



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

I have some sympathy for the response of the Jews to Jesus' hard teaching in today's Gospel! For a Jew to be asked to drink blood is as abhorrent as it gets. It is the same as demanding that an ultra Orthodox Jew eat pork!

In almost all the stories in the Gospel of John there are insiders and outsiders, those who understand the message and those who take Jesus too literally and are offended or confused. The flesh and blood given for the life of the world is at one and the same time the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus celebrated in the Eucharist. Jesus was not, literally, offering his arm for his followers to chew! He was referring to the gift he was soon going to give his followers: the example of utter fidelity to God's Kingdom even unto death,

and the meal of that Kingdom, the Eucharist. We are the recipients of both gifts and the commission to live them out. The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation is given to us for our mission in the world today and for our journey toward the World to come.

The other response in today's Gospel gives us great hope. In spite of being confused and deserted by his friends Peter hangs in there with Jesus. He holds on to faith when all the signs show that a hasty retreat may be a better course of action. We all know people who remain faithful in the most extraordinary of circumstances. Some of these we can understand – parents with sick children or spouses with ill partners. It's heroic, but understandable. But sometimes fidelity is heroic and inexplicable: when a spouse

welcomes back his or her partner after an adulterous affair; when a foreign-born priest or religious will not abandon an oppressed community; when a person will fight a just cause and be persecuted all the way to the end. These are powerful signs of faithful love at work too. It's a fine line to know when fidelity is 'dying to self' not 'killing self'. We are called to the former and often seduced by the latter.

James Keenan in his excellent book, 'Virtues for ordinary Christians' says that fidelity is the bottom line of the Christian life. He argues that the Church has spent too much time preaching about 'infidelities' and too little time teaching about those things that strengthen fidelity. 'Each person', he says, 'has two major moral goals in life: to be just and to be faithful'. /Cont'd P4

- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B - August 23, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading:	Deut 4:1-2,6-8
2nd Reading:	James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Gospel:	Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

**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:

Marija Britvic, David Russell, Julie Taylor, Bonnie Wiltshire, Edmund Echter and Fr William O'Mara SJ

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gordon Brown, Kathleen & Ollie McDonald, Francesco & Serafina Lecchino, Giuseppe & Maria Teresa Pitaro, Michael Degoldi, Luigi Fatone and 1 year anniversary of Hannah Dean

BAPTISMS:

William Kilinski

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 30, 2015

(5th 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

11.00AM

G Brown, M Kroger
L Fossey, L Stalio, L Sells
I Cleary, L Coles, S Norris, T Stefek
D Brown (even months), A Boras (odd)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators
Lectors
Special Ministers
Welcomers
Projectionist

5.00PM

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

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 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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION - 1 September 2015 and thereafter:

Next Sunday's bulletin will contain an insert with two prayers composed by Pope Francis - "*A Prayer for our Earth*" and "*A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation*". Please keep the insert in order to pray in your homes on September 1st and thereafter. The 9.15am Mass at Holy Family on September 1st will focus on the Care of Creation. Please come.

HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP:

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday Sept 7**. We will be having a Pizza evening. A heads up for **October 5** - a leisurely chat night with Bingo to boot!

MOVIE FESTIVAL for Fr Mick's Mates



When... Time... Where... Cost... Tickets on sale after all Masses

September 10, 2015
4pm and 7pm
St Mary's Plaza Theatre & Hibernian Hall
\$20 - Includes Finger Food, Tea and Coffee served between sessions

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 Luncheon - Capri Receptions
Nov 28...	Cardinal Rodriguez @ St Mary's
Dec 12...	Holy Family Mass of Anointing and Luncheon

Community News:

- 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 27...** **ANNUAL BISHOP JOE GRECH MEMORIAL COLLOQUIUM:** 20 Years of Migration Policy in Australia: The Church's Pastoral Response - 7pm in the Philipa Brazil Lecture Theatre, Daniel Mannix Bldg, ACU Melbourne. All welcome!
- 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. All welcome!
- 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

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

THANKYOU:
**CatholicCare would like to thank all
parishioners for your generous
donation of \$1,742.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...
As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests their time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

/From P1...

Being faithful to his Father, and to us, sums up what Jesus does for our salvation and is exactly what He calls forth from the disciples in today's Gospel. Perhaps because we too easily think it is something difficult, we presume that being faithful to our friends is hardly a moral issue. Yet once we see that friendship is the key to the moral life then we can come to

see that living the moral life is about the ordinary interactions of our day.

James Keenan writes, "To this end we may need to make more calls, write more letters, cook more dinners, take more strolls, linger a little longer with a friend. We may also need to disengage ourselves from the habit of counting or measuring what the other does or does

not do or say'.

May this Eucharist enable us to respond to the invitation of the Holy One of God to place fidelity and friendship at the centre of our moral life and attend to the everyday activities that will see us live it out.