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Reflection... by Richard Leonard SJ

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.

Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world.

We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have

to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world.

Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world.

Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete'

as a result of having a baby and yet each year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world.

The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that: – our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday; our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live; our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross.

And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvaries of our world and be Christ-like? /Cont'd P4

Palm Sunday

(Year C - Mar 24, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the Cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

2nd Reading: Ck 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9



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.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Carmel Preston, Patricia Hoare

ANNIVERSARIES: Lorenzo Leone, Mary, Patrick & Winifred Bohan, Celestina Fernando, Antonino & Pasqualina Cammarere, Frank & Tony Iskra, Mary O'Loughlin, Edward & Constance McCormack, Becky Lunn, Dorothy Finn, Leonardo Cassio

BAPTISMS: Christopher & James Baker, Lucas Ditchfield, Cruz Lecchino, Gemma Neivandt (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, Francis Remedios, Ida DaCosta, Doug Boyle, Margaret Dyson, Cheryl 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 HOLY WEEK

Rosters for the Masses over Holy Week/Easter are below. **We still need helpers where there are *****. You do not have to be from the parish where you will be attending Mass to help. If you can assist, please phone Frank 5278 1343 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.**

HOLY THURSDAY: Holy Spirit - 7.00pm

Lectors G Tolan, J McKenzie
Commentator T McMahon
Special Ministers J Sheahan, E Cotter, P Hubbard, M Baird, M Gifford, P McBride
Projectionist F Kearney

GOOD FRIDAY: Holy Family - 3.00pm

Lectors G Tolan, P Gizycki, D Lunn
Commentator F O'Neill
Projectionist C Resciniti

EASTER VIGIL: Holy Family - 7.30pm

Lectors M Kroger, P Gizycki, B Middleton, F O'Neill
Commentator D Lunn
Special Ministers P Hubbard, B Middleton, E Kelly, M Gifford, M Fiorillo, A Vanjek
Projectionist C Resciniti

EASTER SUNDAY: Holy Family - 8.00am

Lectors B Rainbow, F O'Neill
Commentator K Saunders
Special Ministers I Vanjek, F O'Neill, *****
Projectionist R Allum

Holy Family - 9.30am

Lectors H Verdnik, M Baird
Commentator C Simpson
Special Ministers H Verdnik, C Simpson, M Baird, E Glynn, V Resciniti
Projectionist C Resciniti

Ss Peter & Paul's - 10.00am

Lectors M Martin, K Maddalena
Commentator A Henderson
Special Ministers A Henderson, K Maddalena, *****
Projectionist A Zarb

Holy Spirit - 11.00am

Lectors *****, *****
Commentator E Cotter
Special Ministers E Cotter, C Laffy, *****
Projectionist L Coles



**LECTORS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR 11AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT ON EASTER SUNDAY.
SPECIAL MINISTERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THESE MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY -
ONE EACH FOR 8AM HOLY FAMILY, 10AM Ss P&P AND 11AM HOLY SPIRIT.**

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



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.

NB: NO Saturday evening Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's at 5pm, and NO Saturday evening Mass at Holy Spirit at 6pm.

Cluster News:

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Over the last three Sundays we have celebrated the **Scrutinies**, which are prayers for the removal of any barriers in our elect and candidates, and indeed in all of us, to welcoming Jesus into our lives as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The climax of the RCIA process is the Easter Vigil where our elect - **Chris McWaters, Jude Moar, Anna Penn, Thea Penn, Shea Rigg and Samantha Rundle** will be baptised into the life of the Risen Christ. Together with our candidates **Fiona Chisholm and Joanne McWaters**, who are baptised already, they will be initiated fully into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Personally I think that baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil really caps the celebration of Easter, and I hope many will be present this year.

Congratulations to all our elect and candidates and special thanks to **Alan Hubbard** for the excellent way he relates to all and instructs them. Thanks also to the sponsors who have walked with those to be welcomed into the Church, especially **Mary Fiorillo, Tom Bindokas and Pat McGlinchy**. (Fr Mick)

CONGRATULATIONS! To all those involved in the Irish Folk Festival last Sunday at St Patrick's school grounds. Not only was the festival financially successful but, more importantly, it was a testimony to the fine community spirit of the St Patrick's School community. Well done and thank you to all concerned!!!

Thanks to all who assisted in the Easter Mailout!!



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 served **from 1.30pm through until 4.30pm**. Good fun entertainment will be provided.

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.



Fr Mick's Mates - Relay for Life:

Congratulations! Fr Mick's Mates has for the third year in a row won the award for the highest fundraiser at the Geelong Relay for Life Event 2013. This is due to the generosity of the team and the Pastoral Cluster community at large.

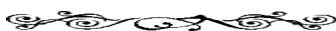
One of the fundraising efforts has been our participation in the Ballarat Rotary Raffle. The second prize - a Mazda car, was won by Alison Baum, so we congratulate her and thank Ballarat Rotary for the opportunity to raise funds. Other fundraisers include the Melbourne Cup Luncheon, BBQs at Bunnings in Corio, registrations, the stalls selling crafts, relishes and jams. Thanks to all involved.

On Friday 15th March, a Mini Relay for Life event was held for the students of our three schools - the juniors at St Patrick's and the seniors at Holy Family. A big thankyou to the Principals, staff and children for their participation in this important awareness-raising event. The focus was on health and well-being.

Special thanks to 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. (*Fr Mick*)

FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER - HELP!!!

Two volunteers are required to help at the BBQ at Bunning's Corio on Saturday March 30th from 1-3pm. If you can help please contact David Lunn on 0408 378 982.



DIVINE MERCY FEAST will be celebrated on April 7th this year at Holy Spirit Church, Manifold Heights. 2pm Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers, 3pm Holy Mass and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession from 1pm. Please join in to spend an afternoon on this day with Our Lord.

Community News:

- Mar 27...** MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC presents **Via Crucis - The Way of the Cross**, 8pm at St Mary's Basilica. No charge.
- Apr 14...** **LEGION OF MARY GEELONG CURIA:** Invites you to join them in their ACIES - the annual consecration of ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be held at Ss Peter & Paul's 2-3.30pm followed by refreshments. Info ph 0409 135 589.

OPEN DAYS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES:

- 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 25...** **CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** 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 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 support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to



work through right relationships to bring lasting positive change for some of our world's most vulnerable communities. This week we meet Rollen whose path to education didn't begin until she was 17. With assistance from Mercy Works, Rollen graduated school and received training in business and finance.

Please donate to Project Compassion today so people like Rollen can enjoy open doors through education. *Project Compassion boxes are available at the entrances of each of the Churches.*

/From P1...

In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things: - He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant; He spoke the truth to Pilate; He empathised with the women of Jerusalem; He forgave those who condemned him; He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified. And here's the rub: in facing our personal

passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise.

If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it - processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the

temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'.