



# Pastoral Cluster

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## Reflection... by Richard Leonard

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror.

When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified.

Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised

to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'.

It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will

remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd.

The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church.

We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do.

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## - 4th Sunday of Easter -

*(Year B - April 26, 2015.)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:****5th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading:	Acts 9:26-31
2nd Reading:	1Jn 3:18-24
Gospel:	Jn 15:1-8

**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

### Vincentine 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:

**Apr 27/May 4** - Kolotelo family, 23 Bostock Ave; **May 11/18** - Hoare family, 21 Sycamore 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:** Julijana Vrbanic, Eugenio Siapho, Leo McCusker, Jennifer Hawkins, Stan Klekovic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Hannah Barr, Danilo Rebula, Francis & Leonora Fernandes, Angela Zuclich, Maria Ivelja, Angelo Negro, John & Joseph Brady, John Haines, Rosa & Natale Cucinotta, Giuseppe Ruggeri and 1st Anniv of Vilma Kovacs

**BAPTISMS:** Matilda Ruggles, Finlay and Campbell Brown

**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, May 3, 2015

(1st Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators  
Lectors  
Special Ministers  
Welcomers  
Projectionist

### 8.00AM

R Allum  
V Pavlovic  
J Bartolo, 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  
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

# 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.  
**CALLING ALL HUSBANDS AND DADS** - Join us in celebrating your mothers and wives 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  
**Cost:** \$30  
**Contact:** Trish Stickland 5278 1343



In addition there are other opportunities to support our Philippines focus on Mothers for Mothers. To that end we are supporting Sr Kate, of Our Lady of the Missions and Kuya Centre, who are seeking to empower women in their role as mothers. Ways you can do this are:

### WISH LIST:

- ◆ **Micro Credit Loans** - \$100 loan for a mother to start a small business
- ◆ **Parish Primary School** - \$36 for one year's tuition of a primary school child, \$10 for one uniform for primary school aged child
- ◆ **Night School for Poorer Children** - \$60 to sponsor one night school student for annual tuition; \$20 to sponsor the honorarium of one teacher for one month; \$10 to sponsor the honorarium of one class adviser of night school for one month.
- ◆ **Clinic** - \$50 for x-rays and laboratory tests for one week; \$40 for maintenance medicine for one week; \$30 a week for emergency needs
- ◆ **Kuya Centre** - \$22 for one week's accommodation for street boy at Kuya; \$50 loans for micro credit program
- ◆ **Street Kids Feeding Program** - \$25 to feed sixty street children for one day
- ◆ **Neighbourhood Project** - \$21 for one month's supply of water for a neighbourhood

### RAFFLE:

**1st Prize** is two return tickets to Sydney on Virgin Australia and 2 nights accommodation at The Ibis - Darling Harbour. This prize has been generously donated by Stuart Coffield, Geelong Travel.

A number of Mothers Day pamper packs for subsequent prizes.

Raffle tickets and distribution of Wish Lists will be available after all Masses for the next three weekends or available at the Cluster Office. The cost of the raffle tickets is three for \$5 and will be drawn at the High Tea on May 9th.

*We are seeking a small donation for the hampers, eg meal vouchers, petrol vouchers, chocolates, wine, nuts, glasses, note paper, etc. The possibilities are endless and your support greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in baskets in each of the Churches or at the Cluster Office. Thankyou to those who have donated to date.*

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## SCHOOL MASSES IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER:

- Sun May 3...** First Eucharist for Holy Family School children at Holy Family 9.30am  
" First Eucharist for St Patrick's School children at Ss Peter & Paul's 11am (an additional Mass)
- Fri May 8...** **Mother's Day Mass** - Gr2 children at St Patrick's Chapel
- Sun May 10...** First Eucharist for Holy Family School children at Holy Family 9.30am  
" First Eucharist for St Patrick's School children at Ss Peter & Paul's 11am
- Tues May 12...** **Class Mass** - Gr1/2 children at Holy Family 9.15am
- Sat May 16...** First Eucharist for Holy Spirit School children at Holy Spirit 6pm
- Sun May 17...** First Eucharist for Holy Family School children at Holy Family 9.30am  
" First Eucharist for Holy Spirit School children at Holy Spirit 11am  
" First Eucharist for St Patrick's School children at Ss Peter & Paul's 11am (an additional Mass)

**FAITH FORMATION INSERVICE:** On Friday May 1st the three Primary Schools, with the Cluster team, will have an Inservice. The focus is on **Christian Meditation in the School.**



- ◆ **PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM:** This program is for children from Catholic families who attend a non-Catholic Primary School. The children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The program begins on **SUNDAY 24TH MAY** and finishes on **SUNDAY 7TH JUNE**. The First Eucharist celebrations will be on the 14th and 21st June. **ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 15TH MAY**. For further details contact Bernadette at the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email [cluster@cam.org.au](mailto:cluster@cam.org.au)
- ◆ **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL MELBOURNE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE** will be held 6th May in Holy Spirit Hall, commencing 9.30am with morning tea. Guest speakers include Helen Hunter, Tessa Davis from Anam Cara House and Marg Hayes - CatholicCare. \$15 covers morning tea and lunch. Mass will be celebrated 12noon in Holy Spirit Church. Ladies from the Pastoral Cluster and friends welcome to attend. To help with catering we do require numbers attending by April 4. Contact Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** Our annual Mothers Day Raffle tickets are on sale after Masses today and next week. Tickets are \$1 each and there are 3 prizes: 1st - Set of porcelain canisters, 2nd - Set of QS sheets and QS doona cover, 3rd - Stick mixer. As in previous years we appreciate the support of our parishioners and friends. **Our next meeting on May 4th will be held at Santa Casa, Queenscliff, commencing 10am.** Sr Jean will conduct two sessions of Meditation - \$10/person. Tea/coffee will be provided, BYO lunch. For carpooling please be at Holy Family at 9.15am. **Note: There will be NO evening meeting this month.**

## Community News:

- May 1-3...** **FLY AWAY PETER:** Music at the Basilica presents a Festival of Music in Geelong's Churches commemorating the Centenary of WW1 and Anzac. Eight concerts in various Churches in Geelong. Tickets from GPAC 5225 1200. Gold pass \$95, Silver \$75, Red \$50 and Concerts \$16. Enquiries 5223 3554 or [musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://musicatthebasilica.org.au)
- May 5...** Mr Adrian Commadeur will be speaking at the St Bernard's Church meeting, 74 Fryers Rd Belmont, at 10am. Mr Commadeur is a pioneer leader of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and author of *Spirit in the Church* and *Witness to the World*. All are welcome to attend. Any enquiries please ring Nino Portaro on 5266 1554.

### **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE - SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK TOURS:**

**Apr 29** at 9.15am and **May 6,13&20** at 1.30pm - for further details about enrolment ph 5251 1136 or email [registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au) **Applications for Year 7 enrolments close on Friday May 22.**

- ◆ **ST JOHN OF GOD GEELONG HOSPITAL:** You are invited to a **Time of Prayer** - the Rosary will be prayed for the intentions of the sick and also the special work of Caregivers at SJOG Geelong. You are invited to participate in this time of prayer each Tuesday in May (5/12/19/26) from 1-1.20pm in the Chapel, Level 1, 80 Myers St Geelong. Further information ph 5226 8888

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 4th Sunday of Easter**

*"I am the good shepherd... and I lay down my life for the sheep... and they will heed my voice."* Jn 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what he wants you to do? How do you listen for the response? The answer is usually in 'quiet whispers'. Take time in silent, daily prayer, to hear his answer.

/From P1...

Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them