



# Pastoral Cluster

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## Reflection... by Richard Leonard

Some of us remember the provocative and frightening 1991 film *Silence of the Lambs*.

The image in the title refers to a childhood memory of CIA agent, Clarice Starling. In her interviews with the psychopath Dr Lecter, he gets her to talk about how she still wakes at night hearing the cry of the lambs as they were led to slaughter on her uncle's farm. This is a pivotal moment in Thomas Harris' book and the film. It is the leverage Dr Lecter needs to unsettle and unravel Clarice's well-formed defences. Clarice is revealed as vulnerable, because of the grief she carries from the violent deaths she has seen.

I remember empathising with Clarice's memory of the lambs. When I was a child I saw many sheep slaughtered on my family's properties. I can still see my uncle selecting one of them,

holding it in the pen before its execution and then watching him do the deed. The scene should have been enough to turn me into a vegetarian! Alas, I got over my pity for the animal and enjoyed roast lamb a few nights later.

John's use of the metaphor of the sacrificial lamb in reference to Jesus in today's Gospel is meant to engender a similar empathy to that of the childhood memories of Clarice Starling. While there are many jokes about the stupidity of sheep, lambs still claim a spot in the hardest heart. They are pure, white, fluffy and defenceless. They demand nurture. And like their parents they don't seem able to smell danger very easily. They follow where they're led, even to execution.

For the agrarian Jews of Jesus' time the sacrifice of a lamb demonstrated how serious they were about atoning for their sins. Jewish law dictated that a lamb had to be killed at

least once a year, at Passover. Such a sacrifice cost the shepherd big time. Lambs were currency. This was tithing writ large.

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## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - January 19, 2014.)

### 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:

Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. **Alleluia!**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Is 823-9:3  
2nd Reading: 1Cor 1:10-13,17  
Gospel: Mt 4:12-23



### 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 DURING JANUARY WILL RETURN TO THE NORMAL TIMETABLE.**

|                               |                                   |   |             |
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| <b>Holy Family:</b>           | 9.15am Tues, 9.15am Thurs         |   |             |
| <b>Holy Spirit:</b>           | 9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am Sat. | <b>Reconciliation after Saturday Mass</b> |             |
| <b>Grace McKellar Centre:</b> | 10.15am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Tues;     | <b>Maryville Nursing Home:</b>            | 11am Tues   |
| <b>Multicultural Centre:</b>  | 1.30pm - 1st Fri                  | <b>Vincentian Village:</b>                | 3.00pm -Mon |

## OUR LADY'S STATUE:

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| Jan 20 - Johnson Family, 63 Ruhama Ave; | Jan 27-Feb 3 - Lynch family, 13 Criton Cres; |
| Feb 10-17 - Stocks family, 22 Orr St;   | Feb 24-Mar 3 - Wright family, 42 Logan St.   |

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Neil Hart

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Assunta Fazio, Alison DaCosta, Allan McFarlane, Nicola & Concetta Caimano, Gerard McGrath, Alfreda Palana, Troy Guthridge, Kevin Lee, Lou Baum

**BAPTISMS:** Judd McTigue, Jordan Wilcox (HF), Isaac Johnstone, Sonny Thorley, Daniel & Troy Kozdra (HS), Thomas Burnell (P&P)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Cheryl Lambert, Patrick Duffy (Ireland), Anthony McCullough (Ireland), Ivanka Juran, Manuel Almeida, June Bongiorno, Anna Alvaro, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza, Kath Leary, Terry Hart, Joe Vanjek, Rita Duggan McDonald, Celia Erfort, Ida & Theo DaCosta

## CLUSTER NEWS:

- ♦ **PASTORAL CLUSTER OFFICE:** The Parish office has returned to normal operating hours.
- ♦ **BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:** The Pastoral Cluster will offer a Baptism program for children attending school and who have parent(s) who are Catholic. The 3-week program will begin on **Sunday 16th Feb** and finish on **Tuesday 4th March**. It is a mix of evening meetings for children and parents once per week and a lesson for the children during the first part of the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church on the Sundays of Feb 16, 23 and Mar 2. **Enrolments close Wed Feb 12 2014. Contact Frank Kearney at the Pastoral Office on 5278 1343 or email [frank.kearney@cam.org.au](mailto:frank.kearney@cam.org.au)**
- ♦ **SACRAMENTS IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER IN 2013:** Last year as a community we celebrated and commemorated 218 Baptisms, of which 150 were of infants, 58 were children between the ages of 1-7 and 10 were of adults. 4 adults were received into full communion in the Church. Across the three schools and our catechetical program there were 152 First Communions and 134 Confirmations. In the Cluster there were 43 Weddings and 97 Funerals.

/From P1... We need to keep hearing this message because some Christians get caught into glorifying Jesus' suffering so much they get trapped in their own world of pain and go looking for more. Jesus never sought out suffering. He bore what came his way. And the same must be true for us. Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. Most of us don't need to look

for more suffering in our lives because we share in the Lamb of God's sacrifice in the ordinary downs of our lives.

Secondly, John would have known that 'talya', the Aramaic word for sheep, is the same word used for servant. The first hearers of this Gospel would have known it too. Jesus, then, is the servant who brings us the truth we need for life, who answers our deepest desires to know

that our existence has meaning and purpose and he opens up for us the life beyond this one, where there will be no more weeping or sadness.

Jesus shows us that when we are baptised into his death and enter his service we also share in his resurrection and glory because he bears, and bears away, the sins of the world.

## **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 26, 2014.**

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

### 6.00PM

M Lacy

G Harrison

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown

T McShanag

### 5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

### 9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

### 11.00AM

M Foley

J Fraatz

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb