



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

During World War II, Mary was one of hundreds of Australian women who fell in love with an American soldier. She married her Episcopalian Army Major at the side altar in a Catholic Church in 1945. He was dashing and handsome and by the time it came for him to return to Philadelphia in 1946, they were expecting their first child.

Upon arrival at her new home Mary found that her brave soldier was not as fearless as she thought. He was completely dominated by his aristocratic, wealthy mother who made it clear from the beginning that she opposed the marriage. Mary's life in the family home was a nightmare. The tensions boiled over when Brendan was born. Regardless of the promises his father had made in Australia to have their children baptised Catholics, the soldier waged no war against his mother who declared that if any grandchild of hers was baptised a 'papist' she would disinherit the three of them. The Major buckled under the maternal pressure and demanded that Brendan

be baptised an Episcopalian. Mary was devastated. She gathered her few possessions together, had her son baptised a Catholic and fled home.

In 1950, by now a divorcee, she met Maurice, a wonderful man who wanted to marry her and be a father to Brendan. When they went to see the local parish priest, he told them they could not be married in the Church and if they contracted a civil marriage they ran the risk of going to hell for eternity. They were tough days. Catholicism was one of the reasons Mary left the USA. In turn, the very Church she defended shut her out.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly about marriage and divorce. In Jesus' day only a few women had rights before the law. These were wealthy women from the priestly families. They could divorce their husbands. The vast majority of women, however, were seen as possessions of their father, husband or son. A husband could draw up a divorce writ for any reason he wished and so force his wife out of their home

into destitution or humiliate her by sending her back to her own family. No wonder Jesus lays down the law so strongly about fidelity and commitment. His new interpretation of the Law of Moses defended women's rights to dignity and security.

Every Catholic parish today has parishioners who are divorced and remarried; no doubt some are here at this Mass. In the face of the negative messages you hear, I want you to know how much we admire your often heroic faith, how much God loves you and how grateful we are that you hang in here with us. The problem for the Church is that, on the one hand, we want to keep affirming the permanence of married love, and yet, on the other hand, we have an increasing number of Catholics who are divorcing.

We are caught between the fine ideal Jesus teaches and the frail human condition we all carry in different ways. We have not got the balance right yet.

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- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - October 4, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 7:7-11
2nd Reading: Heb 4:12-13
Gospel: Mk 10:17-30

**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 Friday;

Vincentine Village:

3.00pm 1st & 3rd Monday, (2nd & 4th Communion Service)

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:

Oct 5/12.. Baum family, 96 Heytesbury 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: Aileen Dickers, Donna Haby and Olivia Giampaolo

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Laspada, Vera McGrath, Joseph Gillett Snr, Agnes Tuddenham, Margaret Donnellan, Vlado Zanic, Valli Glynn, Malcolm Fletcher, Josipa Ribaric, Irene and Marjorie Dempsey and 1 year anniversary of Giuseppa Resciniti and Rosina Marruso

BAPTISMS: Zara Evans, Portia Posterino and Adele Stanford

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Gerradine Barry, Tamara Harkness, Sara Hoe, Ted Conole, Eileen Cotter, Cheryl & Joe Lambert, Theo DaCosta, Barbara Mason, Anita Capicchiano, Andrew Murray, Rose Galea

Please note: *After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list . Please phone the office on*

Roster for Next Sunday, October 11, 2015

(2nd 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 Verdrik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

D Ryan

J Ryan

R O'Neill, E Ryan, Sr Noelle

M Brown

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

M Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

R Martin



Kristmas for Kuya

WELCOME TO TET SAMBALE -
PARISH WORKER AT THE MALATE PARISH, MANILA

Tet will be the guest speaker at this year's Kristmas for Kuya function on November 15th. At the luncheon she will share some of her inspirational stories.

Ticket Secretaries:	Jeanette Sheahan	5278 2063
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* If you wish to organise a table contact Trish Stickland on 5278 1343



Kristmas for Kuya

When:	Sunday Nov 15th
Where:	Capri Receptions, Separation St
Time:	12.30pm - Drinks @ bar prices
Tickets:	\$30

Cluster News:

- ◆ **HELP: St Vincent de Paul** is in need of volunteers who are willing to do Hospital Visitations. A rich and rewarding apostolic work as those who are sick are in need of our compassion and friendship. Vacancies exist at Barwon Health and St John of God. For further information phone John McCarthy on 0409 042 393.
- ◆ **PUBLIC ROSARY:** Please join the Legion of Mary for a Public Rosary. As we all know, Australia is in need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God's merciful blessing upon our country through the powerful intercession of Mary our Mother. Join us in praying for our nation on **Saturday October 10th at 11am** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church. Please ph John on 0409 042 393 for more information.
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL: AGM will be held in Holy Spirit Hall on Oct 7th.** The day will commence with lunch from 12noon followed by meeting and guest speaker, Fiona Power, who will give a powerpoint presentation of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ Servant of God, first President of League in 1916. Members please bring along a cake/slice. 2016 membership \$20, Horizon \$20 and Diary \$10 can be paid for on this day. We also hope ladies on our catering list will be with us to share a meal, in appreciation of their continued help and support over the past year. For information or transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK IN AUSTRALIA

World Mental Health Day is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy. It is an initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health and is an annual program held in October to raise public awareness of mental health issues worldwide.

The theme aims to encourage people to personal ownership of their mental health and wellbeing. One in five Australians will experience mental illness this year. We all have a role to play in looking after our own mental health and wellbeing.

When our parishes gather, nearly everyone will know someone who has a mental illness of varying severity and length. Because of the stigma attached to it, few will come forward, but it is there. How can we support people living with the stigma of mental illness?

As a faith community, we can offer spiritual comfort through our prayerful presence in people's lives by acknowledging their pain and supporting them through the healing and recovery process. Everyone can take part in looking after their own wellbeing and good health, which is important to everyone.

It is a reminder to look after our own wellbeing, especially our spiritual wellbeing.

"The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity" - Pope Francis

Fr Mick's Mates

Melbourne Cup Day Chicken & Champagne Luncheon \$20.00

Tuesday November 3rd, 2015

Time 12.00 Noon

Holy Spirit Hall

Bostock Avenue, Manifold Heights



**PRIESTS RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION APPEAL ON
FATHERS DAY:**

Many thanks for your generous contribution of \$3,900.

Cluster Dates for Diary

Oct 20...	Fr Mick's Mates Committee Meeting 4pm re Catering Melb Cup
Oct 31...	Fr Mick's Mates Intersection Collection
Nov 3...	Melbourne Cup Luncheon - Details in next week's Bulletin
Nov 7/8...	Remembrance Masses
Nov 15...	Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon - Capri Receptions
Nov 28...	Cardinal Rodriguez @ St Mary's
Dec 12...	Holy Family Mass of Anointing and Luncheon

Volunteers wanted for "Intersection Collection" (2 hour shifts) All proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates. Please call David on 0408 378 982

Community News:

- Oct 4...** **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC PRESENTS: *St Patrick's Cathedral Choir Melbourne - MAGNIFICAT!*** A concert of sacred choral and organ classics from Palestrina to Rutter. Tickets from trybooking.com/IWAS or at the door \$25 full, \$20 concession, children and school students free. Enquiries 5223 3554.
- Oct 11...** **LIGHT THE DARK: Stand Up for Refugees Rally** 2pm at the State Library, Melbourne. Speakers include Senator Sarah Hanson Young (Australian Greens), Mohammed Baqiri (refugee activist & Afghan refugee), Reza Yarahmahdi (refugee activist and Iranian Kurdish refugee), Boe (former worker on Nauru) and others. Please join and share the facebook event facebook.com/events/1478609402439852
- Oct 22...** **THE INVITATION TO MERCY IN LUKE'S GOSPEL:** Sacred Heart College presents this special presentation given by Rev Dr Michael Trainor AM, 7pm in the Celies Dining Room. Michael's presentation is open to all members of the community and will be followed by supper. Call Rita to reserve a spot 5222 0467 rchiv@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
- Oct 23-25...** **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Invest in your most precious asset - your marriage! This is the last one for 2015 - starts 7pm on Friday and ends 5pm Sunday with accommodation and all meals provided. Information/bookings ph 9733 0997, email vicbookings@wwme.org.au or see our website: wwme.org.au
- Oct 24...** **GRANDMOTHERS AGAINST DETENTION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN: *The Way Ahead Conference*** - 10am-4pm in the Melbourne Town Hall (Swanston Hall, Lower Town Hall) Includes welcome by Dr Gwenda Davey AM with a review of what we have done, collectively and in our electorates across the country plus a panel of speakers.
- Oct 24...** **CLASS OF 1965 SACRED HEART COLLEGE 50 YEAR REUNION:** Members of the Class of 1965 are invited back to Sacred Heart for a reunion to celebrate 50 years. Please contact Kelly Suvoltos, Alumni Officer, on 5222 0403 or ksvoltos@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au for further details.

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS': Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$30. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Berkeley Lodge on Pakington St. For more information and reservations please ph Terry 5221 7339 and check out our website catholicdinersclub.org to learn more.

FAMILIES AND POPE FRANCIS:

XIV Ordinary Synod of Bishops, Rome - 'Vocation & Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World'. This is the second of two synods on the family called by Pope Francis and it starts on 4th October. He is relying on our prayers. Let's pray for this important gathering at Mass and over the next three weeks.

WHAT DOES A PRIEST DO ALL DAY?

The recently relaunched website www.melbournepriest.com features interviews with Bishops and Priests from Melbourne, talking about their vocations and their priestly lives. Take a look at the website, you may see a priest that you know!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER -

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name."

(Gen 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.



Prayer for the Synod on the family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth, we turn to you with trust.

Grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, rejecting violence and division.

May all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

May the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

/From P1...

The Church's remedy to marriage breakdown is an annulment. An annulment is not a Catholic divorce. A civil divorce says the parties that were married are not now. An annulment says that there were factors, often unknown to the couple on the day, which meant that there was never a full and true Christian marriage in the first place. The sacrament is therefore null and void.

Some Catholics, and certainly people who are not Catholic, cannot face up to the long, complex and legal process involved in an annulment. It can be a traumatic experience.

Others argue that the Church might step away from the more recent legal approach to dealing with marriage and, like the Orthodox Churches, use the Sacrament of Penance to nullify the Sacrament of Marriage. Whatever of the process, Christian teaching on this issue must always be metered with compassion.

From 1951 until 1993 Mary and her second husband did not receive the Sacraments. At my encouragement, she instigated annulment proceedings in 1990. In 1993 they received communion for the first time in 42 years. God had never moved away from them, embracing them in

his arms, laying his hands on them every day and blessing them.

At that Nuptial Mass in 1994, Maurice's best man was Brendan, born in Philadelphia in 1946. Maurice had legally adopted Brendan the day after he married Mary. And as we all received communion, with tears streaming down our faces, we understood that it is to human, frail and open hearts that the Kingdom of God belongs.