



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 SJ

In the early 1970s there was an edition of *Readers Digest* that told how a jet crashed in the Andes. It was a good case study in moral reasoning. The issue was that some of the survivors of that crash resorted to cannibalism to survive. The question the author posed was, 'Is it ever ethical to eat another human being?'

Whatever the extreme and specific ethical arguments for cannibalism might be, the thought of eating another person is repulsive to most of us. Yet many people outside Catholicism often think that we are Christian cannibals, feasting on Jesus' flesh and blood.

The best traditions in the Church have always been very careful in the language they use about how Jesus is present in the Eucharist. We are not cannibals. We are

not eating Jesus' liver, brain and bones.

In the Catechism when it speaks of the Eucharistic real presence, it never refers to 'Jesus' but always to 'Christ'. The distinction matters. The Eucharist is a Sacrament of Easter. It is the glorified, risen Christ who is wholly and truly present under the form of bread and wine at the Eucharist.

Popular piety and legends that speak too explicitly about the physicality of the Eucharist have not helped us have sensible thinking. As a Catholic I believe that Christ, raised by God from the dead, is truly and personally present to me in the Eucharist. How – is a question that misses the point of the gift.

Chapter six of John's Gospel is a discourse on the Eucharist. It is also, and at the same

time, a discourse about Jesus' passion and death and our mission to follow in his way. For Jesus, the new Moses, not only gives bread to the people, but also in his passion, death and resurrection he gives us himself. This is why the Church has always linked the events at Easter with the celebration of Eucharist.

Why have we been given this unique gift? The Eucharist is not meant to be a feast for a privileged few. It's not a private devotion. It's not meant to be something that only assures us of our own particular salvation. It is meant to be something that empowers all Christians to go out and transform the world with love and goodness for Christ's sake.

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B - August 19, 2012.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Josh 24:1-2,15-18

2nd Reading: Eph 5:21-32

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69



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

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 Tues;

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: Statue will be at the home of Mrs Pat Washington, 10 Shannon Ave until Aug 27

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

MASS AT 'WING AND A PRAYER': Mass is held Mon-Fri 1.05pm in Malop St (next door to Darrel Lea). All welcome!

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Theresa Brain, Fr Victor Bonello (OFM Conv), Ian Hill

ANNIVERSARIES: Sally Matkovic, Anna Mastrosilvestri, Manuel Almeida, Guernino Jerman, Fred Fusea, Gordon Brown, Mary Hogan, Deceased members of Ivetic and Cvitan families

BAPTISMS: Sonny Pavic, Lake Wollek, Hayden & Joshua Zammit (HF), Maisie Boyko, Bailey, Louise & Zoe Shaw (HS)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Heidi Maguire, John Consedine, Gillian Henry, Yvonne Seales, Margaret Donaghy, Rita Duggan-McDonald, Maria Modica, Margaret Straughan, Pat Baum, Ken Gallagher, Theo DaCosta, Bernie Dalton, Jela Perse, Andrew Stocks

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2012.

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

8.00AM

F O'Neill

L Kelly

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

L&E Kelly

9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

E Glynn

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy

P Dickson

C McShanag, G Harrison, E Cotter

M Brown

T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson

G Tolan

A Henderson, G Tolan, Dean Dougherty

R&K Maddalena

11.00AM

M Foley

J Fraatz

H&M Broekman, D Dougherty, M Mirabile, M Foley, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- . **Holy Family Luncheon** - Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO food and 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
Ss Peter & Paul's meet 4th Thursday 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 School - Monday 9.30am-11.30am. 0-3 years Indoor/outdoor play. Ph 5229 8298
- . **Manifold CWL** - Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month
- . **Italian Mass** - First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
- . **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.
- . **Catholic Diners' Club** - Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. 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 PASTORAL CLUSTER:

- Aug 23...** Holy Family Class Mass - Gr 1/2 9.15am at Holy Family Church
- Aug 24...** Holy Spirit Class Mass - Gr 5/6 and Preps 11am at Holy Spirit Church
- Aug 29...** St Patrick's Class Mass - Gr 2 10.15am at St Patrick's Chapel
- Aug 30...** Holy Family Class Mass - Gr Preps 9.15am at Holy Family Church

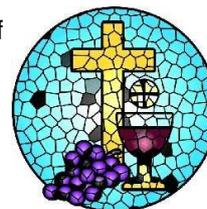
FIRST COMMUNION:

Over the coming weeks there will be several celebrations of First Communion in each parish. Small groups of about 12 will be present at these Parish Masses throughout the rest of July and August.

The Masses that will have these celebrations are:

- Holy Family...** 9.30am Mass on Aug 19&26.
- Holy Spirit...** 11am Mass on Aug 19 and 6pm Mass Aug 18.
- Ss P&P...** 5pm Mass Aug 25 and 11am Mass Aug 26.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.



CATECHETICAL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: *This Sunday at the 9.30am Holy Family Mass we extend a warm welcome to the young people in the Catechetical class who will be beginning their preparation time for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults on **Thurs Oct 18 at 7pm at St Mary's Basilica Geelong**. Adult baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed but wish to receive the Sacrament are most welcome to be candidates. Proof of Catholic Baptism will be required. For more information or to commence this process please contact either Frs Gerard or Mick on 5278 1343. **Enrolments will close at the end of August.**

OBE PARTY FOR THE CLUSTER:

I have been feted for other significant birthdays - 50, 60 and 70. As my 80th approaches, I think it is time that I heeded the words of St Augustine "***With you I am a Christian and for you I am a Priest***". I would like to celebrate this birthday with due recognition to all my fellow Christians who were born in 1932 and therefore celebrate their 80th during 2012. So please keep **Sunday October 7th** free! Further details in coming weeks. (Fr Mick)

Cluster News:

- ◆ **GET TOGETHER:** After catching up briefly with so many of the Holy Family mothers from the 70s and 80s at the recent funeral of Ljerka Lehpamer, Lynn Meek and Vicki Smith thought it would be nice to try and organise a get-together. What if we meet at Lynne's Moorabool Valley Chocolate Tea Rooms at Ballarat Rd Batesford on **Thurs 23 August** at 10am for Morning Tea. Lynne's coffee is the best and she always has lots of cakes and slices at reasonable prices. So spread the word and RSVP to Vicki Smith 5243 4948 or vijsmith48@gmail.com
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY CASSEROLE LUNCH:** This Sunday you are welcomed to attend the monthly Luncheon at Holy Family Community Centre from 12noon onwards. Please BYO to share.
- ◆ **TRAMBOAT CRUISE: CWL Day Out - Monday Sept 10** - \$45 incl cruise, morning tea and lunch. Leaves from Victor Harbour, Docklands, 10.15am. We will travel by train from Geelong, bookings required - ph Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

HOLY FAMILY RAMP:

I'm delighted to announce that the building permit and all the other associated preparatory work for the building of the new ramp is now complete. This means that construction **will begin this coming MONDAY** (Aug 20). The building program is expected to take approx six weeks. This will create obvious inconvenience during that time, primarily entrance to the Church will be via the side door. Also the front of the Church will be a building site and so it will be **off limits** during the construction time. During this time it may be necessary to relocate the Tuesday and Thursday morning Masses to the Community Centre (to be confirmed by the builders at a later date). Whilst this is an inconvenience in the short term, it will be most beneficial in the longer term. Again, on your behalf, we thank Councillors Stretch and Eddie Kontelj for their generous support. Without their support we would not be undertaking this project.

Community News:

- Aug 24...** **FR BOB MAGUIRE** will be guest speaker at a fundraising dinner to support Samaritan House at the Wool Exchange Entertainment Complex, 44 Corio St **7pm for 7.30pm, \$70/head**. Organised by the Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller. Enquiries to Mary Lewis 0412 911 068.
- Aug 25...** **GEELONG IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS - MONGOLIAN FISHMONGER:** 7.30pm at Bell Park Sports Club, Midland Hwy Batesford. Details/bookings ph Julie on 0417 365 614. Members \$25, non-members \$30.
- Aug 26...** **SACRED HEART COLLEGE/ST MARTIN IN THE PINES BALLARAT:** Old Collegians Reunion at 20 Downie Cres Hamlyn Hts, 2pm. All welcome! Enquiries Val Trinder ph 5278 4065.
- Aug 31...** **ELVIS SPECIAL FILM NIGHT:** Plaza Theatre, St Mary's Parish Centre 150 Yarra St, featuring documentary "Elvis 56" followed by an hour of Elvis in 1970. Donation of \$3/head would be appreciated. Door prize, raffles, light supper, everyone welcome!
- Sept 2...** **SONGS OF PRAISE:** Music at the Basilica and the Geelong Community Orchestra invites everyone to Songs of Praise at 3pm. Tickets \$25/20 at the door.
- Sept 13...** **AVAN YU**, winner of 2012 Sydney International Piano Competition and regarded as one of the finest young musicians in the world, is performing at **McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College Newtown**, at 7.30pm. Tickets \$45 adult and \$20 students/conc and available online at shcmusic.com.au or by calling 5221 4211.
- Oct 12-14...** **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Information/bookings ph 9733 0997 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

GEELONG CATHOLIC DEANERY CONCERT:

This concert will be held at Peter Cannon Performing Arts Centre, St Joseph's College (enter from Queens Rd) on **Wed 5th Sept at 7.30pm**. Supper will be served after the performance. Tickets are \$20 and are available from the Deanery Office, 150 Yarra St Geelong or if you like you can phone Jeanette Sheahan for tickets on 5278 2063. Please phone Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913 or 5222 1977 for further information. All proceeds to support Samaritan House Project.



RELAY FOR LIFE:

DAFFODIL DAY: Friday 24 August -

With one in two Australians diagnosed with cancer by age 85, there's every chance your life will be affected. No matter who you are, Daffodil Day is for you. Call 1300 656 585 or visit daffodilday.com.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *Thoughts on Giving:*

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." (Eph 5:15)

A wise person recognises that all we have comes from God. A wise person thanks God every day for all his many blessings. A wise person realises that God has blessed us for a reason and he wants us to be partners with him in his work here on earth.

The Church has always linked what we do away from the Eucharist with what we celebrate at it. This doesn't mean that all of us can rush out and feed the world's poor. It does mean that most of us can assist other groups or people who do precisely that. And it does mean that when we think about who we will vote for as political leaders, we ask about their

platform in relation to those in our country and world who are suffering the most. The former General of the Jesuits, Fr Pedro Arrupe once said, 'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world'.

Sometimes we can think of the Eucharist

as a magical act. Jesus counters such a notion in today's gospel when he tells us that he gives us himself 'for the life of the world'. The Eucharist does not turn us into cannibals; it's meant to make us radicals, radically committed to all God's people everywhere.

