

BRILLIANCE-some insights!

Recently I attended a funeral for an exceptionally good priest and as I was waiting outside after the funeral the priest next to me said; *“What did you think of the homily?”* I casually said that it was *OK*, and he then said to me; *“That the really brilliant homilists so often reveal valuable insights from the readings that I never knew were there.”* When he said that to me I spontaneously said; *“That is just so true!”*

Besides the art of preaching brilliance is revealed where a musical composer is able to compose musical melodies that are simply rare, outstanding and enduring. Some people who come readily to mind would include *Mozart, Leonard Bernstein* as well as *John Lennon* and *Paul McCartney*. Or it could be a newspaper journalist who is able to accurately report on life’s events with a sense of exceptional clarity and insight. In Australia some of these people would include *Paul Kelly, Mark Colvin* and *Kate McClymont*.

How these people do this I am convinced is a combination of natural talent, a deep learning of their field and a good perception as to what people can readily appreciate and remember. Each of these elements naturally feed off each other to create a positive impact.

Jesus of Nazareth was consistently brilliant in his words, gestures and actions as revealed in comments like this; *“People were overwhelmed with amazement as he did all things well.”* (Mark 7, verse 37) *Fr Martin R Maunsell*