



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard

Have you ever noticed that Jesus begins and ends his public ministry in the wilderness? These deserts are the geographical bookends of the greatest story ever told. In today's Gospel we have Jesus in the desert for forty days. Much later, when condemned to death, Jesus is led out of the city and crucified at Golgotha, another dry and desolate location. In both places Jesus is tempted. In Mark we are never told what Satan's temptations in the desert were about. Luke and Matthew fill in those details. On the cross, however, Mark tells us that the crowd tempts Jesus to work a miracle, come down from the cross and save himself. In the first desert Jesus is ministered to by the angels and emerges to proclaim that the kingdom of God is close at hand. In the later desert Jesus is ministered to by his women

disciples and is put to death as a consequence for the way he lived out the Kingdom he proclaimed.

It's clear from all the Gospels that the desert and the temptations stayed with Jesus throughout his life. What a comfort this is to us. Many of us do not need to go out and find a physical desert to know its claim on our lives. Temptations do not know geographical limitations. Indeed, the greater the number of options, the more temptations we have to take a destructive path.

When we look at how the desert is used in the Bible, mythology, art, literature and the cinema two competing images emerge. The first is that the desert can be a place of loss and ruin where some great heroes have gone and not returned. In another equally venerable tradition journeys to the desert, while filled with a mixture of

pleasure and pain, are abundant with revelation, transformation and recreation.

These two descriptions do not have to be contradictory. As we find in Jesus' example, we do not have to give in to the temptation that the desert is only about loss, but we need to find a path there to negotiate a way out of it so that we can emerge recreated, the richer for the experience.

It's important to remember in our own particular deserts that temptation is not sin. To be tempted by something is not the same as doing it. Temptations are the allures that make destructive choices look good. In one sense, the bad news is that we know from the lives of the saints that the closer we get to God, the more temptations increase. The good news is that we can learn how to deal with them.

- 1st Sunday of Lent -

(Year B - February 22, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
2nd Reading: Rom 8:31-34
Gospel: Mk 9:2-10



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 1st & 3rd Friday

Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Fri

Vincentian Village:

3.00pm Monday

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:

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: Veronica Bourke, Delfina (Alda) Sacchetta, Barry Egan, Maria Traczyk and Mate Drinovac

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Neeld, Heather Osborne, Cristito Ramirez, Ronnie Davies, Ken Martin and 1 month of Pasquale Boccassini

BAPTISMS: Bowie Chhetri, Pippa Lewis, Emerson McEwen, Scarlett Nolan and Willa Petrie

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Thomas & Harry Mallon, Pat Walsh, Theo DaCosta, Denis Brown, Vernon Bowers, Myrtle Morkel, Suzanne Doots

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, Mar 1, 2015

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

V Pavlovic

J Bartolo, I Vanjek, B McFarlane, I Baulch

K McArthur

R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, D Farrar, R Zanardo, B Kline, L Greco

M&E Hoffman

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

E Cotter

J O'Neill

C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy

B Stocks

11.00AM

C Neilson

B Middleton, M Wright

R Pugh

D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien

Sr J McGonigal

N Neeld, P McGlinchey

B Pleasance

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	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 & Pauls - 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11am Mass (during school term)
Holy Family Choir Practice...	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
Manifold CWL...	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
Italian Mass...	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
Catholic Diners' Club...	Second Tues of each month, 6pm at Berkeley Lodge. 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:

Lent...

The focus of Lent is outlined below:

- Prayer** - eg Mass attendance; family prayer; visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, or in other ways.
- Self Denial** - eg not eating meat, not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere, or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- Helping Others** - eg special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened, or in other ways.

The 2015 focus of Lent in the Pastoral Cluster is **OUTREACH**. One of the signs of the times of our community is that many people are housebound or isolated and would welcome an opportunity to go to a pleasant community function, but often don't have anyone to go with. **The invitation as part of Lent is if there is someone that you know who is in this position, we would like you to invite them to come with yourself to one, or some, of the following functions:**

Monday Mar 2...	Games Day - Cards and Bingo Afternoon at the Pastoral Cluster Community Centre 1-4pm. A'noon tea provided. Sign-up boards are available at the back of each Church this week and next.
Wednesday Mar 11...	Light Luncheon and Movie at Pastoral Cluster Community Centre, from 12noon with lunch provided.
Tuesday Mar 17...	St Patrick's Day Sing-a-long at the Holy Spirit Hall, 1-4pm with Devonshire tea provided.
Thursday Mar 26...	Eucharistic Adoration at Ss Peter & Paul's, 10am-5pm. From 4-5pm there will be an opportunity to experience Christian Meditation as a form of prayer.
Wednesday Apr 1...	Mass of Anointing with Luncheon to follow.

I will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend about this outreach program. Signup boards will be in all Churches in the coming weeks for all Outreaches. (Fr Gerard)

LENTEN PROGRAM 2015 "ARISE":

Groups reflecting on and praying about the coming Sunday of Lent's Gospel are meeting at the Pastoral Cluster Centre at the following times - **MONDAY 10AM, WEDNESDAY 10AM, THURSDAY 7PM**. Everyone welcome!

R.C.I.A. (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 Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, will be celebrated today at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate the **Scrutinies** - rites which are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the **elect**, to bring out and 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 8th March**. The **Second Scrutiny** will be celebrated at 11am Mass at Holy Spirit on **Sunday 15th March**, and the **Third Scrutiny** will be celebrated at 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on **Sunday 22nd March**. Please pray for our **Catechumens**, who become **elect** after the **Rite of Election** - NANCY HENDERSON, HANS MULIA, BRENDAN GRAYSON and MICHELLE RUNDLE and our already baptized candidate KIRSTEN DAY.

PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM: Enrolments for this program close on Wednesday Feb 25. Contact the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email: cluster@cam.org.au

FR MICK'S MATES:

- ♦ **REGISTRATION FORMS FOR FR MICK'S MATES RELAY FOR LIFE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF EACH CHURCH.**
- ♦ **A SINCERE THANKYOU** to those who assisted with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Your efforts raised \$1,662 for the fight against cancer. Well done!!!
- ♦ **ROTARY CAR RAFFLE:** Results are as follows - **1st** L Robins (Nhill), **2nd** B Ferguson (Ballarat) and **3rd** A Martin (Hawthorn)



March 13...	Fr Mick's Little Mates
March 21/22...	Relay for Life at Geelong Showgrounds
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Sept 10...	Movie Night - at St Mary's (2 sessions)
Nov 3...	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
December...	Christmas Hamper - Sales and Raffle

Community News:

- Feb 25...** **THE PASSION OF CHRIST: *Proclaiming the Passion*** - Rev Dr Chris Monahan CP at St Mary's Basilica, 7pm.
- " **MANIFOLD CWL** Health Awareness Committee Fundraiser at the Savoy Vibe Hotel cnr Collins & Spencer Sts Melb. 2-course lunch including complimentary drink, tea/coffee - cost \$50. Easy access by V/Line train. For tickets ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 1343.
- Feb 28...** **NIGHTSCAPE:** An exciting night of live music entertainment and/or dancing in the Pioneer Room at St Mary's, contact St Mary's Parish Office for ticket details on 5222 1977.
- " **ORGAN MARATHON - 'PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS':** 9am-9pm at St David's Uniting Church, Aphrasia St. \$5 entry - enquiries ph 5223 3554.
- Mar 4...** **PICTURING THE PASSION:** Caroline Danaher at All Saints Newtown 7.00pm.
- Mar 7...** **ANNUAL BOOK FAIR:** St Patrick's Church Hall Portarlington 9am-3pm, incl bbq, cakes, craft, jumping castle, etc. For further information please ph the Drysdale Parish on 5251 2502.
- Mar 14...** **GAVAN PODBURY SEMINARS GEELONG ST PATRICK'S CUP:** Enjoy a 3-course meal in air-conditioned comfort from \$60 or hire your own umbrella with table and 10 chairs from \$170 or marquee from \$250 (discounted price for parishioners). Entry from \$12 conc, children free u/17. Ph Catherine Moon for tickets on 0409 007 913.
- Mar 22...** **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Two information sessions 11am and 12.15pm. Contact details to Claire Hewitt hewittc@ignatius.vic.edu.au
- Mar 23...** **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** 9am-12noon or 4pm-6.30pm. This includes tours every 15 mins. Contact details 5226 8100.
- Mar 24...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Tour 1 - 4pm, Tour 2 - 5pm followed by Information sessions. Contact details: Registrar, Judy Smith on 5222 0490.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Will be held Friday 6th March, 11am at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St. Theme - ***Do you know what I have done to you***, written by WDP Committee in the Bahamas who, like Australia, are very concerned by the domestic violence in our countries. Your support in prayer and attendance will be appreciated. Our guest speaker will be Chaplain to Barwon Prison, Ms Marg Hayes. Everyone is welcome and a light lunch will be served after the Service. Transport is available if required - ph Amy O'Brien 5229 9911 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.



Week 1 - FIJI - Growing Food for Life

Married couple Eric and Ma had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they engaged in training at the Tutu Rural Training Centre, supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to build healthy families and grow food for life.



/From P1...

Usually, temptations have a context and a history. They can come when we are feeling most deserted and vulnerable and they normally strike us at the most susceptible points in our character. To deal with them we need to be aware of their pattern, the way they con us into believing that the destructive behaviour is

'not that bad', will be 'just this once', or 'for the last time'. As well, it helps if we are aware of the danger signs in our lives that can weaken our defences. Tiredness, boredom, anger, alcohol and drug use, lack of good communication and a poor self-esteem are common realities that can leave us more exposed than usual.

This Lent, as we venture with Christ into our

figurative deserts, let's do anything that helps our self-esteem, deal with our anger, attend to why we might work or drink too much, and ensure that we are less stressed. Contrary to what we might think, these activities could be the most helpful ways we can make sure we emerge from our desert the better for having been there.