



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

Recently I was invited to a relative's home for dinner. This family has been having more than a little trouble with their 13-year-old daughter, who is going through a particularly defiant and rebellious stage. The young girl was not happy with the vegetables her mother served at dinner and so she refused to eat them. The uneaten vegetables became the staging ground for an adolescent conflict. Trying to coax the girl into eating, her mother calmly used some lines I'd heard before. 'Wasting food is a sin' and 'There are starving people in the world who would be grateful for what you don't want'. With that the girl jumped up and left the dining room. A few minutes later she returned with an oversized envelope and a marker pen. She began to stuff the food into the envelope and as she did she angrily asked, 'What starving people do you want

me to send these vegetables to?' 'Who said being a parent was easy? Celibacy had never looked better!

In today's Gospel, after the 5,000 have been fed, Jesus says, 'Gather the pieces together that are left over. Let nothing be wasted'. Some of us have never truly been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful our developed world must appear to those who watch their families die of starvation. People who lived through the Depression or have lived through wars often carry the scars of being hungry. To this day some of them are on guard against waste. Others try to numb the memory of want by overindulging. For most of us in the developed world, especially 13-year-old middle-class kids, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity.

Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's Gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more. But this Gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share will be sent away.

There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It's where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do to bring about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for 29,000 people, on average, to die each day because of lack of food and water and the diseases this brings, guilt on our part seems a reasonable response. /Cont'd P4

- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - July 26, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared
amongst us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ex 16:2-4,12-15
2nd Reading: Eph 4:17,20-24
Gospel: Jn 6:24-35

**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;

Vincentine 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:

July 20... DeLuca family, 44 Fairy St.

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: Wendy Hilton and Joanna Hendriks-Polman

ANNIVERSARIES: Cosimo Mileto, Patricia McMahon, Grace Campanile, Matilda Matjasic, Louisa Rodrigues, Peter Javni, Isabel Ramirez, Felix Gravador, Garry Dougherty, Angela Roza, Anna Rezelj, Vito Emanuele (1 month since death) and 1 year anniversary of Brian Dobbyn

BAPTISMS: Mason Ford, Willow Forsyth, Jack Gardas and Eva Stosic

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Gerradine Barry, Tamara Harkness, Sara Hoe, Ted Conole, Eileen Cotter, Cheryl Lambert, Theo DaCosta, Barbara Mason, Anita Capicchiano

Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list . Please phone the office on

Roster for Next Sunday, August 2, 2015

(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, L Greco
M&E Hoffman
C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

J O'Neill
C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy
B Stocks

11.00AM

C Neilson
B Middleton, M Wright
R Pugh
I Cleary, C Kelynack
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

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

Cluster News:

COLLECTIONS AT MASS:

First Collection (after Homily) for the upkeep of the Parish

Second Collection (Offertory) for the Priests: Salary and living expenses of Cluster Clergy:

- 25% to support priests in poorer parishes and sick and retired priests
- 5% for the Archbishop's Diocesan expenses

INVITATION TO SPONSOR A PEW AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

The refurbishment and restoration of Ss Peter & Paul's is almost complete and many people have affirmed the beauty of the work done. We have received expressions of interest from some parishioners to sponsor a pew. The rationale is three-fold:

1. To assist with covering the cost of the refurbishment of the pews
2. Provide people with an opportunity to support a Church that has such a strong and positive association for them
3. To have a perpetual remembrance.

On the practical details the sponsorship would be \$750 per pew. A small plaque, similar to the ones at Holy Family, will be installed at the end of the pew and the selection of the seat will be done randomly. Trish Stickland will be overseeing this project in my absence and she can be contacted for further details on 5278 1343.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

This program is for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to be confirmed. **The program begins on Wednesday Sept 2 and enrolments close Friday August 21st.** For further details phone Bernadette at the Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email cluster@cam.org.au

HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP:

Just a reminder that at our next meeting on **Monday 3rd August** we will be having a Dutch Auction. Could all members please bring an item/s for the table. Many thanks.

Fr Mick's Mates



Sept 2...	Committee Meeting - Cluster Offices 4.00pm
Sept 10...	Movie Night at St Mary's Theatre - Two sessions; all proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates. (Film to be confirmed)
Oct 20...	Committee Meeting - Cluster Offices 4.00pm re catering for Cup Luncheon
Nov 3...	Melbourne Cup Luncheon - Holy Spirit Hall
December...	Christmas Markets - hampers, crafts, relishes etc. Dates to be advised closer to the time.

Volunteers wanted for "Intersection Collection"

Saturday October 31st - 2 hour shifts

All proceeds to Fr Mick's Mates

Please call David 0408 378 982

Community News:

- July 26...** **WINTER CRAFT MARKET:** Indoor market showcasing home grown and handcrafted goods, over 30 stalls - wide variety. Devonshire tea, BBQ, coffee van. 9am-1pm, gold coin donation entry. St Bernard's Church 'Big Space' (beside the parish office) 74 Fryers Rd Highton.
- July 31...** **POPE FRANCIS AND THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME:** 7.30-8.45am at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne. Entry \$20. Guest Speaker - Jacqui Remond, Director Catholic Earthcare Australia. The new encyclical by Pope Francis focuses on our relationship with the whole creation - we are the caretakers for the earth. Enquiries Lucia Brick 9287 5566, (lucia.brick@css.org.au) Bookings trybooking.com/IDMR
- Aug 8...** **MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE OPEN DAY:** 10am-4pm at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St East Melbourne. Join the Sisters of St Joseph as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our Victorian Foundation. Pray in the Chapel, take a tour of the Museum, visit the gift shop and enjoy afternoon tea. All welcome!
- Aug 13-15...** **THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE:** The 2015 Tri-School Musical Production involving students from Clonard, St Joseph's and Sacred Heart Colleges, performing at The Playhouse, GPAC. Tickets \$15 available from Clonard College or ph 5278 2155. Thurs and Fri 7.30pm and Sat 5pm. Also featuring students from Holy Spirit, Herne Hill and Manifold Hts Primary Schools. A great show for the whole family!
- Aug 14...** **ELVIS SPECIAL:** 7.30pm at the Plaza Theatre, St Mary's Parish Centre - 150 Yarra St. **A Night with Elvis** featuring the UK's favourite Elvis songs TV Special plus an hour of songs from the late 60s. Light supper, door prize, raffles. A suggested donation of \$5 per head would be appreciated. All welcome!
- Aug 21-23...** **2015 GEELONG BOOK FAIR:** Hosted by the Rotary Club of Geelong West this annual event raises much needed funds for the Barwon Health Volunteer Transport service, along with other great community programs. There will be thousands of second hand books on sale and a number of local authors in attendance on the day. The book sale takes place at Geelong West Town Hall, with a gold coin donation on entry - Fri 10-5pm, Sat 9-5pm and Sun 10-2pm.

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS:

Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$30. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Berkeley Lodge (previously known as Dromoland House) on Pakington St. For more information and reservations, please ph Terry on 5221 7339 and check out our website: catholicdinersclub.org

LEGION OF MARY:

The Legion of Mary is a lay Catholic Apostolic Movement which began in 1921 in Ireland. It has millions of members throughout the world who, with special devotion to Mary, are at the service of the Church. Legionaries try to assist the Priest and Parish in a deeper love of God especially through the Rosary and the works deemed necessary to foster our Christian calling. St Mary's Church Geelong Legion of Mary are having a special recruitment drive at their Masses this weekend July 25/26. For any enquiries please ph Eugene 0408 298 043, Adela 0409 135 589 or call St Mary's Parish Office on 5222 1977.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" (Jn 6:9)

The miracle of the loaves and fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages - first, no matter how little we have we always have enough to share, and second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let him.

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It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decide to change our priorities, and call for similar changes in a nation's priorities which spends more on bombs than starving babies.

I often wonder what God thinks when he hears wealthy nations say that the reason they refuse to share more with the poor is because these poorer nations often have

unelected despots who divert their country's wealth into Swiss bank accounts or nuclear and conventional weaponry programmes. Even in the face of these complex issues we could find a way to feed the hungry who might, one day, be empowered to take charge of their nations.

'What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?', the 13 year old

asked. To which I wanted to reply, 'Put your own name on the envelope because your own comfort makes you the neediest person in the world'.

May this Eucharist enable us to do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together and nothing is wasted.