



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard

As Christians in the world we cannot help but be influenced by the developments that happen around us. Indeed, we believe that many of these advances are gifts from God, given to us to enjoy. But not all developments in thinking and practices are for the better.

One recent and alarming development is the false thinking that we cannot judge other people, or that we should not be judged. The wider community regularly maintains that no one is in a position to judge another's behaviour or statements. This approach holds that everyone's words and actions are of equal value. This position is many things, but it's certainly not Christian, but this hasn't stopped it from finding a home amongst us. We regularly hear statements from Christian

men and women like, 'We're not in a position to judge' or 'You can't judge them' and 'If it's fine for them, then it's fine'. This thinking has a name. It's called moral relativism and it tries to claim that the morality of behaviour is only determined by the person who does the act, or the context within which the action is taken.

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that a context is very important in trying to work out if someone is to blame for what they say and do, but that a person's particular circumstances never change the fact that the words or actions are in themselves wrong. We hold that while all human beings have equal value and dignity, we do not believe that everyone's opinion and actions are of equal worth. We believe that 'right judgment' is a gift of the Holy Spirit and that it's best exercised with humility and compassion.

When I hear people say I should not judge others, I assume they are telling me that I should not condemn other people. There is a world of difference between judging and condemning. To judge is to make an assessment. To condemn is to damn. As Christians we judge because we have to keep discerning how the things of the world can be reconciled with the things we hold to be true. Condemnation is the prerogative of God alone, who sees all, knows all and loves all. In today's Gospel, however, John tells us that even God has forfeited the right to condemn the world, but has sent Jesus to be the world's light, life, truth and saviour.

The Gospel reminds us that if we feel condemned for what we have done and said, then it's because we have condemned ourselves, not because God condemns us. /Cont'd P4

- 4th Sunday of Lent -

(Year B - March 15, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced,
if I ever forget you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jer 31:31-34
2nd Reading: Heb 5:7-9
Gospel: Jn 12:20-33



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 16-23: 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: Fr Joe Briffa

ANNIVERSARIES: Brigid Griffin, Maria Modica, Don Richardson, Manuel Almeida, Gracinda Rocha, Reg McFarlane, Aloyz Rezelj

BAPTISMS: Aweng Ayom, Bella, Lola & Jonah Lear, Abigail Pamvouxoglou, Elliotte Flanagan, Robert Harding, Charli & Lilliam Meehan

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 22, 2015

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

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

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

M Carson

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

M Brown

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan,

J Cowell

11.00AM

J Fraatz, L Eastman

M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

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 14th 6pm, Sunday 15th 11am and Saturday 21st 6pm

Holy Family School... Sunday 15th 9.30am, Sunday 22nd 9.30am

St Patrick's School... Sunday 22nd 11am (there were Commitment Masses earlier in the year)

Masses with School Children Attending - Tuesday Mar 17 - 9.15am Holy Family - Gr5/6; Friday Mar 20 - 9.45am St Pat's - whole school

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*)

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



DEANERY MASS:

Sunday March 22... 5.30pm St Mary's Basilica

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 one, or some, of the following functions:**



Tuesday March 17: ST PATRICK'S DAY SING-A-LONG at the Holy Spirit Hall, 1-4pm with Devonshire Tea provided. **An opportunity to gather to share afternoon tea, laughter and song with your fellow parishioners.**

Sign-up boards are available at the back of each Church. All welcome!!

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 at Holy Spirit Church with Luncheon to follow in the Hall

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!

SPECIAL MINISTERS WANTED: Another valuable and meaningful Outreach in the local community is being a Special Minister to visit the elderly and the house-bound to pray with them and to give them Holy Communion. If you are interested in this ministry, there is an opportunity to be involved with the Holy Spirit Special Ministers who visit on Wednesday mornings. If interested contact John on 0409 042 393. Alternatively we are also seeking volunteers to assist with Communion rounds at the Multicultural Aged Care Centre. Please phone the Parish Office on 5278 1343.

R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

At the Rite of Election on Feb 22 in St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, our Catechumens **Nancy Henderson, Hans Mulia, Brendan Grayson and Michelle Rundle** became our **ELECT**, ie approved by the Archbishop to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Our already baptized candidate **Kirsten Day** was also accepted to be received into the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. On the next three 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 **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 elect. **NB:** Readers at the Scrutiny Masses, please note that the readings will be from Year A - see pages 150-155 "Break Open the Word"



DISTRIBUTION OF EASTER INVITATIONS: We require your assistance once again to deliver the Easter invitations that have been left over in the Churches. Please collect from the Parish Office, 147 Separation St Bell Park. We need them delivered this week. Many thanks.

LEGION OF MARY: Annual Prayer Service which includes renewal of members to be held at Holy Family Church, 147 Separation St Bell Park on Sunday 22nd March 1.30pm. All are welcome!



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.

Anyone available to assist in setting up our site at 10am Saturday March 21, please ph David on 0408 378 982.

FR MICK'S LITTLE MATES: All three Parish Schools are connected with the wider Parish as part of our involvement in Relay for Life. The school community, especially the students, are known as **Fr Mick's Little Mates**. On Friday 13th all the P-2 students met at St Pat's, all the 3-4 students met at Holy Family and the 5-6 students at Holy Spirit. There was a variety of activities with the focus on **Celebrate Being Alive**. Fr Mick visited the three schools and did a few laps.

Community News:

- Mar 15...** A CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL FOR MYURAN SUKUMARAN, ANDREW CHAN AND THEIR FAMILIES, WILL BE HELD 7PM AT ST BERNARD'S CHURCH, BELMONT. ALL WELCOME!
- Mar 17...** ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATIONS: Mass at St Mary's 7pm followed by social get-together in the Pioneer Centre with guest musicians, singers and Irish dancers. For catering ph 5222 1977 before Friday March 13.
- Mar 18...** PLAYING THE PASSION: Tom Healey at St Paul's, Geelong West.
- Mar 20...** CLONARD COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Two information sessions 1pm and 4.30pm and a 'See the College at Work' on Monday 23rd March. Contact details 5278 2155.
- Mar 22...** THE GEELONG CHORALE PRESENTS **FOR THE JOY OF SINGING THE CLASSICS 2015:** Bach - Jesu, Meine Freude conducted by Anne Pilgrim, 2-5pm at St Luke's Uniting Church, cnr Barrabool & Scenic Rds Highton. \$12 - music and a'noon tea provided, bookings essential with Anne Pilgrim 0412 524 316 or pandapil@skymesh.com.au
- 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 Suvolto 5222 0403, email ksuolto@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

MARYVILLE NURSING HOMES: Currently have limited vacancies. Phone Cheryl Conder, Director of Nursing on 5221 5299.



IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL: Sunday 15th March, 11am-4pm at St Patrick's School, Britannia St Geelong West. Free entertainment, major auctions including a gourmet dinner for 6 at the Telegraph Hotel, birthday party for 10 children, electric scooter. Stalls include drinks and ice creams, Celtic cakes and jams, showbags, lucky dips, Molly's Lollies and much, much more! The more the merrier, so please come!

ST PATRICK'S PAST PUPILS REUNION - MARCH 17 AT THE SPHINX: Thomsons Rd North Geelong - Enquiries to Shirley 5248 3347.



Week 4: Nepal - Sharing Food for Life

Sarita was struggling to grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot. In 2007 with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish-raising business with 11 others. Now they have a lifelong source of food and income.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help First Australians in remote communities gain the skills to make healthier food choices, building a better future for their families.



/From P1...

John tells us that even when we find ourselves lost in the darkness of our most destructive behaviour, the saving love of Christ is always available to us, inviting us to come out of the darkness into his light.

What a great metaphor the light and dark is for making the best judgments in our own lives. Alarm bells should always ring

when we find ourselves not wanting anyone else to know what we have said or done. Secrecy is often the ally of sin and the more open and transparent we are, the more confident we can be that we are walking as children of the light.

May this Lenten Eucharist enable us to let go

of the desire to condemn others and ourselves, and to receive again the compassionate, just and humble gift of right judgment that helps us to see the darkness for what it is, and keeps us walking in the light of Christ.