



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

As Catholics we have no problem with the time-bound nature of the Bible. In fact we appreciate it, believing that the scriptures deserve to be read within their context, and also need careful interpretation. And while the Catholic Feminist Association may not choose to have today's first reading as the opening text at their next convention, we would be mistaken to hear it only in terms of our world today.

The Book of Proverbs is a distillation of sayings and teachings which had grown up over hundreds of years, most probably from Rabbis and Scribes. Its world is a vastly different one to ours. This is clearly seen in the tasks of the 'capable wife'. She is praised for her work with wool, flax, in the vineyard and in real estate. It's only in the context of an agrarian society that the power

of this text makes sense.

Until quite recently, women in Palestinian society, and in wider society for that matter, were considered the 'possessions' of their husbands. They could be bought, sold, divorced, or killed without any appeal to the law. Wives in this society had no legally recognised human rights. They were expected to serve and shut-up.

By contrast, then, this text from the Book of Proverbs, which can seem so old-fashioned to us, was a liberating text in its day. A woman's right to work is not only defended, but also extolled. She is praised for her creativity, wisdom, goodness, strength, sense of justice, generosity, joy and faith. In any age and for either gender this is not a bad list of virtues toward which we should all aspire.

And these days of course, through the ongoing

revelation of the Spirit, we believe that what the Book of Proverbs expects and praises in a capable wife, we should equally look for in a capable husband.

It is almost possible that Jesus had women in mind when he shared the parable of the talents in today's Gospel. What can often get lost in the debates about who should be ordained in today's Church, is that women have always and still 'lead' the Church in powerful and long-lasting ways.

From the extraordinary abilities of religious and lay women in Catholic welfare, education, healthcare, overseas missions and theological reflections, to wives and mothers whose daily witness to the fidelity and goodness of God, this all reveals in innumerable ways the power of the parable of the talents. /Cont'd P4

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A - November 16, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;

my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17

2nd Reading: 1Cor 15:20-26

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

**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
 Slovenian.. 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month
 Filipino... 5.00pm every 3rd Saturday of the month

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: Nov 17: Iozzo family, 21 Manifold St;

Nov 24-Dec 1: Romios family, 85 Sunderland Rd;

Dec 8-15: Moore family, 39 Willana Ave.

If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help, ph Tina Montalto on 5278 9314.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Salvatore Daniele, Marie Gallagher, Stephen Malesic, Kristo Saric

ANNIVERSARIES: Franjo Klasic, Nicola, Maria Gracia & Concetta Servello, Ramon Costoya, Pilar Garcia-Brion, Peter Culo

BAPTISMS: Heidi, Nate and Millie Bush, Amelia Drayton, Chloe Paton, Tom Grgurevic, Olivia Holak, Audrey Smith and Liam Welsh.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Julita Aquino, Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Barbara Mason, Thomas & Harry Mallon, Pat Walsh, Theo DaCosta, Denis Brown

Please note: *After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list . Please phone the office on 5278 1343 if you wish names reinserted.*

Roster for Next Sunday, Nov 23, 2014

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

F O'Neill

Lectors

L Kelly

Special Ministers

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

Welcomers

L&E Kelly

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti

A Sare, A/I Dugandzic

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

M Lacy

Lectors

M Carson

Special Ministers

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan,

Welcomers

J Cowell

Projectionist

11.00AM

J Fraatz, L Eastman

M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- **Pastoral Cluster Luncheon -** First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
- **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
- **Legion of Mary -** Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
- **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.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Cluster News:

- **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** Thankyou for all your continuing regular support. There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to contribute regularly, using envelopes, credit card or bank transfer. Contact Helen with any queries: helen.brislane@cam.org.au or leave a message at the Parish Office.
- **LECTORS PLEASE NOTE:** Your copy of the new **Break Open the Word** is now in the Sacristy where you are rostered. Please collect it as soon as you can. Many thanks for your continued support.
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SENIOR PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** A warm invitation is extended to all senior parishioners to attend the Mass and Luncheon on **Saturday November 29** commencing with **Mass at 10.30am and Luncheon at 12noon** in the Community Centre. If you wish to attend please place your name on the sign-up board (white form) in the Narthex and indicate if you require transport on the day. **Catering for the Function:** Please place your name on the sign-up board (pink form) in the Narthex if you can assist with the catering. Your assistance is welcomed and your support valued.
- **FR MICK'S MATES:** Thankyou to the parishioners in the Cluster. All 150 raffle books for Fr Mick's Mates are now distributed. The winner of the draw for a \$50 voucher at The Great Western is **Kerrin McArthur**. Your next date is to return all books by **December 14th**.
- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** Available for purchase from the Piety Stall in the Holy Spirit Church from 16th November until 13th December. Cards (pkts of 8) at \$7 and Calendars \$9 and Holy Family calendars available at \$9.
- **WISH LIST:** The Wish List highlights a variety of programs that you can support. What the 'Wish List' shows is that a relatively small amount, by our standards, can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of our Filipino friends. Copies of 'Wish List' are available at the Office.



REFORMS RESULTING FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION:

Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council, has called on all Catholic communities and agencies to stay in touch with the reforms which are starting to take place in the Church as the Royal Commission into child sex abuse continues its work.

"The Catholic Church is playing a very important role in contributing to the public debate around reforms which need to be made, particularly across civil litigation and redress for survivors of abuse. It is vitally important that the Catholic community, at the very least, is aware of these changes."

Mr Sullivan said the Church, through the Council, is working closely with the Commission on a new approach to helping survivors of child sexual abuse find justice.

"I encourage everyone to sign up to our weekly electronic newsletter, which gives a brief overview of the weekly work of the Council, news from the Royal Commission and media and other material."

To contact the Truth Justice and Healing Council:

Website: www.tjhcouncil.org.au
Email: admin@tjhcouncil.org.au
Phone: Michael Salmon 0417 495 018

FR GERARD ON THE MOVE:

From early November I will be moving out of the top floor of 1 Malone St Geelong residence and relocating to the Unit at the back of the Pastoral Cluster Office in Separation St. I approached Catholic Super Fund who lease the ground floor, to see whether they would be interested in leasing the upper floor. Thankfully they said 'yes'. My primary motivation in approaching them was that the shortfall of our Thanksgiving collections at present fall below our costs. (Fr Gerard)



Also, I applied and have been appointed as the Chaplain to the settlement in Antarctica. I will be away from this Monday until December 12th. This will certainly be a different way of spending my annual leave! (Fr Gerard)

- **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** - Final meeting for 2014 will be held **1.30pm in Holy Spirit Ball, Bostock Ave on Wed 19th November**. 2014 membership \$20, Horizon \$20 are now due to be paid. For information or transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS** - On Sunday Nov 16 after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit there will be a dinner held for the presentation of the annual awards for the Knights of the Southern Cross held at the Holy Spirit Hall.
- **THE COTTON ON FOUNDATION FUN RUN GEELONG** - The organisers of this Fun Run wish to advise residents and parishioners of Ss Peter & Paul's of changed traffic conditions whilst this event is taking place on **Sunday Nov 23, 7am-10am**. This event will mean road closures and if you are affected your support and patience is appreciated. 100% of the event's fees is donated to the Geelong Hospital's Children's Ward re-development.

Community News:

- Nov 30...** **RICE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MINI FAIR:** 11am-3pm featuring Des Cam Jazz Band with Christmas gifts, craft stalls, spinning wheel, Granny's Treasure Stall, gourmet preserves, cakes & biscuits, Devonshire tea, bbq lunch, Santa arriving on CFA truck, raffles, silent auction and more! 2 Marshalltown Rd, Marshall.
- “ **EVENING CONCERT FOR THREE ORGANS:** St Mary's Basilica, 8pm - featuring Tom Healey, Brendon Lukin and Frank DeRosso. Grand organ from the gallery, chamber organ from the transept and digital organ from the nave. Free (optional gold coin donation appreciated).
- Dec 1...** **RERUM NOVARUM ORATION 2014:** 7-7.30pm in the Daniel Mannix Building, Aust Catholic University, 8 Brunswick St Fitzroy. For information ph 9926 5727.
- Dec 6...** **LOURDES DAY MASS 2014:** The Order of Malta invites you to attend with Principal Celebrant Most Rev Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes.
- Dec 7...** **MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition - ph 9287 5579 or Lmf@cam.org.au
- “ **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** invites all members to join with them in a liturgy of Thanksgiving for the year and Christmas Carol Recital in the College Chapel at 2pm. A'noon tea will follow in the Reception Parlour at Sacred Heart College. For catering purposes please inform the Alumni Officer if you wish to attend - Kelly Suvoltos 5222 0403 or ksuvoltos@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Nov 30...	CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL - Holy Family	
Dec 7...	CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL - Holy Spirit	
Dec 13/14...	CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL - Ss P&P	

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The reality is that if it were not for women's leadership, commitment and faith, it would be hard to see how the Church could survive. We would not be able to continue almost all of our ministries.

None of this minimises the pain and hurt

some women have experienced at the hands of the Church. Some feel as though their particular contribution to the life of the Church has not been fully realised.

All we can hope and pray for is that we may find ways to use everyone's talents for the

building up of the Kingdom of God, and that we may see that everyone's contribution, irrespective of gender, is precious and worthy of praise.