



Pastoral Cluster

Incorporating the Parishes of Holy Family Bell Park, Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West & Holy Spirit Manifold Hts.

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and also to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was

experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation from the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's risen presence are *his* marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today.

You and I know, however, that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for

many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God are greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone.'

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- 2nd Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - April 3, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation.
Alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41
2nd Reading: Apoc 5:11-14
Gospel: Jn 21:1-19



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:

Patricia Baum and Sime Paleka

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dominic Pellizzeri, Gaetano Pino, Leo Consedine, Kit McNamara, Catherine Vickers, Arthur Allison, Betty Dark, Annette Fagan-Nolan

BAPTISMS:

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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.

- ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016 -

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

M Howard

F O'Neill

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, 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, Lucy Vannata

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

M Broekman, D Dougherty

B Middleton

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

L Fossey

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.pastoralclustergeelong.org

Liturgy in the Cluster:

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.
- ♦ **A VERY BIG THANKYOU!** To all associated with the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday ceremonies - all those who attended, but especially singers, musicians, sacristans, lectors, commentators, special ministers, collectors, welcomers and those involved in the setup of the Churches. Also to Bernadette who looked after the rosters for all the ceremonies. A job well done by all and very much appreciated. *(Frs Gerard and Mick)*
- ♦ **SPECIAL THANKS:** To CWL for providing a good lunch after the celebration of Mass with Anointing of the Sick on the Wednesday of Holy Week at Holy Spirit.
- ♦ **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 17th April** and finishes **Sunday 29th May**. The First Eucharist celebrations will be on **29th May and 5th June**. **ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 15TH APRIL**. For further details please contact the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343.

Cluster News:

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: From **Tuesday April 26** through to **Saturday May 21** Fr Albert Tan, a Jesuit Priest, will be residing in the Pastoral Cluster. The purpose of his time with us is to have a different experience of ministry. Fr Albert has had a variety of ministries in the Philippines and Malaysia. He is offering interested people an opportunity to be involved in an Ignatian style Retreat. The essence of such Retreats is that it is a time of prayer, reflection and discernment in a person's normal daily life. The person making the Retreat would meet weekly with Fr Albert and others on the Retreat for approx 1.1/2 hours to share their Retreat journey and to be advised of the focus for the following week. I believe this to be a great opportunity to strengthen and enrich your spiritual life and I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested, please phone the office on 5278 1343. - *Fr Gerard*

RELAY FOR LIFE: To the parishioners of the Cluster, on behalf of the Committee of **Fr Mick's Mates**, thankyou for your support. Your generosity raised **\$16,800** for the Cancer Council of Victoria. We were second in 'total raised' with the winning team raising in excess of **\$24,500**. The Geelong Relay for Life has now passed the four million dollar mark since its start. To the Committee, thankyou for your dedication, generosity in both money and time, and support over the last twelve months. Our total is the second highest for the last ten years, and we have now raised a total of **\$122,993**. Well done! - *David Lunn, Team Captain*



GEELONG INTERCHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK - "Let Them Stay" Campaign:

37 babies and their families are still under threat of deportation to Nauru. Protests have been strong, particularly as these children were all born in Australia. Campaigners are urging Australians to do anything they can to keep the issue on the political agenda. **"Let Them Stay"** banners are available for purchase. Donations large and small are vital in supporting this campaign and may be banked to:

Geelong Interchurch Social Justice, BSB 633000 A/c 151 381 001, Ref: #Let Them Stay

Phone Ian Yule 0419 140 013 or Email iryule@hotmail.com

A banner has been purchased for use in the Cluster.

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:

1. Monday 4th April - change of venue. Movie Night at St Mary's Theatre, \$5 - **The Dressmaker**. Movie and supper only, no meeting. Strict 7pm movie start time.
2. **Weekend at Anglesea** - Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship - **Friday May 20 - Sunday May 22**. \$43 per night, numbers and deposits to Nellie are required urgently to secure your booking.

MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL: Monthly Meeting will be held 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall on **Wednesday 6th April**. Payment for those attending the High Tea can be made on this day. Cluster ladies welcome to attend meeting. For information or transport contact Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

Community News:

- 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**.
- Apr 16... TASTE & SEE: The Parable of the Good Samaritan** - 9.30am-12.30pm at Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville. This is a free event but spaces are limited. Please book online at trybooking.com/KVIJ by Friday 8 April. This session is a chance to be nourished and inspired by stories of people witnessing to God's mercy in some of life's most challenging situations.
- April 21... CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** Featuring Shane Healy, former Radio Executive 3AW and now Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Hear Shane tell his story: **Radio, Rex and Religion** at the CQ Club, 113-123 Queens St Melbourne, 7am-9am. \$45/head, enquiries/bookings 0439 172 465, michael.bohan@menalive.org.au
- May 1... CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA & WAGGA WAGGA** are celebrating their Centenary 1916-2016. Melbourne Diocese Committee are having a **High Tea** 1.30-3.30pm, cost \$55/person, at the Savoy Vibe Hotel, cnr Spencer St and Lt Collins St Melbourne (directly opposite the Southern Cross Station). Former and current League members and friends are welcome to attend. For tickets and information contact Jeanette Sheahan, Melbourne Diocesan Presiden, on 5278 2063.
- May 7... CHANEL COLLEGE REUNION:** For students who attended during the time of the Marist Fathers (1958-1970). Information at trybooking.com/jkra or 0417 333 622.
- May 9... MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC: Greta Bradman Tour 2016** - Acclaimed Australian soprano, concert 7.30pm. Sacred music with songs from her latest album *My Hero* at St Mary's Basilica. Book gretabradman.com or ph 1300 762 545. For more information ph Jeannette 5223 3554.

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Please 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 phone Michael 0431 959 584 and check out our website: www.catholicdinersclub.org to learn more.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: The Easter Edition of Australian Catholics focuses on **A Year of Mercy in the Catholic Church - Mercy of Relationships, Love and Forgiveness Hand in Hand**. Articles include: *True Love - A step by step guide; Tackling Violence Against Women; Listening with Mercy; A Good Health Guide to Friendships*; etc. Plus lots of other good reading! Copies are free.

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 3)

Pope Francis has called the Jubilee of Mercy because, as he says, 'the world and the Church need mercy'. Please pray that young people may respond to the invitation from Christ to bring mercy to our world through offering themselves as consecrated religious or priests. Please also pray for all those who suffer in our Church and our world, that they may know the mercy of God in their lives.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 2nd Sunday of Easter:

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (Jn 20:21)

Peace - the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share his peace and Good News, so too he sends us. As disciples of Jesus we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share his peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

A VOCATION VIEW - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love.

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By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered

the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'