



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... (by Richard Leonard SJ)

In years gone by the major focus of this feast of Corpus Christi was a procession that usually concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Many of us have fond memories of Benediction: a bejewelled cope and monstrance, the flickering candles, the Divine Praises and Latin hymns. It all worked to create a magical atmosphere. As richly theatrical as it was, the magical side of it was part of the problem.

In medieval times Catholics rarely received Holy Communion. So much so it was in this context that the Church ruled that we have to communicate at least once a year. In the absence of communion, veneration of the Blessed Sacrament took on a great significance. Seeing the host was thought to impart an intense power. Although in the last 100 years we have been encouraged to receive communion more frequently, the magical properties ascribed to the host persist in some people's devotional thinking.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Eucharist. And although we believe that Christ is present in the Scriptures, the assembly and the ministers of the Church, we hold that Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy and uniqueness.

The Eucharist is not intimate and unique because it is magic. It's not intimate and unique because we gaze upon the elements. The Eucharist is intimate and unique because earthly signs are transformed by God's love, and are consumed in faith. As we eat and drink these elements Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ.

In the fifth century Saint Augustine taught his people that if they truly loved the Eucharist they would become what they eat. The same is true for us today. By receiving into our hands the bread – blessed and broken, the cup – poured and shared, we say 'Amen' to becoming the same in Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love. We commune with God and God with us in the Eucharist so that just as earthly gifts are transformed into Christ so through us will be the entire world, and all things in it.

There is a huge and important difference between grace and magic. One is a trick for show. The other is the power of love, which expresses itself in faith, hope and service.

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- Corpus Christi -

(Year B - June 14, 2009.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord; whoever eats this
bread will live forever. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 38:1,8-11

2nd Reading: 2Cor 5:14-17

Gospel: Mk 4:35-41



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)

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

6.00pm Sat

11am - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Sat

11am - 2nd and 4th Sundays

9.30am - Italian Mass at St Patrick's

Croatian... 11.30am (1,3,4,5th Sunday), 12.30pm (2nd Sunday) - Slovenian... 11.30am (2nd Sunday)

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: 11.15am Wed;

Multicultural Centre: 1.30pm - 1st Fri

Vincentian Village: 3.00pm - Mon

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: June 1 - Dunlop family, May St.

If anyone would like to have our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help Tina Montalto, ph 5278 9314.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

BAPTISMS:

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Commons, Tom Cleary, Julie Wilby, Maria Posadowski

When you have recovered from illness, please phone the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2009.

(3rd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Piety Stall

Flowers (Group 3)

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Readers

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Sacristan

Projectionist

8.00AM

K Saunders

B Rainbow

A Vanjek, C Marcantonio, P Walsh

R&L Allum

A&LVanjek

P Walsh, V Carmody

6.00PM

Sr J McGonigal

M Ercoli

G Wright

C Horan, C Canny, V Logan

T Dunlop

5.00PM

L Middleton

M Gifford

K Maddalena, B Ditkun, M Sleeman

N Neeld

9.30AM

L Lehpamer

H Verdnik, T McMahon, L Lehpamer

C&J Taylor, G de Palma, Sr Concepta, E Glynn

E Dalton, G Carmody

E Hoffman

11.00AM

G Brown

P Murfitt

B Gorman, I Cleary, L Coles, V Trinder

T Cleary, D Brown

11.00AM

Recurring Activities in the Cluster:

- Holy Family Casserole lunch - third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon
- Holy Family Women's Group first Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.30pm
- Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon second Sunday of each month 12noon in the Small Hall
- St Vincent de Paul - Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre, 7.30pm
Ss Peter & Paul's meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays 2pm in the Small Hall
Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
- Baptism Preps - 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
- Children's Liturgy - Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)
Holy Spirit - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am Mass (during school term)
Ss Peter & Paul's - 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11.00am Mass (during school term)
- Playgroup - Holy Spirit Hall - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-5 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5278 3558 or mob 0400 722 726
- Manifold CWL - Holy Spirit Hall - First Tuesdays in the month
- Italian Mass at St Patrick's Chapel - First Thursday of the month
- Geelong Stroke Support group for survivors, partners, carers & families meet in the Holy Spirit Hall.
- Catholic Deanery Solo Group: Dinner at Desma's every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2712.
- Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon: Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.

Cluster News:

KEYS:

In the last month we have upgraded the key and lock systems at Holy Family and Holy Spirit Churches. The purpose was to provide greater safety and better security. This action has prompted a realisation that to better comply with insurance requirements we need to have an updated key register. If you have key(s) to one of the Churches, could you please put your name and indicate which key(s) you hold on the clipboard at the back of the Church.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS:

The three Catholic primary schools in the Cluster are now taking Prep enrolments for 2010. If you intend your child attending one of these schools, please contact the school in your parish for an appointment:

Holy Spirit 5229 8298, Holy Family 5278 4634, St Patrick's 5229 4412.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE:

Could the person with Envelope No 2033 please leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office? Thankyou - *Helen*.

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In a profound poem French Jesuit Didier Rimaud challenges those of us who love the Eucharist to see it linked to the liberation begun in the Exodus, consummated in the Resurrection and working in our world today.

In remembrance of you, We take the bread of Easter in our hands, This Bread do we consume:
It does no longer taste of bitter herbs, nor of unleavened bread.
It is the bread of a land promised us where we shall be set free.

In remembrance of you, We take the wine of Easter at our feast, This wine do we hold dear.
It does no longer taste of bitter springs, nor of dark salty pools.
It is the wine of land promised us where we shall be made whole.

In remembrance of you, From exile we return. In remembrance of you, We walk across the sea!

No wonder the early Christians called the Body and Blood of Christ, 'food for the journey'. May this Eucharist strengthen and embolden us to help God liberate and transform the world through how we spend our lives.

Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ **ST ANTHONY'S:** In the coming weeks you will see a sign "**Expressions of Interest Sought**" in front of St Anthony's School/Church. Over the last couple of years a variety of avenues for the use of the property have been sought. The most recent was a lease arrangement with Clonard College which is no longer operational. The only real option available to us is to put the property on the open market. There is a sadness in having to take this action, because St Anthony's School/Mass Centre has made a valuable contribution to the education of so many, as well as being a significant and vibrant faith community. The generosity of effort of the St Anthony's community is to be applauded and the legacy has been quite extraordinary. In that same spirit of generosity, the decision about the property will be to optimise its legacy for the parish of Holy Spirit and the local community.
- ⇒ **PLAYGROUP:** For 0-5yrs, Monday mornings 9.30-11.30am at Holy Spirit Church Hall, cnr Narmbool St and Bostock Ave. We involve creative play, craft activities, morning tea and outside play. Come and join us for a fun morning. Please call Rita 5278 3558, mob 0400 722 726.
- ⇒ **MANIFOLD PARISH CWL:** **Blume's Fashion Show** will be held in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Bostock Ave on **Tues June 16** commencing at 2pm. \$5 entry includes a'noon tea. CWL members a plate please. Winter collection available to purchase on the day, cash or cheque. Fitting room available, all parishioners welcome to attend. For transport ph Pat Bourke 5278 2422 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.
- ⇒ **AD2000 A JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS OPINION:** June 09 copies now for sale at the SVDP Stall, price \$4. Included in this issue - *Promising Growth at Brisbane's Seminary; Cardinal Pell's Oxford University Interview; Foundation of Faith Series;* plus World News, Book Reviews, Letters.

Ss Peter & Paul's:

- ⇒ **FESTA DI SANT'ANTONIO:** You are invited to celebrate the Feast of St Anthony at St Patrick's Church, Britannia St, on **Sunday June 14**. Mass 11am followed by a procession in the school grounds. Refreshments, music and children's activities will be available all afternoon. *La Confraternita' di Sant'Antonio Geelong vi invita alla Festa di Sant'Antonio: Domenica il 14 Giugno. Luogo: La Chiesa di Saint Patrick; Britannia St, alle ore 11am. Celebranti: Padre Massimo Vodola e Monsignor James Murray. Dopo la Santa Messa: Ci sara una Processione nel cortile della scuola. Ci sara servito un rinfresco, con bevande, panini e spuntini. Ci sara musica e divertimenti per bambini nel pomeriggio.*



Ss Peter & Paul's Luncheon:
Second Sunday of each month, 12noon in the small Hall.

Community News:

June 10... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting 8pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms, Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.

FORMATION OF A CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP:

The Corio-Lara Parish is seeking to set up a Men's Group, which may be of a social, hobby or educational nature. At this stage, views and suggestions are invited on the best way to proceed. Any interested men in the Cluster Parishes are invited to contact Guy Limsowtin 5282 1710, 0418 554 305 or Bill Geerts 5275 6082.

IS THE CHURCH THERE TO SUPPORT THOSE WHOSE RELATIONSHIP HAS ENDED?

Of course. Just one means of support is Centacare Catholic Family Services **Tabor Journey Program**. This is a live-in weekend plus 3 more sessions. This program aims to help the separated, widowed or divorced with the recovery process - to heal the pain, to find peace and to move on to the future with hope. For information or an application form, phone 5221 7055 or click on www.centacaremelbourne.org

