



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy. Who can blame the young children, then, who recently wrote down the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament?

'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart

every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the

differences are even more revealing for us on our Lenten journey.

Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

Just when some of us think Lent is a grim season of self-denial, the Church gives us the story of Jesus' Transfiguration to put our sacrifices in context. /Cont'd P4...

Second Sunday of Lent

(Year A - March 16, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)

1st Reading: Ex 17:3-7

2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

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... 11am Sunday

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

6.00pm Saturday
11am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday
11am 2nd & 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

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12noon at Ss P&P,
3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

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 17: Romios family, 85 Sunderland Rd;

Mar 24&31: DeLuca family, 44 Fairy St;

Apr 7&14: Iannuzzi family, 17 Roxby 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: Maria Modica

ANNIVERSARIES: George Rodrigues, Antonino Battaglia

BAPTISMS: Henry Eaton, James Francesevic, Archie Swindells, Lily Windsor, William Bentley-Remes,
Henry Noona, Oliver Sinclair, Annebel Spokes

PRAY FOR THE SICK: June Bongiorno, Anna Alvaro, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza, Kath Leary, Terry Hart, Joe Vanjek, Rita Duggan McDonald, Celia Erfort, Theo DaCosta, Tanya Cervek, Kulandai Raj, Monica Duggan, Graeme Allsop, John Kimber

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 23, 2014.

(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

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, 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)
 - **Holy Family Choir Practice -** Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church, 7pm
 - **Manifold CWL -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month
 - **Italian Mass -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
 - **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

Cluster News:

A CALL TO MISSION - An Invitation to Review:

This weekend, as part of the Holy Father's Call to Mission, we will be undertaking the first of our surveys to draw from your views and perspectives so as to evaluate the various dimensions of the Pastoral Cluster. The following week there will be a second survey of two pages - Page 1 will be asking for information that will assist the Geelong Deanery in its future planning and the second page is a written response. These responses will be helpful in our future planning. The three areas that I hope you will give some consideration to during the week and you will be asked to write something about next weekend are:

- ⇒ **In my view the three most important things for my Parish/Cluster are/ought to be:**
- ⇒ **Initiative(s) I would like to see introduced:**
- ⇒ **If there was only one priest in the Pastoral Cluster, how can we best provide for the spiritual and pastoral needs of the people:**
*There will be copies of both surveys available in all Churches for a week afterwards
for those who are unable to complete them at the allocated times.*

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

The **RITE OF ELECTION**, in which Archbishop Hart welcomes and prays for all the adults across the Archdiocese of Melbourne who are preparing during Lent for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, as well as already baptized adults preparing for reception into the Church and the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, will be celebrated today at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

On the next three Sundays - the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate the **SCRUTINIES** - rites which are meant to uncover then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The **FIRST SCRUTINY** will be celebrated at 11am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's on Sunday 23rd March.

The **SECOND SCRUTINY** will be celebrated at 11am Mass at Holy Spirit on Sunday 30th March and the **THIRD SCRUTINY** will be celebrated at 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on Sunday 6th April.

Please pray for our Catechumens, who become **elect** after the Rite of Election - JANE ANGLETON, TAMMY ELDREDGE and ROBYN TIGANI and our already baptized candidate JOANNA LEWIS.

PROJECT COMPASSION:

One element of Lent is that it is a time of almsgiving, that is support for the poor and disadvantaged of our world. Over the coming weeks there will be stories of how your support for Project Compassion is a tangible and effective way of almsgiving. ***Project Compassion Boxes are available at all Churches.***



Your donation to Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia pursue justice and assist those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

This week we meet Deng and his family in South Sudan. During the civil war Deng, who is blind, and his family fled their village. Returning many years later, they are rebuilding their lives with the help of a food security program.

With your support, families like Deng's can be confident of a more secure future and can rebuild their lives.



LENTEN PROGRAM - IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER: There will be a 4-week program on Prayer that explores different ways of communing with God in prayer. The sessions will begin the week beginning 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March. Times of the sessions are: Tuesday 1.30pm, 7.30pm and Thursday 7.30pm at Holy Spirit Hall. We thank Sr Jean McGonigal RSM for leading these sessions.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS: Music at the Basilica Inc presents five Lenten Meditations at St Mary's Basilica on the Wednesdays of Lent - 19, 26 March and 2, 9 April from 5.15-5.45pm. Enjoy music, readings and quiet reflections at the end of a busy day. Enquiries Maureen Zampatti 0407 680 751.

DEANERY RAFFLE: Proceeds to the Columban Partnership - there are still some books available. Please contact David Lunn on 0408 378 982 if you can assist.



RELAY FOR LIFE - FR MICK'S MATES:

Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Road East Geelong - Enter via Gate 2

(Please note change of venue)

12noon Saturday March 15 - 12noon Sunday March 16

Program for Saturday Evening March 15

All Fr Mick's Mates are invited to join the team for a BBQ at 7pm. Please bring a salad to share.

The evocative and moving Candlelight Ceremony follows at 8.30pm.

(Entertainment books available for sale \$55. Please place order with Trish 5278 1343)

IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL: St Patrick's Primary School Irish Folk Festival will be held on 16th March between 11am and 4pm on the grounds of St Patrick's Primary School, Britannia St Geelong West. There will be plenty of entertainment including the Mongolian Fishmongers, thrilling carnival rides as well as face painting, show bags, animal farm, Silent Auction, and much, much more!



HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP: The next meeting will be held **Monday 7th April at 6.30pm - (please note change of time)**. At 7pm, following a short meeting, our guest speaker will be Fr Kevin Dillon who will report on the recent Vic Parliamentary Enquiry into sexual abuse of children within religious institutions. Everyone is welcome to join us to hear Fr Dillon report on the current situation.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Truth Justice and Healing Council which is the Catholic Church's engagement with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, please visit website to sign on to the weekly newsletter: www.tjhcouncil.org.au/.

Community News:

- Mar 17... **ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS:** Mass 7pm at St Mary's Basilica with a social get together with Irish musicians, singers and dancers in the Pioneer Centre to follow. Phone St Mary's Office 5222 1977.
- " **ST PATRICK'S PAST PUPILS REUNION:** Sphinx Hotel, Thompson Rd North Geelong. RSVP Shirley 5248 3347.
- Mar 22... **THE LEGION OF MARY - ACIES:** You are warmly welcome to this Consecration Service at Holy Family Church from 2-3.30pm with light refreshments afterwards. For details ph 0409 135 589 or email adela.buaya@yahoo.com
- Mar 23... **ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL REUNION:** Invitation to families, teachers and students from Yrs 2000-2004 at St Patrick's School for tour and luncheon at the Telegraph Hotel to follow. RSVP 16th March to Sandra Courtney 0425 741 534
- " **DEANERY COMMISSIONING MASS:** All are invited to be part of this concelebrated Mass by priests of the Deanery at 5.30pm.
- Mar 30... **SACRED HEART COLLEGE GEELONG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** Annual General Meeting and Reunion at Celestine Moran Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart College, 1-3.30pm. Ph 5222 0403 for details or email ksuvoltos@shcgeelongcatholic.edu.au
- " **SURF COAST RURAL AUSTRALIANS FOR REFUGEES FILM NIGHT: *Train to Lisbon*.** 4pm at Reading Cinema, Waurin Ponds. Tickets ph Carmel 0417 326 940, Wesley Centre Office, 218 Ryrie St or Wing and a Prayer Book Shop, 75 Malop St.
- April 2... **SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG LTD:** Presents ***The Great Gatsby*** at the Shirley Mills Theatre (St Mary's, 150 Yarra St) 4pm and 7.30pm. Space limited so book early. \$20 ticket incl a light meal at 6.30pm - 1920s dress optional. RSVP to Sheila Mansfield on 5243 2870. Funds to be deposited into Samaritan House Account BSB 633-000 Account 144974029, with full name as narration at Bendigo Bank, 235 Ryrie St Geelong or cheque posted to Samaritan House, PO Box 5047 Geelong 3220.
- April 5... **GEELONG RALLY FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS - End Mandatory Detention; End offshore processing; it's NOT illegal to seek asylum:** Market Square Mall, Lt Malop St at 12.30pm.
- April 13... **PRAYER SERVICE IN SOLIDARITY WITH REFUGEES ASYLUM SEEKERS:** 1-1.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with celebrant Bishop Vincent Long. *Whoever turns refugees away forgets that Jesus was also one* (Pope Francis 2013)
- " **WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES:** Palm Sunday at the State Library, Melbourne, cnr Swanston & Latrobe Sts

GOOD WORKS - GOOD LIFE PROGRAM:

During Lent St Bernard's Parish is taking a close look at some of the good works that help make Geelong a better place to live. On Mar 18 *Looking After the Homeless*; on Mar 27 *Mentoring Youth for Justice - The Justice Mission of Sacred Heart College*; on April 3 *Employing Young People who have a Disability, DAL - Gourmet Café and Catering Business*. All sessions begin 7.30pm

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS:

- Friday Mar 21... **Clonard College Geelong**, 225 Church St Herne Hill. Tours 1pm & 4.30pm, 'See the College at Work' Mon 24 March 9.15am
Ph: 5278 2155, email: office@clonard.catholic.edu.au
- Sunday Mar 23... **St Ignatius College**, 27 Peninsula Dve Drysdale. 11am-2pm, Information Sessions 11am & 12.15pm.
Ph: 5251 1136, email: info@ignatius.vic.edu.au
- Tuesday Mar 25... **Sacred Heart College**, Retreat Rd Newtown. Tour 1 - 3.45pm, Information session 5-5.30pm, Tour 2 - 5.30pm, Information session 7.30pm. Ph: 5221 4211, email: info@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
- Thursday April 24... **St Joseph's College**, Newtown Campus: 135 Aphrasia St Newtown; Westcourt Campus: 31 Minerva Rd Herne Hill.
Pre-register for our Open Day online at www.sjc.vic.edu.au Ph: 5226 8100, email: sjcoffice@sjc.vic.edu.au

From P1...

The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and

purpose for this world and the next.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is

meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world. In this context anything we can do this Lent that helps remove the blocks in our full response to his love, must be worth effort.