



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus

frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the

Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives.

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- Feast of Christ the King -

(Year B - November 22, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power forever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Sunday of Advent - Year C

1st Reading:	Jer 33:14-16
2nd Reading:	1Thess 3:12-4:2
Gospel:	Lk 21:25-28,34-36

**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:

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 and Elizabeth Kovacs

ANNIVERSARIES: Elaine Richardson, Julia Brady, Hilda Pearson, Kevin Craven, Christine Whiteley, Francesco Amato

BAPTISMS: Emily Burton, Leonardo Drill, Nate Harrison and Charlie McDermott

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



Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon

Last Sunday was another successful Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon. 230 people gathered to enjoy each others company, the hospitality of Capri Receptions and to listen to Tet's inspirational story of working amongst the urban poor of Malate Parish. Tet has 43 years of experience of organising, encouraging and supporting the poor.

The main endeavours of Tet and her co-workers in the Malate parish are centred around securing land tenure for the squatters, providing employment skills training, education, care of the street kids and the provision of health services. Tet was grateful that this impressive array of services in part has been supported by the Pastoral Cluster community.

Special thanks to Trish Stickland who oversaw and organised the function. Also thanks to those who supported her, namely the table captains and those who provided slices and items for the many and varied hampers. The amount raised will be in next week's bulletin.

Tet spoke at all Cluster Masses last weekend and also visited the three parish primary schools last Tuesday and spoke to the children about her work. (Fr Gerard)

A letter from Fr Kevin O'Neill - Missionary Society of St Columban:

Dear Frs Gerard and Mick, Trish, parishioners of the Pastoral Cluster, staff and students of the parish primary schools,

Greetings of peace as you gather to celebrate Kristmas for Kuya. On this the 10th anniversary of the Columban Partnership Program with the Philippines, on behalf of the Columbans I sincerely thank you for your generous support for the Grameen Bank and the Malate Parish. Your support for the livelihood of the poorest of the poor in the Philippines brings hope for a better future for families most in need and their children. Because of your financial support and prayers, the children in particular can look to the future full of dreams for a better life.

My brother, Peter and I, together with the Columbans in Australia and the Philippines, thank you for the support you give to our missionaries and those with whom we are blessed to live and serve. Be assured of our prayers and remembrance for you and your loved ones in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Recently I was in the Philippines and had the chance to spend a few days with my sister Kate. I know she and all at the Kuya center in Manila are very grateful for your support for the staff and students at the center, who have found a safe haven of love and guidance away from the streets of Manila.

Enjoy your time together at this year's Kristmas for Kuya.

God bless - Kevin O'Neill

Sr Kate also sent best wishes and a vote of thanks to the Pastoral Cluster community for all they are doing for Kuya through events such as our Kristmas for Kuya Luncheon.

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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RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

Pastoral Cluster Luncheon...	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
Holy Family Luncheon..	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO casserole & drink to share.
Holy Family Women's Group...	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
St Vincent de Paul...	Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre 7.30pm. Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
Legion of Mary...	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
Baptism Preps	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
Holy Family Choir Practice...	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
Manifold CWL...	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
Italian Mass...	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
Catholic Diners' Club...	Second Tues of each month, 6pm at Berkeley Lodge. Dinner/Guest Speaker - ph Terry on 5221 7339

If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:

www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org



Cluster News:



- ◆ **DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS:** This week the invitations to all known Catholics to our Christmas Second Rite Reconciliation and Christmas Masses will be available for collection. Again we call on you, if you can, to assist with this distribution. The invitations are in alphabetical order according to streets. Thanksgiving Envelopes have been integrated into this distribution.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** On **Sunday Nov 29** after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit there will be a dinner held for the presentation of the Annual Awards for the Knights of the Southern Cross, held at Holy Spirit Hall.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** Magazine is available at the back of all Churches next weekend. Features include: **Icing on the Christmas Cake? Helping the poor - baking for others; Wining and dining with Jesus - a culinary tour of the Bible; Cooking for Community - an invitation into Julie Goodwin's kitchen; Feeding the World - Caritas working for food security, plus much more.**

Community News:

- 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.
- Dec 11... KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Christmas BBQ Breakup 7pm at the home of Louise and Alan Fossey. Cost only \$5 per head. Open invitation to members, ladies and family. BBQ meat and drinks supplied, just bring a salad or a sweet. Phone Joe Lambert 5229 8442 to confirm numbers attending, etc.

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Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so

much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.