticket, only 60 tickets available.
 BYO drinks and plate to share.



Contact David Lunn 0408 378 982 for tickets. All proceeds to Relay for Life.

YEAR OF GRACE PRAYER

Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel. Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

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What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the Mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space.

Through our common Christian faith we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheer squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving

us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best.

Welcome to Cana where one course is richer than the last. And the wine only gets better with age.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 27, 2013.

(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

5.00PM

A Henderson
 G Tolan
 A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty
 R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

M Foley
 J Fraatz
 H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius
 M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski