



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

Some years ago, Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru. There he was met by a massive crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped forward to the microphone. Their names were Irene and Viktor Charo. As the huge crowd went quiet, they began to speak to the Pope.

'Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread.' Before a hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish. 'You tell me you hunger for bread.' 'Yes, yes', the millions yelled in reply. 'You tell me you hunger for God', said the Pope and again the crowd swelled with an emphatic 'Yes! Yes!' 'I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread

to be satisfied.'

The Pope then turned to the generals and the wealthy politicians gathered there – many of them devout Catholics – and said very starkly, 'I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back – it belongs to the poor.'

As extraordinary as the Pope's words were that day, Jesus' words about the Eucharist in today's Gospel are even more so. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel many people were so horrified by the claims Jesus makes for the reality of his presence in the Eucharist, they stopped following him. John clearly links Jesus giving himself for the sake of God's kingdom and our redemption, with the communion we share with Him in every Mass.

When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or

a sign of his life to which we say 'Amen'. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ says to us at every Mass, 'Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you.'

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose. /Cont'd P4

Corpus Christi Sunday

(Year A - June 22, 2014.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

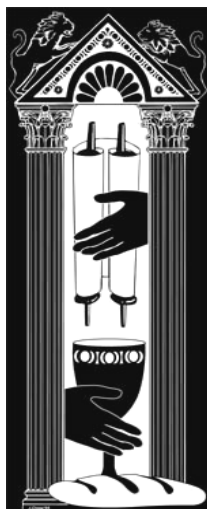
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Ss Peter and Paul

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11
2nd Reading: 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18
Gospel: Mt 16:13-19

**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

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
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

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:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Ivan Jovic, Rachel Peso, Matthew Barr, Margaret McFarlane, Alina Synoradzki, Zlatko Lehpamer, Vjekoslav (Stan) Pogacic, Carmelo, Caterina, Antonio & Stefano Cappolino, Maria & Pisqua Pino, Rocco & Francesca Daniele, Angela Zuclich, Joseph & Maria Posadowski, Stefano Mileto, Josip Dubrovic, Alec Sexton, Rocco Daniele, Maria Francesca DeLuca

MONTH'S MIND:

Francesco Bucolo, Iolanda Marruso

BAPTISMS:

Charlie Stephens-Bourke, Beau Freedman, Abigail Gocentas

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

June Bongiorno, Anna Alvaro, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza, Kath Leary, Terry Hart, Rita Duggan McDonald, Celia Erfort, Theo DaCosta, Tanya Cervek, Monica Duggan, Kathleen Nehill, Julita Aquino, Manuel Almeida, Anita Capicchiano, Juliette Kotorac

Please note:

After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list - please phone the office if you wish names reinserted.

Roster for Next Sunday, June 29, 2014

(5th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

8.00AM

K Saunders

Lectors

B Rainbow

Special Ministers

A Vanjek, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Welcomers

L Allum, P Ruggeri, R Culo

Projectionist

R Allum

9.30AM

A Scaddan

H Verdnik, T McMahon

C&J Taylor, M Fiorillo, I Raj, T Herath

E Dalton

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

6.00PM

J McCarthy

Lectors

J McKenzie, Sr J McGonigal

Special Ministers

G Wright, E Cotter, D Kosmetschke

Welcomers

P Eastman (even months) S Eland (odd)

Projectionist

11.00AM

C Neilson

B Middleton, M Wright

V Trinder, R Pugh

D King, I Cleary, C Kelynack

D Brown (even months), A Boras (odd)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

5.00PM

Commentators

K Maddalena

Lectors

K Maddalena

Special Ministers

T McNair

Welcomers

Projectionist

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 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
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)
 - **Holy Family Choir Practice -** Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church, 7pm
 - **Manifold CWL -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month
 - **Italian Mass -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
 - **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**

Cluster News:

FAREWELL BAZ

The times are a-changing - Basil (Baz) Flynn, the Principal of St Patrick's School, will be leaving the school to take up the position of being the Principal at Clairvaux Primary School, Belmont. Baz has been the Principal at St Pat's for the last nine years and in the 1980's was a teacher there for eight years. Both as a teacher and Principal he has made a significant contribution to the teaching and communal life of the School by his warm, affable personality and effective leadership. In the farewells taken place thus far the children, teachers, parents and the Pastoral Cluster staff, have shown their deep appreciation for what Baz has done. We wish him every blessing in his new role. Jan Fagan, who is presently the Deputy Principal, will take on the role of Acting Principal for the two remaining terms. In the coming weeks the selection process for a new Principal will begin.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S WINTER APPEAL: Winter will soon be upon us and for the poor of our local community this can be a particularly difficult and demanding time. Our SVDP Conferences in Bell Park and Manifold have an impressive outreach. They are seeking your support for their Winter Appeal.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Bell Park - The Winter Appeal will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Family this weekend of 21/22 June.

PHILIPPINES PARTNERSHIP: As part of ongoing formation for our Columban Philippines Partnership, a team will be going to Manila for a week to visit the Columban Parish in Malate and Srs Kate and Claudia at the Kuya Centre. The team consists of nine teachers from the three Pastoral Cluster Primary Schools, Trish Stickland and Fr Gerard. We leave on Sunday June 22nd and return Monday June 30th.

EUCCHARIST COMMITMENT MASSES: We extend a warm welcome to the children and their families at our Commitment Masses over the next two weeks - **Holy Family** on Sunday 22 June at 9.30am, **St Pat's** the weekend of 21/22 June, **Holy Spirit** on Saturday 21st June.

MASS OF ANOINTING: Will be held at the **5pm Mass** on **Saturday June 28th** at Ss Peter & Paul's. As has been the custom in recent times, the Mass of Anointing is celebrated to coincide with the Patron Feast Day of Ss Peter & Paul's. Now that the Hall has been leased, there is no opportunity to provide refreshments after the Mass.

MANIFOLD CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE MEETING: **Wednesday 2nd July, 1.30pm** in the Holy Spirit Hall. Please bring along a wrapped gift for Dutch Auction. Bookings and \$30 payment for Communion Luncheon, Tuesday 29th July at the Pumphouse Hotel Melbourne, can be made at the meeting. For information or transport contact Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063 or Noella Duggan 5278 2142.

RENOVATIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH: The next stage of the restoration work of Holy Spirit is underway. The prime task is to mend the cracks in the external façade. The process involved is known as "stitching" and it is labour and time intensive. The works won't specifically intrude on our regular Mass timetable or Funerals. (There are no weddings during this time).

UPCOMING CLUSTER EVENTS

Dates for your diary -

Sept 10...	MOVIE NIGHT AT ST MARY'S THEATRE: For Fr Mick's Mates - two sessions.
Oct 26...	KRISTMAS FOR KUYA: Philippines Partnership
Nov 4...	MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON at Holy Spirit Hall.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM SR KATE:

Our heartfelt thanks to all involved in the High Tea for Mothers. Our sincere thanks for your generosity and kindness which will benefit many mothers here in the Philippines.

Please extend our thanks to all involved.



COMMUNITY NEWS:

- June 26...** **ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL** will be offering a unit of study in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in 2015. In preparation a Taste and See session (introduction to CPE) will be held at the hospital 1-2.30pm in the Education Room, Clancy House. Come along and learn more about the CPE journey, the CPE process and what is required of CPE participants. To register or for more information please ph Bernadette Wurlod 5563 4588 (Bernadette.Wurlod@sjog.org.au) or Moira Wilding 5215 8739 (moira.wilding@sjog.org.au)
- July 27...** **ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS:** For couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 70th wedding anniversary this year. To be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart and couples will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily ph 9287 5579 imf@cam.org.au. **Registrations close Friday July 11th.**
- Aug 21-23...** **PROCLAIM 2014 - Conference on the New Evangelisation "Living the Joy of the Gospel in Parishes":** Come along to hear what one parish has done to grow from 1400 to 4000 committed parishioners. Workshops will provide practical ideas and tools for participants to take back and apply in the parish. To be held at **The Concourse, Chatswood (Sydney)**. Registrations close June 30th - more info see www.proclaimconference.com.au

ACTION FROM REVIEW:

The over-riding response from you in the Review was the concern and the need for the Parish to better outreach to young people and young families. If you look around the Church on any weekend Liturgy it is clear that young families are often absent from our Eucharistic celebrations. We are endeavouring to gauge why this is so. To that end every opportunity that we have we will be seeking feedback from families. The three questions we will be asking parents at the Baptismal program, Sacramental nights and, hopefully, the parents in our Catholic school system, are three-fold.

- 1. Why do you wish your child to receive the Sacraments?**
- 2. What can the Church do to be more relevant to you and your family?**
- 3. Are there any specific obstacles that stop you from being involved in the Church?**

Hopefully, having listened to the lived experiences of families, we can be a more relevant and life-giving Church for them.

/From P1...

Hence, like the Pope in Peru, many people have linked the reception of the Bread of Life here with the giving of bread which sustains life away from here. On average in our world 26,000 die every day of starvation. John F Kennedy observed in 1961, 'The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it.' We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to.

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, 'while there

is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete'. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness.

Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, 'When I was hungry, did you feed me?' This question says that just as God feeds us, so

we too should and can feed each other.

May this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength of our convictions. May the real food and drink we provide away from this sacred table prove to the world the power of the Eucharist to change us into a people that are good, unifying and loving. And may we not just share with the poor from our excesses, but give them back the food that is rightly theirs.