



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

There is a tough phrase at the end of the Gospel we have just heard; 'Go and sin no more.' It's like a sting in the tail, standing in contrast to the compassion of Jesus in his encounter with the woman. Yet, on closer inspection, it is the most important phrase in the story. And that's saying something because this dramatic event is the only one in the Gospel where Jesus confronts sexual sin, where only the woman is dragged from the scene of the crime to answer the charge of adultery. Is it any wonder that in some early manuscripts of John's Gospel this story was left out, its authorship questioned? The dangerous memory of Jesus' compassion toward the woman was too strong in the minds of John's community for it to be excluded, however, and so it remains as an inspired text for us to make our own. It is sometimes very

important to hear Jesus say to us, especially in the area of our sexuality, 'I do not condemn you.'

So often, however, we want Jesus to leave it at that. But Jesus goes further. He tells it as it is. If any of us want life and want it to the full, we have to stop doing the destructive things that get us into trouble in the first place. It does not matter if it is drinking, gambling, eating, working, stealing, sexual dysfunction, being into pornography, being violent at home or any other type of obsessive compulsive behaviour, there is little point in being sorry for the consequences of our weaknesses and not changing the pattern of behaviour that leads us to ruin each time.

Twelve step programs enshrine the wisdom of today's Gospel in how they help us to own up to the destructive behaviour of our lives and yet give us hope to live beyond our worst moments.

Steps four to ten say:

- Step 4. I have made a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself.
- Step 5. I have admitted to God and to another the exact nature of my wrongs.
- Step 6. I am entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- Step 7. Humbly ask God to remove my shortcomings.
- Step 8. Made a list of all persons I had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
- Step 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except where to do so would injure them or others.
- Step 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when I was wrong promptly admitted it. /Cont'd P4

5th Sunday of Lent

(Year C - Mar 17, 2013.)

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:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die forever.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Mar 24 - Palm Sunday

1st Reading:	Is 50:4-7
2nd Reading:	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel:	Lk 22:14-23:56



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)

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd 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:

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 18/25 - Hennessy family, 4 Hennessy Ave;

April 1/8 - Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave;

April 15/22 - Iozzo family, 21 Manifold St.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Joseph Cogan, Christina Morris

ANNIVERSARIES: May Walpole, Antonino Battaglia, Aldo Scarpetti, Marcella Conti, Rosaria Traficante, Alojz Rezelj, Reg McFarlane

BAPTISMS: Bella & Lulu Vidovic, Phoebe Bottrell, Jordan Lowndes (HF), Matilda Betts, Alex Cavallo, Lucas Demo, Ginfer Harrison (HS), Sophie Manier (P&P)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Theo DaCosta, Jela Perse, Veronica Duffy, Winifred Atkinson, Providenza Rinella, Caroline Mann, Francis Remedios, Ida DaCosta, Doug Boyle, Margaret Dyson, Sheryl Lambert, Craig Cole

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 24, 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

G Harrison

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

J Fraatz

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
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:

www.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Holy Week Liturgies in the Cluster:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Second Rite...

Monday March 25:	7.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul's
Tuesday March 26:	7.30pm	Holy Family
Wednesday March 27:	7.30pm	Holy Spirit

Mass of Anointing:

Wednesday March 27:	11.30am	Holy Spirit, followed by lunch
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Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Holy Thursday, March 28:	7.00pm	Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration
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Way of the Cross:

Good Friday, March 29:	10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
	10.30am	Holy Family
	11.00am	Holy Spirit

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

Good Friday, March 29:	3.00pm	Holy Family
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Easter Vigil:

Saturday, March 30:	7.30pm	Holy Family
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Easter Sunday Masses:

Sunday, March 31:	8.00am	Holy Family
	9.30am	Holy Family
	9.30am	St Patrick's Chapel (Italian)
	10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
	11.00am	Holy Spirit



ATTENTION ALL SPECIAL MINISTERS

Could you please fill in the form in the Church entrances indicating where and when you can help over Easter?

We will then draw up a roster to ensure good coverage at all celebrations.

Thankyou.

- ◆ Please note there will be **NO** 9am Wednesday morning Mass on March 27th at Holy Spirit because of the Mass of Anointing at 11.30am. Also during Holy Week there will be **NO** 9.15am Mass on Holy Thursday at Holy Family, **NO** 11am Mass at Holy Spirit on Good Friday and **NO** 9am Mass at Holy Spirit on Holy Saturday.
- ◆ **Next Sunday is Passion/Palm Sunday.** You might like to bring some greenery from your garden to be blessed at the Mass that you attend.

Cluster News:

EASTER MAILOUT: Calling all Pastoral Cluster "Posties"! Your assistance is again required to help with the delivery of invitations to our Easter Ceremonies to all known Catholics within our cluster. The envelopes are organised alphabetically by street. If you can take your own street as well as those close by, your efforts would be much appreciated. Special thanks to those who have helped prepare the invitations for mailout.

Ss PETER & PAUL'S FURNITURE RE-ARRANGEMENT: As you enter the Church this week you'll notice that the pews have been joined together with the aisles down the centre and by the walls. This was the original outlay of the pews. The pews will remain in this configuration for the next couple of weeks and over this time I would appreciate your feedback.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): The Third Scrutiny will be celebrated at 6pm Mass at Holy Spirit this Saturday March 16th (Readings Year A). Please pray for our elect **Chris McWaters, Jude Moar, Anna Penn, Thea Penn, Shea Rigg, Samantha Rundle** and our baptised candidates **Fiona Chisholm** and **Jo McWaters**.



Ss PETER & PAUL'S CENTENARY AS A PARISH:

As part of the celebrations of this milestone there will be a Mass with the Archbishop as the main Celebrant on **Saturday April 20th at 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's**. Prior to the Mass there will be 'High Tea' at the Ss Peter & Paul's Hall with entertainment. If you can, please keep this day free!!!

Also, if there are former parishioners you know who were once actively involved in the Parish but no longer living here, please forward this invitation onto them.



MANIFOLD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will cater for a light luncheon in the Holy Spirit Hall following the 11.30am Anointing Mass on **Wed March 27**. Members are requested to bring along a plate of sandwiches or sweet please. For transport contact Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Tricia Joyce 5221 1986.



IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL - MARCH 17:

St Patrick's School Grounds -

A great family and community event which includes art show, all-day rides, 'Leprechaun Drop', stalls of all kinds, raffles, etc. All warmly welcomed!



Fr Mick's Mates - Geelong Relay for Life:

12noon Saturday March 16 - 12noon Sunday March 17

Deakin University Waurin Ponds Campus, Pigdon's Rd, Highton (Melways Ref: 464 J5)

All Fr Mick's Mates are invited to join the team for a BBQ at 7pm. Please bring a salad to share. Please note our tent site is the same as last year - Tent Site Nos 71 & 72. At 8.30pm there is the very moving Candlelight Ceremony to remember those who have died of cancer and to support survivors.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alison Baum, daughter of Pat, who won second prize (a Mazda car) in the Ballarat Rotary Raffle. She bought the ticket in support of Fr Mick's Mates.

Community News:

Mar 24... **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI AGM:** Annual Reunion and AGM at the school from 1pm. All former students welcome - contact Gael Parry on 5221 2803.

OPEN DAYS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES:

Mar 22... **CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Info session followed by tours 1pm & 4.30pm. See the school at work Monday 25th 9.15am. For a prospectus ph 5278 2155, office@clonard.catholic.edu.au, www.clonard.catholic.edu.au

Mar 24... **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** 11am-2pm, Information sessions 11am and 12.15pm. See the College at Work Wed May 1 9am-12noon. Applications for Yr7 enrolments close Friday May 17th. For details ph 5251 1136, info@ignatius.vic.edu.au, www.ignatius.vic.edu.au

Mar 26... **SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Option 1 -** Tour 3.45-4.45pm followed by information sessions 5-5.45pm. **Option 2 -** Tour 5.30-6.30pm followed by information session 7-7.45pm. For more information ph 5222 0490. **Closing date for enrolments is Friday 17 May 2013.**

FINAL CALL - WORLD YOUTH DAY: Get on board as we head to Rio de Janeiro. Visit wydtours.com to join the Victorian Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil! Final Registration and payment due on **Sunday 31st March**. Further enquiries ph 9412 3306 or email wyd2013@cam.org.au



PROJECT COMPASSION: Open the Doors to the Future - Your Project Compassion donations allow Caritas Australia to partner with communities to enhance their human dignity. This week we meet Aboriginal man, Bernard. With the help of a Caritas Australia partner, he has reconciled with his father and is now a father himself; dedicated to providing a safe & bright future for his baby daughter.

Your support ensures that together, we are walking alongside Indigenous Peoples in Australia and around the world. Project Compassion boxes are available at the entrances of each of the Churches.

/From P1...

The thing I like best about these is that they are pro-active. They alert us to the fact that the best pathway to know healing and forgiveness is not to be passive, but to be active and admit our own faults and work to heal them. Some of us may have been given a tough hand from life's deck of cards, but we do not have to be passive victims, never able to changes

the cycles of destructive behaviour. If the steps work and we trust today's Gospel then we can be happy, healed and forgiven because we heal and forgive others.

Jesus bestows great dignity on the woman by saving her from being condemned to death, but even more so he knows that it does not have to be like this and so challenges her to turn her life

around.

May we hear the same challenge in this final week of Lent. No matter what we have ever done, sexually or otherwise, we are greater than our worst moments. Jesus loves us enough not to condemn us, but to give us this Eucharist so that we might find the strength and hope to stop doing the things that destroy us and to live a life that leads to peace and joy.