



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

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and also to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any

wonder, one generation from the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's risen presence are *his* marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today.

You and I know, however, that we don't have go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely

when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God are greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone.'

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2nd Sunday of Easter

(Year C - April 7, 2013.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41

2nd Reading: Apoc 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19



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 5.00pm Sat
11am - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

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: **April 8** - Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave; **April 15/22** - Iozzo family, 21 Manifold St.
If anyone would like to have our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help Tina Montalto 5278 9314.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Jose, Juditte, Rosa & Carlos Mairos, Alojz Akmacic, Jozo & Frances Dzida, Maria Grazia Leone, Elizabeth Jovic, Stefani Lehpamer

BAPTISMS: Olive Jelicanin, Juliet Kearney, Marley Ramos, Don Wijesuriya (HS)

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, June Bongiorno, John & Mary McMahon

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 14th, 2013

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova

C Marcantonio, P Walsh

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Modica, E Glynn, M Baird, J Sheahan

V Resciniti, G Cracco

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

G Harrison

B Murphy, R O'Neill

M Brown, P Ryan

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchy

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin

L Strzelecki, A/L Fossey, M Sleeman

M&H Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

T Martin

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Family Luncheon - • Holy Family Women's Group - • St Vincent de Paul - • Baptism Preps - • Children's Liturgy - • Playgroup - • Manifold CWL - • Italian Mass - • Catholic Deanery Solo Group - • Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon - • Catholic Diners' Club - | <p>Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.</p> <p>First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm</p> <p>Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre, 7.30pm</p> <p>Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall</p> <p>2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre</p> <p>Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)</p> <p>Holy Spirit - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am Mass (during school term)</p> <p>Ss Peter & Paul's- 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11.00am Mass (during school term)</p> <p>Holy Spirit School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298</p> <p>Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month</p> <p>First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel</p> <p>Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.</p> <p>Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.</p> <p>Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Terry on 5221 7339</p> |
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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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Cluster News:

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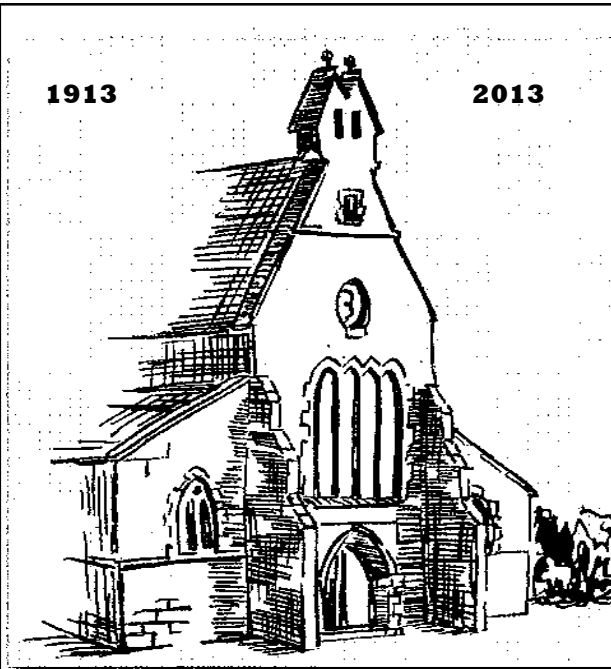
The Holy Week/Easter Ceremonies from Passion/Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday were truly prayerful occasions. The generosity of all the people who assisted throughout was appreciated by myself and all parishioners.

The leaders of the Stations of the Cross, the excellent readers, the Special Ministers, the projectionists and the musicians and choirs who volunteered at this hectic time added to establishing a very prayerful atmosphere. Many of these people helped at several of the liturgies throughout the week. We trust they all experienced great joy in leading us in prayer. Thankyou!

Special thanks to Frank Kearney, the Liturgy Co-ordinator for the Cluster, for his tireless and generous efforts in these most important celebrations. (*Fr Gerard and Fr Mick*)



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.



SS PETER & PAUL'S CENTENARY AS A PARISH

As part of the celebrations of this milestone there will be a Mass on Saturday April 20th at 5pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church with the Archbishop as the main Celebrant.

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.

This week clipboards will be going through our Churches inviting your attendance at this special celebration.

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE: Holy Family Women's Group** April meeting is now on **8th April** (2nd Monday), rather than the 1st Monday of the month, for this month only.
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS - which looks at faith and living for contemporary Catholics.** This week your copy of the Australian Catholics Easter Edition will be available for free. This edition of the magazine focuses on art and religion. Also there are some very fine articles about remembering the legacy of Pope Benedict XVI.
- ◆ **VOCATION SUNDAY - April 20/21st:** Good Shepherd Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter) is the **50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI gave us the theme: **Vocations: A Sign of Hope Founded in Faith**. Fr Binh Le, Director of Vocations, will be the Homilist to speak about Vocations in the Archdiocese at the Sat 6pm Holy Spirit, Sunday 8am and 9.30am Holy Family and 11am Holy Spirit Masses.
- ◆ **LOST:** A blue/grey wrap-around scarf left at Holy Spirit Church after Holy Thursday Mass. If found please phone 5224 2483.

Community News:

- Apr 7...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** 'Seasons' Series, Australian Chamber Choir with director Douglas Lawrence, 3pm at St Mary of the Angels Basilica. Tickets at the door \$30 full, \$25 conc, \$20 student, U/12 free.
- Apr 10...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Apr 12...** **PLAZA THEATRE:** Elvis Special Film Night, 7.30pm at 150 Yarra St Geelong featuring 'Elvis on Tour'. Donation of \$3/head would be appreciated. Door prize, raffles and light supper included, all welcome!
- 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.
- Apr 20...** **CLONARD REUNION:** An invitation to the graduating classes of 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003. For further information dean.williams@clonard.catholic.edu.au

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$28. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please phone Terry on 5221 7339.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: If you are interested in being a Pastoral Care Volunteer to the elderly and housebound through the organization of Southern Cross Care, please contact Michael Taylor on 8564 1872. Alternatively, if you are interested in assisting refugee students with the Mercy Connect Project, contact Sr Mary Lewis on 9326 1895.

A VOCATION VIEW:

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (Jn20:21)

Peace - the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share his peace and Good News, so too he sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share his peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

For information about the Parliamentary Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations, Facing the Truth, the submission of the Catholic Church to the Inquiry, fact sheets and updates please refer to www.facingthetruth.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.



Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Together, we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.

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By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'