



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

The crowds and the disciples in John's Gospel are always getting their wires crossed when they listen to Jesus. They rarely understand his deeper message.

They're like the couple who had been snowbound in Seattle for two weeks. Affectionately they used to call each other 'husband' and 'wife'. They planned to go down to Florida to get some sun. The husband got away from his work one day early and departed for Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day. They were looking forward to quality time together in the bright sunshine. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the husband was told he would have to wait for the overnight redeye special. He tried to appeal to a supervisor, but to no avail.

Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an email, but in his haste he made an error in the email address.

His message arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before. When the grieving widow opened her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and died on the spot. Her family rushed to her room where they saw this message on the screen:

'Dearest wife, _departed yesterday as you know, but just now got checked in._Some confusion at the gate. Appeal was

denied. _Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow. _Your loving husband. _

P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here.'

Following the feeding of the five thousand, the crowd thinks that when Jesus says he is the Bread of Life he is simply referring to the source of their next meal. If this were true it could put a new spin on what some might mean when they use the term 'cafeteria Catholicism'.

Jesus, however, is referring to himself as the fulfilment of all appetites, where we will never be hungry or thirsty again. Appetites are important things. They demand regular attention. Physical appetites tell us that we need nourishment, hydration, exercise or sleep.

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- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - August 2, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1Kg 19:4-8
2nd Reading: Eph 4:30-5:2
Gospel: Jn 6:41-51

**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:

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: Fr Geoffrey Taylor, Paul Hughes, Damiano Modica, Gertrude Coumans-Dariol and Anne Nolen

ANNIVERSARIES: Jozef Lichtenfeld, Alois Iskra, Janina Duraj, Sam Greco, Joseph Hagebols and 1 year anniversary of Joan Gazenbeek

BAPTISMS: Aston Mugavin

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 5278 1343 if you wish names reinserted.*

Roster for Next Sunday, August 9, 2015

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdrik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

D Ryan

J Ryan

R O'Neill, E Ryan, Sr Noelle

M Brown

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

M Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

R Martin

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.pastoralclusterqeelong.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

MELBOURNE CLERGY CONFERENCE: August 3-6 at Torquay. Archbishop Hart has requested all priests to attend. Weekday Masses will be as usual with Fr George Slowinski, Polish Chaplain, kindly assisting.

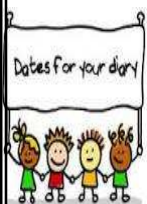
THANKYOU: Many thanks for your generous response for the special collection for Catholic Mission. **\$2035 was donated.**

CATHOLIC CARE: Next weekend the Annual Appeal for CatholicCare will take place in this parish. CatholicCare has been serving and caring for the families of the Archdiocese for 80 years and deserves the support of our Catholic community. Please give generously so its much needed work may continue.

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.

MANIFOLD BRANCH OF CWL: Monthly meeting will be held 1.30pm Wed 5th August in Holy Spirit Hall. Please bring along a wrapped gift for our Dutch Auction to raise funds for the General President's collection, and donated to an organisation who cares for children. A'noon tea will be served. For information/transport ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

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 318 982

Community News:

- Aug 5/12/19/26.. ROSARY ON WEDNESDAYS:** Please join us in reciting Our Lady's Prayer at 1.45pm in Wing and a Prayer Chapel, 75 Malop St Geelong. For more information ph Sera on 0423 041 554. Organised by the Geelong Legion of Mary.
- 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... menALIVE in the City:** St Augustine's Church, just a 2-min walk from Southern Cross Station from 6-7.45pm. Mass will be offered at 5.30pm for any who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity followed by the talk "Sexuality and Intimacy, a frank look at the big issues'. There is no cost for this event. ALL men welcome, not just Catholic men.
- 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 16... MEREDITH PARISH CELEBRATES:** The Parish will celebrate their 140th Anniversary at a Concelebrated Mass at St Joseph's Meredith at 2pm. Principal celebrant Bishop Peter Connors. They also celebrate 175 years since the first Mass was celebrated in the area and 125 years of the dedication of the present St Joseph's Church. A'noon tea will follow in the Meredith Memorial Hall. All welcome!
- " **ORCHESTRA GEELONG:** Proudly presents *Music of the Stage* with conductor Michael Wilding and guest artists Jocelyn and David Mackay. 3pm at the Keith Humble Centre for Performing Arts, The Geelong College, Aphrasia St Newtown. Tickets available at the door or ph Ticketmaster: 5231 5595 or 0409 333 782. Adult \$20/Conc \$15/U16 free.
- 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.
- Aug 22... TIME OUT FOR TLC:** Pastoral Healthcare Network Geelong invites you to a relaxing a'noon of pampering and pastoral healthcare at Geelong Natural Therapies, 36 Shannon Ave Geelong West. Includes hand or foot massage, Myotherapy, Bowen therapy, blood pressure testing and a'noon tea, 1-3pm. Cost \$10 - enquiries 5229 7954.
- Aug 23... ST BERNARD'S MONSTER BOOK FAIR:** Thousands of books, magazines and DVDs at bargain prices 8am-3pm. Come to the 'Big Space' 74 Fryers Rd Highton (beside the Church). Park in the Church carpark.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (Ex 16:4)

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, God calls us to be content with a fair portion and to be willing to share the rest.

/From P1...

We have learnt to read our body's signs and if we ignore them we die. We also have emotional appetites, where we need affection, acceptance and a listening ear. If we ignore these signs our mental health deteriorates and our quality of life is compromised. Jesus, however, also alerts us to our spiritual appetites. These are the needs we have for Him, for meaning and purpose, for faith, hope and love. If we ignore these appetites we can lose

sight of where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going.

As the sixth chapter of John's Gospel goes on, Jesus becomes clearer about the hunger and thirst he has come to fill. And as he does the crowd's wires get uncrossed and they're shocked. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is interested in us fulfilling our physical, emotional and spiritual appetites in this world as a way of glimpsing the life to come in Him,

where all our hungers and thirsts will be fulfilled.

May this Eucharist prepare us for the day when our confirmed departure from this world comes. May there be no confusion at the gate, no need for any appeals and may we be reunited with those we love as we bask in the warmth of the Son's love, as he shows us to our place at the Eternal Banquet.