



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are

discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting.

This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

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Welcome to Tet Sambale

Parish Worker at the Malate Parish, Manila



- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - November 15, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand
before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Christ the King

1st Reading:	Dan 7:13-14
2nd Reading:	Apoc 1:5-8
Gospel:	Mk 18:33-37

**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;

Vincentian 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:

Nov 16: Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave.

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: Livia Zugna

ANNIVERSARIES: Mons James Murray, Geoff Callander, Antun & Marija Fantella and Aleksandra & Frank Wawrowski

BAPTISMS: -

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, Joe Vanjek, Mark Chrimes, Robert Hayes, Ernie Cawthray

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, November 22, 2015

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

F O'Neill

Lectors

L Kelly

Special Ministers

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

Welcomers

L&E Kelly

Projectionist

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

6.00PM

Lectors

G Harrison

Special Ministers

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

5.00PM

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan,

Welcomers

J Cowell

Projectionist

11.00AM

J Fraatz, L Eastman

M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

Cluster News:

- ◆ **PLANNING DAY:** Last Wednesday we had our Planning Day with the parish staff and later in the afternoon, with the Principals of the three Parish Primary Schools. A lot is being planned for the coming 12 months. To assist you with your own planning, details will be forthcoming. Thanks to the Parish Team of Fr Mick, Trish and Bernadette for all their efforts for this important day.
(Fr Gerard)
- ◆ **FR MICK RETREAT:** On Sunday evening Fr Mick will be away on Retreat with other Priests from the Diocese until Friday. We wish Fr Mick a restful and spirit-filled Retreat.
- ◆ **COMMUNION SERVICE: At Holy Spirit on Wednesday Nov 18.**
- ◆ **NO THURSDAY (NOV 19) MASS:** Given that Fr Mick is away and I have an important diocesan meeting that morning in Melbourne, there will be NO Mass on that day.
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** There is a letter/set of envelopes for all contributors (including credit card etc) in the foyer today. They are in order, alphabetically by STREET. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please leave a message for Helen at the Parish Office, or email helen.brislane@cam.org.au. Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.
- ◆ **SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:** Will be held on **Wednesday Nov 18** 12noon in the Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave Manifold Hts. Cost \$10 - all welcome!
- ◆ **MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL** will hold their final meeting for 2015 in Holy Spirit Hall, Bostock Ave - **1.30pm** on **Wednesday 18th November**. All members welcome to attend. For information and transport contact Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ◆ **THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL 'CHRISTMAS APPEAL' COLLECTION** on the weekend of **Dec 5/6**. This appeal will assist all those people in our community who will be going through difficult times during the forthcoming holy season of Christmas.
- ◆ **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS** (Pkts of 8 at \$7) and **COLUMBAN CALENDARS** (\$9) will be available for purchase from the Piety Stall in the Holy Spirit Church from Nov 21 until Dec 20.

UPCOMING PROJECTS IN THE PASTORAL CLUSTER:

1. This Monday the installation of security cameras at Holy Family Church. You may be aware of the recent vandalism against Churches and this is unfortunately a necessary precaution that we are undertaking.
2. Monday through to Wednesday the resurfacing of the steps at the main entrance of Holy Spirit Church. Entrance to the Church during this time will only be available by the side door.
3. The following Monday the upgrade of the lighting at Holy Spirit Church.



Kristmas for Kuya

If you wish to support our major Partnership Fundraiser, you can do so through the Wish List.

WISH LIST

◆ One uniform for Primary Student	\$10
◆ One month's supply of water	\$25
◆ One year's tuition	\$50
◆ Medical supplies for Clinic	\$75
◆ Feeding 100 street children for one day	\$100

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Mr / Mrs / Miss _____

Card Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Contribution Amount: \$ _____

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALLAN ANSELL who was ordained a Permanent Deacon this weekend. Allan has been assisting at the 5pm Mass on Saturdays at Ss Peter & Paul's. The Permanent Diaconate is an ancient ministry that is now being re-introduced. We wish Allan every good wish and blessing in his ministry and Allan offered this note to the community: *I would like to thank everyone at Ss Peter & Paul's for the genuine welcome, the encouragement and the generous guidance over the last four months. I've learned a lot... Ss Peter & Paul's is a wonderful community and it has been a privilege to be part of it. Thankyou!*



Community News:

Nov 19... COME AND HEAR PAUL COLLINS SPEAK ABOUT THE POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL - *Laudato si* (His encyclical on the Environment) at 7.30pm Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St. Admission free. Inquiries ph 5229 0719.

Nov 20... ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL will be offering a unit of study in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in 2016. An introduction will be held 2-3.30pm to learn more about the CPE journey, the process and what is required of participants. To register or for more information please contact Bernadette Wurlod 0417 954 663 Bernadette.Wurlod@sjog.org.au

Nov 28... VISIT OF CARDINAL OSCAR RODRIGUEZ FROM THE HONDURAS: The Cardinal will be celebrating 9am Mass at St Mary of the Angels Basilica. His Eminence will then give a talk on Blessed Oscar Romero, the unofficial patron saint of the Americas and El Salvador, who regularly spoke out about poverty, social injustice, assassinations and torture in this very poor area of the world. Morning Tea in the Hibernian Hall will follow the talk. All are invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Nov 8

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." (Mk 13:26)



We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?", how will you respond.

FR MICK'S MATES

Sincere thanks is due to all those who have supported two recent fundraising events for Fr Mick's Mates. Firstly those who braved the elements last Saturday to "rattle tins" on the corner of Anakie and Ballarat Rd. Their good efforts raised around \$3,000.

Secondly, thanks to all those involved in our ninth Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon. The longevity and success is due to the generous efforts and work of so many.

To the Relay for Life Committee, those who provided food for the event, setup and cleanup of the Hall and the technical support and preparation of Sweeps - a lot of work done by a very good team. Thankyou.

Many thanks to the local businesses who offered donations. They have supported the community and I encourage you in turn to support them.

Ashley Dougherty
Community Care Chemist
Dan Murphy
Great Western Hotel
Parker Steak House
St George Hotel
Woolworths

Brumby's on Minerva
Chemist on the Strand
Fish & Chips on Sepo
Milana's Boutique
Peninsula Hotel
Sir Charles Hotham
Commo Hotel

Buckley's
Chemist Vines Rd
Ferguson Plarre Bell Post
My Chemist Market Square
Post Office Vines Rd
Wool Exchange

Betty & Margaret
Coles Geelong West
Gateway
Petrel Hotel
Sphinx Hotel
White Eagle House

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One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written.

The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way.

John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the

goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he

refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day - until he comes again.