



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

The word *love* has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his

life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness,

kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters. All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behaviour from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends.

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Lest We Forget

- 5th Sunday of Easter -

(Year C - April 24, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29
2nd Reading: Apoc 21:10-14
Gospel: Jn 14:23-29



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:

April - Montalto family, 2 Graylea 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:

Fr Cyril Blake, Wayne Lowery, Luko Banovac, Maureen Grace and Simon Desa

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rocco Menchise, Eileen Featherstone, Angela Zulich, Hannah Barr, Philip & Alice Leyden, Ester Miller, Maria Ivelja, Danilo Rebula, Antonietta, Salvatore & Rosa Valentino, Giovanni & Gennaro Bove and 6 months since death of Petras Papreckas

BAPTISMS:

Louis Cameron, Harry Preiato, Isabelle Street and Lachlan Wojcik

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anita Capicchiano, Joe Vanjek, Robert Hayes, Elaine, Aaron & Jennifer Lyall, Helen Lacy, Michael Lacy, Theo DaCosta, Geraldine Fay

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, MAY 1, 2016 -

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

V Pavlovic

J Bartolo, B McFarlane, I Baulch

K McArthur

R Allum

9.30AM

J Siketa

C&J Taylor

P Carmody, B Kline, D&M Horoba

M&E Hoffman

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

J O'Neill

C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy

M Kroger

11.00AM

C Neilson

B Middleton, M Wright

R Pugh, V Trinder

I Cleary, L Fossey

L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

C O'Brien

Sr J McGonigal

N Neeld, P McGlinchey

B Pleasance

J Leonard

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:

Friday Apr 29...	Class Mass at St Patrick's School, 9.15am Class Mass at Holy Spirit Church, 11am
Sunday May 1...	Welcome & Commitment Mass for children at Holy Family School/Catechetical Program, 9.30am Holy Family Church
Friday May 6...	Mass of Anointing at the Multicultural Centre, 1.30pm
Saturday May 7...	Mothers Day Mass at Holy Spirit Church, 6pm. Students from Gr1/2 and their families present
Sunday May 8...	Mothers Day Mass at Holy Family Church, 9.30am. Students from Gr5/6 and their families present

Cluster News:

A warm welcome to Fr Albert Tan SJ

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

The response to the invitation to this Retreat in Daily Life has been positive. 35 people have enrolled. Given these numbers, there will need to be a number of sessions. This will provide the opportunity for at least one daytime gathering.

The first gathering for ALL participants will be on:

Tuesday April 26 7.30pm Pastoral Cluster Office

- ♦ **ALARM SYSTEM AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S:** In response to the tragic fires of Churches in the Geelong region, an alarm system will be installed at Ss Peter & Paul's. The system will be such to ensure that it is easy to operate but at the same time effective.
- ♦ **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** May 3rd, 7pm at the Pastoral Cluster Centre
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: 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. **"Mothers Day Raffle"** - all proceeds to the Geelong Samaritan House. Tickets \$1, multiple prizes. On sale outside Holy Family Church at 9.30am Mass. Drawn Mothers Day.
- ♦ **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA & WAGGA WAGGA** are celebrating their Centenary 1916-2016. Melbourne Diocese Committee are having a **High Tea** May 1st from 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.
- ♦ **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:** Thankyou to all those supported Project Compassion. The amount raised was \$6.617.60.
- ♦ **CWL:** Tillow Fashion Day at Manifold CWL booked for Wed 27th April has been cancelled. We have now decided to go to Rice Village for lunch on this day at 12noon. All members welcome to come along, booking is essential. If attending and require transport please ph Noella Duggan 5278 2142 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063. We will be meeting in Holy Spirit hall car park at 11.30am to travel out together.

WING AND A PRAYER IS MOVING!

The Chapel at 75 Malop St will cease operation as of Friday 29th April. So as to continue to provide the Geelong region with the only shop stocking religious books and gifts, **Wing and a Prayer** is searching for 5 voluntary helpers to give about 2 hours assistance each week - or 10 to help once each fortnight. Some basic skills and experience will make all the difference. We need people:

1. Who can serve in the shop, use a computer, manage EFTPOS sales, help unpack stock etc, shile shop manager Kerrie attends to the many other duties required. Previous retail experience would be most helpful.
2. Can help to create an email-delivered illustrated catalogue of items which can be emailed regularly to **Wing and a Prayer** patrons.

If you can help or if you know someone who might be happy to assist in either capacity, ph Sr Anne Lourey 5222 1977.



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL IN THE NEWS

You may have read in the Geelong Advertiser and heard on radio 3AW and other media outlets, a story about St Patrick's School around the issue of 'hugging'. My observation was that the media didn't pick up the nuances of what was being presented to the staff and children. In a press statement John Grant wrote the following:

"Let me be clear, St Patrick's School has not applied a blanket ban on hugging. We are simply focussed on teaching all students to respect their own and other people's personal space. We are encouraging students to consider other forms of positive acknowledgement as all students have the right to feel safe and comfortable at school". (John Grant, 18th April 2016)

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my full and unreserved support to John and the staff at St Patrick's School. I believe the children at the school are blessed to have John as their Principal and such a committed and dedicated staff enabling them to grow, learn and develop as they move into an ever-changing and complex world.

You may also be interested to know - I rang John last Saturday after the fire at the Geelong West Presbyterian Church to see if he would be agreeable to me offering St Pat's Chapel for the use of the Geelong West Presbyterian community. His response was: "we are happy to help in any way we can."



Community News:

Apr 25... ANZAC DAY MASS: The annual Catholic War Veterans' Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Basilica at 9am. Representatives of ex-service personnel associations will be attending, as well as elected civic leaders. Attendance at Mass on Anzac Day is a wonderful and valuable way of honouring those who have died in defence of this country.

Apr 30/May 1... WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL: 5 Concerts and 2 Workshops in various churches in Geelong. For enquiries ph 5223 3554 (musicatthebasilica.org.au)

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.

VACANCIES AT MARYVILLE: If you wish to enquire about the vacancies at Maryville, please contact Cheryl Condor, Director of Nursing Maryville Aged Care, 5221 5299.

DIVINE MERCY: In this Holy Year of Mercy, the Deanery is showing a film of **The Original Image of Divine Mercy**, the new documentary that follows the adventurous history of the original painting commissioned by St Faustina Kowalska. The film features appearances of key witnesses, as well as Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles, George Weigel, biographer of St Pope John Paul II, award winning musician Harry Connick Jr. The film has been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. It will be screened in the Plaza Theatre, 150 Yarra St on **Tuesday 26 April at 2pm and 7pm** for a cost of \$7pp. Tickets from the Deanery Office, 150 Yarra St or ph Catherine on 0409 007 913, or by visiting the website: geelongdeanery.cam.org.au

AMORIS LAETITIA: On Friday 8th April Pope Francis published a new papal document called **Amoris Laetitia**, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family life. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Website: catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the Bishops Conference Website.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE: **See the College at Work Tours** by appointment only on Wednesday 20/27 April at 9.15am and Wed 4/11/18 May at 1.30pm. **Applications for Year 7 Enrolment 2017 close on Friday 20 May.** Visit ignatius.vic.edu.au - apply online for a College Prospectus and Enrolment Package. More information ph Gail Myers, Registrar, 5251 1136.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 5th Sunday of Easter:

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." (Jn 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love us back. But it takes courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me.

A VOCATION VIEW - 5th Sunday of Easter

Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of **love one another**? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

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Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for

us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

May this Eucharist then grant us the wisdom to love people and not things. May it help us embrace sacrifice in a way that leads to life and may it give courage to sort out the relationships that affirm our dignity and help us grow in faith, hope and love.