



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard

In the third verse of the rousing hymn, *How Great Thou Art*, we sing, 'And when I think that God his Son not sparing sent him to die I scarce can take it in. That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.'

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus' suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God's life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God's anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again.

We should be very careful about what we sing! On the one hand this theology rightly shows us the extraordinary love Jesus has for us. On the other hand it says some very

difficult things about God. What loving creator, for example, would say that the torture and death of his beloved son is the only way he can be happy about his creatures? What just judge, no matter how angry he or she might be at the crimes laid out in the courtroom, would allow an innocent man to die for the guilty? And how powerful is God over evil if the only way to keep it in check is through human sacrifice? These are serious questions and they have an impact on our everyday life of faith, and can sometimes alienate us from believing that God is our all-loving Father in heaven.

Today, we rightly hear a lot about victims – people, who through no choice or fault of their own, have been dealt with wrongly by others who are free to act otherwise and who know better. In some of the ways we think about the passion, Jesus becomes

God's victim. Through no fault of his own, and seemingly powerless in the face of his Father's will, Jesus becomes a victim of God's need for a sacrifice, a ransom or atonement.

As a result, many of us can feel that sometimes we are God's victims too, because if God wanted Jesus to suffer and die, why should we be surprised or complain when we receive large crosses to carry as well?

Mark's account of the passion tends to reinforce Jesus as victim. Mark has Jesus eating with the outcasts, his friends betraying, denying or deserting him. He tells us that Jesus is terrified at the prospect of death and calls on his 'Abba' or 'daddy' to help him out. In the end he accepts 'the will of God' but even then feels abandoned by God on the Cross.

- Palm Sunday -

(Year B - March 29, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**Sunday of the Resurrection**

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

**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.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: John Kellett, Marjorie Hamdorf, Marianne Brunger, Kathleen O'Brien and Betty Smith

ANNIVERSARIES: Leonardo Cassio, Catherine Vickers, Fedele Guarnaccia (France), Anna Kot, Leo Consedine (1year), Desmond Brennan, George Rodrigues, Angelina Ferrao, Edward & Constance McCormack, Antonino & Pasqualina Cammarare, Victor & Franciska Bockaj, Arthur Allison, Betty Dark

BAPTISMS: Lennix Farey, Rose McDonald, Lennox Ranieri and Ethan Sferco

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.*

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

Mar 30/Apr 6 - Stocks family, 22 Orr St; **Apr 11/Apr 18** - Wright family, 42 Logan 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.

- ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK -

*We require a Commentator for Holy Spirit 7pm Holy Thursday and Holy Spirit 11am on Easter Sunday.
If you are a Commentator and can assist please ph Bernadette on 5278 1343*

HOLY THURSDAY:

Holy Spirit - 7.00pm

Commentator

(* Required)**

Lectors

G Tolan, A Henderson

Special Ministers

M Fiorillo, E Cotter, L Stalio

Projectionist

J Lynch

Music

K Lynch

GOOD FRIDAY:

Holy Family - 3.00pm

Commentator/Narrator

G Tolan

Lectors

J McKenzie

Projectionist

C Resciniti

EASTER VIGIL:

Holy Family - 7.30pm

Commentator

M Kroger

Lectors

J McKenzie, P Gizycki, B Middleton, D Lunn

Special Ministers

M Fiorillo, E Kelly, B Middleton, V Resciniti,

L Sells, A Vanjek

Projectionist

C Resciniti

EASTER SUNDAY:

Holy Family - 8.00am

Commentator

R Allum

Lectors

V Pavlovic

Special Ministers

R Culo, J Genova, I Baulch, B McFarlane,

P Ruggeri

Projectionist

R Allum

Holy Family - 9.30am

Commentator

J Siketa

Lector

T McMahan

Special Ministers

P Carmody, B Kline, D Lunn, R Zanardo

Projectionist

C Resciniti

Ss Peter & Paul's - 10am

Commentator

L Strzelecki

Lector

K Maddalena

Special Ministers

L Strzelecki, P McGlinchey, K Maddalena

Projectionist

A Zarb

Holy Spirit - 11am

Commentator

(* Required)**

Lectors

J Ryan, J O'Neill

Special Ministers

L Stalio, R Pugh, E Cotter

Projectionist

L Coles

Liturgy in the Cluster during Lent:

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 this opportunity for prayer and fellowship -**



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.

Holy Week Celebrations in the Cluster:

Please Note:

There will be NO 9am Wednesday Mass at Holy Spirit; NO 9.15am Thursday Mass at Holy Family; NO 11am Friday Mass at Holy Spirit and NO 9am Saturday Mass at Holy Spirit or Reconciliation afterwards.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SECOND RITE:

Wednesday April 1... 7.30pm Holy Family

MASS OF ANOINTING:

Wednesday April 1... 11.30am Holy Spirit, followed by lunch

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Holy Thursday April 2... 7.00pm Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration

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

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD:

Saturday April 4... 4.00pm Holy Family

EASTER VIGIL:

Saturday April 4... 7.30pm Holy Family

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 this weekend.

THANKYOU!

As part of our Lenten Journey this year, the focus is on 'Outreach', especially for those who are housebound.

Over the forty days parishioners were involved in the Easter Mailout, the Games Day, Movie and Luncheon, St Patrick's Day Sing-a-long at Holy Spirit Hall and a day dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration at Ss Peter & Paul's.

To bring this variety of activities together requires considerable planning, work and goodwill. On behalf of the whole Parish I would like to thank Trish Stickland, the Sisters of the Holy Angels, Peggie Carmody, Noreen and Des Haberman and all the Easter Mailout working bee volunteers and 'posties'.

The contribution of these good people, as well as those who attended the functions, have enriched our journey towards Easter. Well done, and thankyou!!!

A Great Mothers Day Gift!

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day with your family - Mother, Mother-in-law, daughter(s), son(s), sister(s), niece(s) and friends! We look forward to your company on this special day.

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 Receptions, Separation St Bell Park



(Further booking details in coming weeks)

If you wish to book a table or join a table please contact the following Table Captains:

Peggie Carmody	0408 524 018	Jan Fagan (St Pat's School)	5229 4412
Jeanette Sheahan	5278 2063	Bern Boxer (Holy Spirit School)	5229 8298
Ellen Kelly	5229 0195	Faye Brooks (Holy Family School)	5278 4634
	Trish Stickland (Parish Office)	5278 1343	

- ◆ **RELAY FOR LIFE:** Another season of Relay for Life is now complete. Although we didn't win the award for the highest fundraiser this year, we had a great result both in the funds raised, activities undertaken and ongoing commitment to increasing awareness and support for Cancer Victoria. To all those who participated and supported Fr Mick's Mates team in any way - THANKYOU! In particular, a special thanks for the Relay for Life Committee who do a sterling job.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Please note the change of date for our next meeting - **Monday 13th April at 7pm**. As in past years, we will be conducting a Mother's Day Raffle with a variety of prizes. Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the three Sundays preceding Mother's Day, ie April 19th, 26th and May 3rd. Good luck to all!
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE:** On Easter Sunday the Easter Edition of the magazine will be available for free at all Masses. The focus for this edition is *The Game of Life - Our journey through the Sacraments*.

Community News:

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.

April 15/22/29... ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE - SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK TOURS: 9.15am - for further details about enrolment ph 5251 1136 or email registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au



Week 6: Indonesia - Sustainable Food for Life

To combat the variable weather patterns affecting farmers in Vinsen's village, a local community program supported by Caritas Australia, is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life - regardless of the changing weather.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in remote West Timor grow sustainable crops for life, regardless of changing weather patterns.



/From P1...

I often think we misread what Jesus is referring to when he accepts God's will in the Garden. Rather than refer to the particular will of the Father to see Jesus suffer and die on Good Friday, I think it's more helpful and consoling to understand it as referring to God's will that Jesus remains faithful to the way he lived. If by doing that Jesus threatened the religious and political authorities of his day so much that they have to murder him, then

his death is the ultimate sacrifice which reveals how far God was prepared to go in love for us. This reveals to us that Jesus came 'to live', and that by faithfully living this life he was put to death by the powers of sin. Through the cross we see the price to be paid in confronting sin in our day and obediently living out the demands of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

This Holy Week let's celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As

we commemorate Jesus' life, death and resurrection may we move from being victims of a bloodthirsty God to choosing again to follow Jesus' example and live lives which are faithful, loving and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten 'the hell out of' those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what.