



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.

Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world.

We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have

to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world.

Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world.

Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete' as a result of having a baby and yet each

year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world.

The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that:

- our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday;
- our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live;
- our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross.

And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvaries of our world and be Christ-like?

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- Palm Sunday -

(Year C - March 20, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King
of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to
death, dying on the Cross.
Therefore God raised him on high.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**Easter Sunday**

1st Reading:	Acts 10:34,37-43
2nd Reading:	Col 3:1-4
Gospel:	Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

**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.

- ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK -

*We require one Special Minister and one Projectionist for Holy Spirit 7pm Holy Thursday,
on Easter Sunday - one Special Minister for 8am and two for 9.30am at Holy Family,
one commentator for 10am Mass at Holy Spirit. If you can assist please ph Bernadette on 5278 1343*

HOLY THURSDAY:

Holy Spirit - 7.00pm

Commentator

M Carson

Lectors

T McMahan, A Henderson

Special Ministers

M Fiorillo, V Trinder, ***

Projectionist

Music

K Lynch

GOOD FRIDAY:

Holy Family - 3.00pm

Commentator/Narrator

G Tolan

Lectors

M Carson

Projectionist

C Resciniti

EASTER VIGIL:

Holy Family - 7.30pm

Commentator

M Carson

Lectors

M Kroger, D Lunn, P Gizycki, K Taylor

Special Ministers

M Fiorillo, E Kelly, V Resciniti, L Sells

Projectionist

C Resciniti

EASTER SUNDAY:

Holy Family - 8.00am

Commentator

F O'Neill

Lectors

H Maybin

Special Ministers

J Genova, B McFarlane, P Ruggeri, R Allum, **

Projectionist

R Allum

Holy Family - 9.30am

Commentator

M Lukesic

Lector

T McMahan, M Baird

Special Ministers

V Resciniti, P McBride, C Simpson, *, *****

Projectionist

C Resciniti

Holy Spirit - 10am

Commentator

Lector

J McKenzie

Special Ministers

L Stalio, R Pugh, V Trinder

Projectionist

L Coles

Ss Peter & Paul's - 11am

Commentator

M Burn

Lectors

J Fraatz

Special Ministers

M Burn, D Dougherty, P Pollard

Projectionist

B Middleton

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS:	Sr Gabriella McDonald RSM, Elaine Penny and Jack Byrne
ANNIVERSARIES:	Edward & Constance McCormack, Mary O'Loughlin, Rosaria Traficante, Winnie Bohan, Manuel Almeida, Gracinda Rocha, Joaquim Mendes, Joseph Ribaric, Lorenzo Leone and one year anniversary of Johnny Kellett
BAPTISMS:	Ruby Benson, Miles Darburn, Milla Killeen and Lucas Pamvouxoglou
PRAY FOR THE SICK:	Anita Capicchiano, Joe Vanjek, Robert Hayes, Elaine, Aaron & Jennifer Lyall, Helen Lacy, Michael Lacy, Theo DaCosta

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.**

Liturgy in the Cluster:

Mar 21...	7.30pm -	2nd Rite Reconciliation at Holy Spirit Church
Mar 23...	11.30am - 7.30pm -	Mass of Anointing at Holy Spirit Church *** 2nd Rite Reconciliation at Holy Family Church
Mar 24...	7.00pm -	Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Spirit, followed by Adoration
Mar 25...	10.00am - 10.30am - 11.00am - 3.00pm -	Way of the Cross at Ss Peter & Paul's Church Way of the Cross at Holy Family Church Way of the Cross at Holy Spirit Church Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Holy Family Church
Mar 26...	7.30pm -	Easter Vigil at Holy Family Church
Mar 27...	8.00am - 9.30am - 10.00am - 11.00am -	Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Family Church Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Family Church Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Church Easter Sunday Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church



*****ANOINTING MASS:** 11.30am Holy Spirit Church, **Wednesday 23rd March**. This will be followed by a light luncheon in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall. All welcome! CWL members a plate of cake/slice please. For transport contact Tricia Joyce 0431 512 354 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

NB: During Holy Week there are changes to the normal weekday and Saturday evening Mass and Reconciliation timetable. There will be **NO** Mass on Wednesday 9am at Holy Spirit; Thursday 9.15am at Holy Family; Friday 11am at Holy Spirit; Saturday 9am Holy Spirit. **NO** Saturday evening Masses at Ss Peter & Paul's 5pm or Holy Spirit 6pm. Also there is no Saturday Reconciliation at Holy Spirit



Divine Mercy:

3rd April at Holy Spirit with Confession from 1pm, Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayers 2pm and Holy Mass 3pm with Veneration of St Faustina's 1st class Relic. Enquiries: Chris 0407 522 055. *"There is nothing that a person needs more than Divine Mercy"* - St John Paul II

- ♦ **EMERGENCY READERS, COMMENTATORS & SPECIAL MINISTERS:** One of the signs of the times is that for many people life is transient with fluid commitments of work, family, etc which in turn makes it difficult for them to make a regular commitment to a particular Mass. If you are one such person and would like to assist with being a Reader, Commentator and Special Minister, we are seeking people who would be prepared to act as an emergency in one of these roles. What is entailed is you being on an emergency contact list and if the designated Minister was unable to attend, he/she would contact you. If this interests you, please contact Fr Gerard on 5278 1343.

WHO LOVES CHOCOLATE??? WHO DOESN'T!!!

In 2015 Pope Francis said **Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act.** According to ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking) it is estimated that Australians spend about \$2billion on chocolate over Easter. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of these children, by buying only slaver-free chocolate. Slavery-free chocolate will feature on the labels of Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance Certified and Utz Certified. Another action is that you ask the manager of one of the Supermarkets will they supply one of these three mentioned labels of chocolate.

Cluster News:



FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE:

When: Saturday/Sunday March 19th and 20th.

Where: Grinter Reserve, Coppards Rd Newcomb (next to Splashdown)

All invited to join YOUR team at 6.00pm Saturday 19th

BBQ meal - BYO everything!

LAUDATE SI - CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: On March 4th the staff of the three primary schools and parish gathered for a full day of professional development around the Catholic Church's teaching on Care of the Environment. The Pope's Encyclical was the basis of the day. In addition to my own presentation on the Encyclical, Frank Pegan (CEO of Catholic Super), gave an informative paper on Environmental Sustainability Investment by his Organisation and also Chrissie from KOOL Australia (an environmental formation group) made a presentation on how to promote sustainability within the school context). Whilst formation is important, action is more so. The schools are working towards action plans in this area. I am hoping to establish an "Earthcare" group for the parishes. The purpose of this group would be to assist in developing environmentally sustainable strategies for the three parishes. Stay tuned! - *Fr Gerard*

VOTE OF THANKS: To the Pastoral Cluster 'Posties' - many thanks for the distribution of the Easter Invitations.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: A new monthly Journal on things Catholic in the Archdiocese has been launched and it covers a broad and engaging number of articles. This copy is free, but after this the Archdiocese is hoping that, after reading, the people will wish to subscribe. More details on subscriptions will be forthcoming. Numbers are limited so after reading please pass on to other parishioners.

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 'IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL': Come on down **THIS SUNDAY 20TH MARCH, 11am-4pm**. Bring the grandkids! They will love our fun rides, reptile displays and facepainting. We have a garden stall, second-hand books and Killarney's Cafe to relax in and enjoy cake and coffee. Lots of free entertainment for the whole family. St Patrick's Primary School, Britannia St Geelong West.



Community News:

- Mar 20...** **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** The Open Day is to showcase the "vibrant, challenging and rewarding programs and facilities at the College". The Open Day begins at 11am and concludes 2pm. Information Sessions 11am and 12.15pm. Further information www.ignatius.vic.edu.au or ph Claire Hewitt 5251 1136.
- Mar 21...** **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** 9am-12noon or 4pm-6.30pm. For further information or to register online for Open Day go to sjc.vic.edu.au or phone 5226 8100.
- Mar 22...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN DAY:** Sacred Heart is providing prospective students and their families an opportunity to visit the College. There are two tours - one at 4pm followed by an Information Session at 5.30pm and another tour at 5pm followed by an Information Session at 6.30pm. Register online at <http://www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/> or ph Chrissie Johnson on 5222 0490.
- April 3...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AGM:** 1pm in Celi's Dining Room. Starts with Prayer Service followed by AGM ending with a'noon tea. This is inclusive of anyone who was a former student of the College. Enquiries or RSVP ph Kelly Suvoltas, Alumni Officer, on 5222 0403 or alumni@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
- Apr 15-17...** **HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION:** Open Doors Counselling will run their next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend on April 15-17. Rachel's Vineyard retreats have brought hope and healing to thousands of women and men struggling with grief and guilt after an abortion. Please ph 9870 7044 or anne@opendoors.com.au asap as places are filling and we only take small numbers. Numbers will be finalized by **April 5, 2016**.

PROJECT COMPASSION - WEEK 6:

Until recently, people in Dhaniram's village were unaware of the Government's social security schemes that support India's most vulnerable communities. Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, Dhaniram and his community have learnt about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change.



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In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

- He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant;
- He spoke the truth to Pilate;
- He empathised with the women of Jerusalem;
- He forgave those who condemned him;

- He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified.

And here's the rub: in facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise.

If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it - processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a

healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'.