



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

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 16, 2015.)

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: Joshua 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... 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;

Vincentian 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:

Lucia Resciniti, John Priegl, Maurina Imbrogno, Dana Feola, Petar Jakovljevic and Louisa Tino

ANNIVERSARIES:

Julie DaCosta, Antonio & Maria DeAngelis, Salvatore & Antonietta Valentino, Manuel Almeida & Manuel Almeida Jnr, Bruno Nesci, Caterina Iannuzzi, Rocco Resciniti, Bruno DiCristoforo, Lusiana Lala, Michael, Rosa & Maria Rao, Domenico, Pierina & Santo Caccamo, Chas Edwards, Kate Dempsey and 1 year anniv of Anton Skotnica

BAPTISMS:

Georgia Harris, Inala Hayes and Matilda McMahon

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Gerradine Barry, Tamara Harkness, Sara Hoe, Ted Conole, Eileen Cotter, Cheryl & Joe Lambert, Theo DaCosta, Barbara Mason, Anita Capicchiano, Andrew Murray

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 23, 2015

(4th Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

8.00AM

F O'Neill
L Kelly
L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane
L&E Kelly
R Allum

9.30AM

M Lukesic
M Baird, P Gizycki
D Lunn, P McBride, C Simpson, V Resciniti
A Sare, A/I Dugandzic
C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

6.00PM

M Lacy
M Carson
C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman
M Brown
T McShanag

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

A Henderson
G Tolan
A Henderson, G Tolan,
J Cowell

11.00AM

J Fraatz, L Eastman
M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius
M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski
R Zarb

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:

INVITATION TO SPONSOR A PEW AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S: (Ten still available for sponsorship)

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

PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE:

The Archbishop has asked each parish to pray for vocations each week, especially in the Year for Consecrated Life, called by Pope Francis. As a parish we pray each Sunday for vocations. There is a book mark with a Prayer for Vocations available at the back of each Church.

Pope Francis on Vocations: "Behind every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community. Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer, and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. *Message - Good Shepherd Sunday, 2013.*

MOVIE FESTIVAL for Fr Mick's Mates



When... September 10, 2015
Time... 4pm and 7pm
Where... St Mary's Plaza Theatre & Hibernian Hall
Cost... \$20 - Includes Finger Food, Tea and Coffee served after Movie.
Tickets on sale after all Masses

Cluster Dates for Diary

Sept 10...	Fr Mick's Mates Movie Night
Oct 31...	Fr Mick's Mates Intersection Collection
Nov 3...	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Nov 7/8...	Remembrance Masses
Nov 15...	Kristmas for Kuya - Capri Receptions
Nov 28...	Cardinal Rodriguez @ St Mary's
Dec 12...	Holy Family Mass of Anointing and Luncheon

Community News:

SISTERS OF THE HOLY ANGELS LUNCHEON:

Please come join us on this **Wednesday, August 19**, 12noon in Holy Spirit Hall Bostock Ave. A delicious luncheon for only \$10 - all are most welcome and we would love to see you!

- Aug 21...** **RESPONDING TO EXTREMISM:** Columban Fr Robert McCulloch will speak about his work in Pakistan at Nazareth House Chapel & Hall, Mill St Ballarat. All welcome - entry by donation. Further information ph Carmel 0401 175 045.
- 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.
- Aug 26...** **EXPLORING MERCY?:** Sacred Heart College presents Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB in his presentation which is part of SHC's Circle of Mercy Program. Fr Elio has been described as a "modern, straight talking theologian" and he will explore what is meant by 'Mercy' and the implications and challenges for Catholics today. To be held in Celies Dining Room. To reserve a spot ph Rita on 5222 0467 (rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au) All are welcome and supper will follow.
- Aug 30...** **ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS:** *Church without Frontiers, Mother to All* - Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm to be held in St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne with Archbishop Denis Hart as main Celebrant.
- Sept 13...** **ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA MEMORY WALK & JOG:** *Raising Funds and Awareness for Dementia* - Eastern Park Geelong for all ages and fitness levels. Register now - adult \$25, conc\$15, family \$60, corporate \$85. Call 9816 5746 or visit memorywalk.com.au

LEGION OF MARY: Invites you to a free on day retreat **Queenship of Mary** on Saturday August 22 9.30am-3.30pm in the Holy Family Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. For more info please contact Adela Buaya on 0409 135 589.

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 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"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.

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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.