



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard

If ever you get the chance to travel to Turkey make sure you go to the Roman ruins at Ephesus. The trip is instructive for all sorts of reasons, not least because two thousand years ago Ephesus was a seaport and now you have to drive inland for over an hour to get there. I wonder what our cities will look like in another two thousand years? But Ephesus is worth the trip. The Roman ruins there, especially the library, are extraordinary.

For Christians, however, three other places there capture the imagination. It's the place to which the great letter in the New Testament was addressed. There are the ruins of the hall in which the important Council of Ephesus met, and there are ruins of a monastery built over what is claimed to

be the final home of St John, the Beloved Disciple. There is also the much more dubious claim that Mary's final house, and the site of her Assumption, is on top of the mountain overlooking the ancient city.

There are good reasons to believe that the Gospel of John, from which we have just read, was written in Ephesus, 70 years after Jesus' death. I like to think about the context in which the Scriptures were written, not just because it helps me understand some things in the text, but also to appreciate that our Scriptures were inspired by the experience of a flesh and blood community.

Ephesus was a centre of learning, trade, government and religion in the ancient world. We also know that the early Christians were greatly persecuted and martyred there. The early church was filled with stories of betrayal, torture, death and

heroic witness to the faith. The stakes for believing in Jesus were very high. And it was the heroic witness of these martyrs that eventually led to the conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. It should come as no surprise to us then that John's Gospel should have a special focus on sharing in the sufferings of Jesus and the glory to come.

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel must have been very important to a community that was awash with the blood of their fellow believers. Our foremothers and forefathers in the faith counted themselves blessed to die as Jesus died, alive in the faith of God's love for the world. Just imagine how that community of martyrs first heard these words, 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.' /Cont'd P4

- 5th Sunday of Lent -

(Year B - March 22, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Create a clean heart in me, O God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

If you serve me, follow me,
says the Lord;
and where I am,
my servant will also be.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**Palm Sunday**

1st Reading: Is 50:4-7
2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Mk 14:1-15:47

**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

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

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:

Mar 23: 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, ph Tina Montalto on 5278 9314.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Vera Kevine, Filomena DeJesus (Portugal) and Raymond Healand

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Ribaric and Mary Cudmore (1yr), Winnie, Pat & Mary Ellen Bohan, Fr Paddy Bohan, Celestina Fernando, Rosaria Traficante, Manuel Selvestra, Tonino Rotiroti, Guiseppe & Chiara Gulli, Mary O'Loughlin

BAPTISMS: Zoe Hilton, Kade McGowan and Piper Stephenson

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 29, 2015

(5th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

J McCarthy

J McKenzie, Sr J McGonigal

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

11.00AM

G Brown, M Kroger

L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells

I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek

D Brown (even months), A Boras (odd)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

P Power, A Henderson, N Neeld

P McGlinchey

Liturgy in the Cluster during Lent:

Welcome to the Children of our three Parish Primary Schools who are making their commitment to receiving the First Eucharist -
Holy Spirit School... Saturday 21st 6pm
Holy Family School... Sunday 22nd 9.30am
St Patrick's School... Sunday 22nd 11am (there were Commitment Masses earlier in the year)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS... 3rd Scrutiny - Sunday 22nd 9.30am Holy Family Church
LEGION OF MARY... Sunday March 22nd 1.30pm - Annual Prayer Service at Holy Family Church
DEANERY MASS... Sunday March 22nd 5.30pm St Mary's Basilica

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 these two opportunities for prayer and fellowship -**



Thursday March 26: **EUCCHARISTIC 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** at Holy Spirit Church 11.30am with Luncheon to follow in the Hall. *Manifold Branch of CWL will be hosting the luncheon following this Mass. CWL members to bring a plate please. There will be a trading table - short monthly meeting to follow. Transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986, Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.*
Sign-up boards available at the back of all Churches to assist with catering and those who need transport.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2ND RITE RECONCILIATION PRIOR TO HOLY WEEK:

Monday March 23...	7.30pm Ss Peter & Paul's
Tuesday March 24...	7.30pm Holy Family
Wednesday March 25..	7.30pm Holy Spirit

Holy Week Celebrations in the Cluster:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SECOND RITE:

Wednesday April 1...	7.30pm	Holy Family
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MASS OF ANOINTING:

Wednesday April 1...	11.30am	Holy Spirit, followed by lunch
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MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Holy Thursday April 2...	7.00pm	Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration
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WAY OF THE CROSS:

Good Friday April 3...	10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
	10.30am	Holy Family
	11.00am	Holy Spirit

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

Good Friday April 3...	3.00pm	Holy Family
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BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD:

Saturday April 4...	4.00pm	Holy Family
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EASTER VIGIL:

Saturday April 4...	7.30pm	Holy Family
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EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

Sunday April 5...	8.00am	Holy Family
	9.30am	Holy Family
	10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's
	11.00am	Holy Spirit



To assist with the rosters for Special Ministers on Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses, a sign-up board will be in the back of all Churches from this weekend.

FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE

Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Rd, East Geelong - Enter via Gate 2
12noon Saturday March 21st - 12noon Sunday March 22nd



Program for Saturday March 21

11.45 Opening Ceremony, 12noon First Lap - Carers & Survivors,
1pm the Carers & Survivors Afternoon Tea, 8.30pm Candlelight Ceremony

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

Community News:

- 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.
- Mar 29...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AGM & REUNION:** 1-3.30pm Sacred Heart College Reception Parlour. RSVP by **20 March** to Kelly Suvoltos 5222 0403, email ksuvoltos@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
- April 1...** **ST JOHN PASSION - JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH:** 8pm at St Mary of the Angels Basilica performed by the choir of The Scots' Presbyterian Church Melbourne. Tickets \$35 full/\$30 conc available at the door or GPAC. No charge for school students and children. Enquiries 5223 3554.

DISCONTINUATION OF ITALIAN MASS:

It's with regret that I announce the weekly Sunday Mass for the Italians is to be discontinued at the end of March. For many years Monsignor Murray was available to preside over this Mass, however since his death we cannot reasonably continue to provide this service. I would like to thank all the parishioners who have supported this Mass, especially the Italian committee who have worked tirelessly. The plan is to provide an Italian Mass on the first Thursday of each month as part of the Italian Prayer Group's ministry. (Fr Gerard)

Mothers Day High Tea

As part of our ongoing support for our Philippines Partnership, this year we will again be holding a Mothers Day High Tea. This event is a great opportunity to celebrate Mothers Day and book a table with family and friends.

Our guest speaker will be Catriona Rowntree (from the TV series Getaway).

Date: Saturday May 9, 2015

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Place: Capri Reception, Separation St Bell Park

(Further booking details in coming weeks)



Week 5: Peru - Sharing Food for Life

In a remote Andean village, Caritas Huacho is helping farmers like Cristian to grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable fruit crops, which will provide a secure income and a wide variety of food for life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in Peru grow and harvest sustainable crops, providing their families with food for life.



/From P1...

By comparison we have it easy today, but martyrdom comes to all believers in different ways. In the broadest sense a martyr is one who is prepared to pay the price for holding true to Christ. For us now this might mean making serious choices about the company we keep, the business ventures we enter into, the non-violent protests we mount, foregoing luxuries so that others in our world might

have necessities, and even remaining faithful to the vows and promises we have made. Christian faith sometimes bites hard, and when it does we know we are sharing in the martyr's lot.

And what should be our response when our faith in Christ costs us something big? Jesus models it for us in today's Gospel, '...what should I say? "Father, save me from this

hour." No, it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'

May this final week of Lent, then, see this flesh and blood community be like our forebears in Ephesus and actively seek out ways of sharing in the martyr's lot by letting go of what is not essential and focusing on the One who loved us to the end.