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Reflection by Richard Leonard

teacher asked her grade one class to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about the task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Beckie was particularly focused on her painting. 'What are you painting Beckie?' asked the teacher. 'I'm painting God, Miss' replied the little girl. 'Well that must be difficult because no one knows what God looks like.' At which Beckie stopped, looked up and confidently announced, 'But they will when I'm finished.'

The names Christians give to God – Father, Son and Spirit – are both ancient and important. But we should never think they exhaust the possibilities of God's reality. Creator, mother, lover, redeemer, Saviour, higher power or friend all go some way to help us put words around our experience of

our God, who is more and beyond all names we can possibly use.

The naming of God, however, is an important, but secondary focus to today's feast. There are two other facets to it that are more central.

The first is that the Trinity declares that relationships are at the very centre of God. We believe that the Father. Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch the divine.

The second extraordinary thing we celebrate today is that the Father invites us into this loving relationship with Him, Jesus and the Spirit. What is especially consoling about this is that we are the only world religion that believes our God took our flesh. So through Jesus' life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love we not only discover who he is, but, at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like.

Some people think themselves unworthy of such invitation. Others argue they have to be a better person to deserve such an offer. While both of these responses to God's invitation are understandable, they fail to take into account that in Jesus we have been made worthy of God's love and if we are waiting to get to a certain level of goodness to deserve God's love, we will wait forever.

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- Corpus Christi -

(Year C - May 29, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek

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:10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1Kg 17:17-24 2nd Reading: Gal 1:11-19 Gospel: Lk 7:11-17



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 <u>Prayer</u>

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park: Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts: Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday Croatian... 11am Sunday 6.00pm Saturday

11am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 11am 2nd & 4th Sundays

Slovenian.. 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

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)

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12noon at Ss P&P, BAPTISMS:

3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

Mon... Holy Family Women's Prayer Group Holy Family Community Centre 10.00am Meditation Group Holy Family Community Centre Tues... 5.30pm

Wed... Prayer of the Church Before 9am Mass Holy Spirit Church

Holy Family Women's Prayer Group 10.00am Holy Family Community Centre Wed...

St Patrick's Chapel Thurs... Italian Prayer Group 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Spirit Church Fri... After 11am Mass Fri... Divine Mercv 3.00pm Holy Spirit Church Sat... Rosary After 9am Mass Holy Spirit Church

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

May 31/June 7: Mileto family, 82 Sladen 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: Marcella D'Aprile and Antonio Croce

ANNIVERSARIES: Clifton Diniz, Anuziata Guarnaccia, Eileen Doherty, Nicholas Hoare Jnr, Salvatore

Danielli, 1 year anniversary of John Bove and 1 month since death of Maria Lombardo

and Kathleen Millns (Ireland)

BAPTISMS: Luca Buttignon-Hayward, Reeve Paddon and Isla Stanfield

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Anita Capicchiano, Joe Vanjek, Robert Hayes, Elaine, Aaron & Jennifer Lyall, Helen

Lacy, Michael Lacy, Theo DaCosta, Geraldine Fay

After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list . Please phone the office on 5278 Please note:

1343 if you wish names reinserted.

- ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016 -

(1st Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY 8.00AM 9.30AM Commentators R Allum J Siketa V Pavlovic **C&J Taylor** Lectors

J Bartolo, B McFarlane, I Baulch P Carmody, B Kline, D&M Horoba **Special Ministers**

Welcomers K McArthur M&E Hoffman **Projectionist** R Allum C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT: 6.00PM 11.00AM Commentators C Neilson

Lectors J O'Neill B Middleton, M Wright **Special Ministers** C Laffy, M Abbott, D Torpy R Pugh, V Trinder

Welcomers I Cleary, L Fossey

Projectionist M Kroger L Coles

Ss PETER & PAUL'S: 5.00PM Commentators C O'Brien Lectors Sr J McGonigal **Special Ministers** N Neeld, P McGlinchey

B Pleasance Welcomers Projectionist J Leonard

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 Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre

Legion of Mary...

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 First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel Italian Mass...

2nd Tues of each month, 6.15pm at Berkeley Lodge. Dinner/Guest Speaker - ph Michael 0431 959 584 Catholic Diners' Club...

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

Liturgy in the Cluster:

Sunday May 29... First Eucharist - Parish Group, Holy Family Church 9.30am

First Eucharist Commitment Mass for St Patrick's Students - 11am at Ss Peter & Paul's. (Additional Mass)

Tuesday May 31... Class Mass - Gr 3/4 Holy Family School 9.15am Mass at the Multicultural Centre - 1.30pm Friday June 3...

Saturday June 4... First Eucharist - Holy Spirit School children, 6pm at Holy Spirit Church Sunday June 5... First Eucharist - Parish Group, 9.30am at Holy Family Church

First Eucharist - Holy Spirit School children, 11am at Holy Spirit Church

Friday June 10... Class Mass - St Patrick's School Gr 1/2, 9.15am Class Mass - Holy Spirit School Gr 1/2, 11am

Cluster News:

- THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: Thankyou all for your continuing regular support. There is a set of envelopes for weekly and monthly contributors in the fover today. They are in order, alphabetically by STREET. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to contribute regularly, using envelopes, credit card or bank transfer. Contact Helen with any queries: <u>helen.brislane@cam.org.au</u> or leave a message at the Parish Office.
- HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: The June meeting will be a Dutch Auction. Please bring goods for auction and bidding with all proceeds going to charity. The July meeting will be our combined Birthday Dinner at the Sphinx, 6.30pm. If attending please notify Peggy or Debbie as soon as possible.
- PLEASE NOTE: The Manifold Branch of CWL will NOT be having their normal monthly meeting on Wednesday 1st **June**. This has been changed until **Wednesday 15th June**. Further details next week.

+St. Vincent de Paul ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S WINTER APPEAL:



In our local Catholic Church in general and in the Pastoral Cluster in particular, we are blessed with an organisation such as St Vincent de Paul. As a group they do terrific work in outreach to those who are in the margin of society by providing support services such as crisis accommodation, domestic violence support, access to budget counselling, life skills courses, legal Neighbors helping neighbors! assistance, as well as the provision of food, clothing and blankets.

There is an opportunity to support the endeavours of Vinnies through a second collection at the Masses at:

- Holy Spirit on the weekend of June 18/19
- Ss Peter & Paul's and Holy Family on the weekend of June 25/26



THE CROATIAN CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC ASSOCIATION -H.K.U.D. 'LADO' ANNUAL CONCERT SPECTATULAR:

Our performers have been working tirelessly to create an array of Croatian songs, dances and music that is sure to warm your hearts. The concert will begin at 5.30pm on Sunday 29th May at McAuley Hall, within the grounds of Sacred Heart College, Aphrasia St Newtown. The cost of each ticket is only \$25 and can be booked online at Eventbrite.com.au

Community News:



FAREWELL BISHOP VINCENT LONG:

Bishop Vincent, who has been the Western Regional Bishop, which includes Geelong, has been appointed the Bishop of the Parramatta Diocese NSW. We have been blessed to have a friendly pastoral Bishop who has done much to encourage and enrich the life of the Church here in Geelong. We wish him every success and blessing in his new appointment. There is an opportunity to say farewell to Bishop Vincent at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1st June at 7pm. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend. No RSVP necessary.

- **June 3... WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL:** Clonard College is holding its inaugural Winter Arts Festival from 5.30-9pm. Featuring live music, theatre and dance performances, kids activities, textile workshops, a night market, food vans and art exhibitions, this festival is one for the whole family. Free entry, all welcome.
- June 4... 'WINTERING': Music at the Basilica presents Rosemary Blake poet, Sonoka Miyake piano, Brighid Mantelli flute, Frank DeRosso organ beautiful poetry with the music of Erik Satie and Claude Debussy. 8pm at St Paul's Church, Latrobe Tce. Tickets at the door \$25/20. Information ph Jeannette 5223 3554.
- June 5... MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: at St Patrick's Cathedral, 11am. Registrations at www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or by contacting 9287 5587 or Lmf@cam.org.au Registration closes Friday May 27.
- **June 8... INVITATION:** Sacred Heart College families and friends are invited to our Family Mass at 7pm at Nazareth Catholic Parish, 6-8 Griffith St Grovedale.
- June 15... THE EVENT: The Sacred Heart College Alumni Association presents an evening of fine dining and the chance to hear Prue Kenny, Legal Counsel for World Vision. 6.30 for 7pm start, Celies Dining Room, SHC. Tickets \$50 for 2-course meal and drinks, available from sacredheartalumni.com.au or via college reception.
- June 17-19.. WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset, your marriage! There is no group sharing, couples and a priest present the weekend which is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Starts 7pm on Friday ending 5pm Sunday with accommodation and all meals provided. Information/bookings ph 9733 0997, email vicbookings@wwme.org.au, or website wwme.org.au
- June 18... SINGING BOHOLANO PRIESTS OF BOHOL: The Jeduthan priests will present a concert at St Mary's Basilica at 7.30pm. This fundraiser will enable the historic churches of Talibon to be rebuilt after the destructive earthquake of 2013. Tickets at \$30 with children u/12 free from St Mary's Parish Office, 150 Yarra St. Ph 5222 1977 or order on Deanery website: geelongdeanery.cam.org.au. A matinee will also be held at St Anthony's Lara on June 18 at 2pm. Tickets available by ph St Francis Xavier Corio parish office on 5275 4120. Cost \$30, children u/12 free. Let's make a difference!

THE ANNUAL DEANERY DINNER will be held at Berkeley Lodge (formerly Dromoland House), 259 Pakington St Geelong West, on **Thursday June 16** at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Guest speaker/entertainer will be John Percy Canovan, a highly successful professional comedian who has made the **Divine Mercy** the main focus of his life in recent years. Tickets \$45pp. Ph Catherine on 0409 007 913, Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063, Desma Dougherty 5244 5459, or order via website <u>geelongdeanery.cam.org.au</u> - press 'Contact Us' button or call into the Deanery Office at 150 Yarra St (St Mary's Parish Office).

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Intertainment Books are now available at the Cluster Office. These books contain vouchers with total value in excess of \$20,000. Price is \$60 per book of which \$12 goes to Fr Mick's Mates.

Discount vouchers are for numerous restaurants, cafes and take-aways in Geelong and Bellarine Peninsula, entertainment venues such as Sovereign Hill, Melbourne Sealife Aquarium, plus Hotel accommodation in Melbourne and interstate.

Vouchers for many retail outlets, Chemist Warehouse, Wine Sellers, car hire and florists. All vouchers valid until **June 1st, 2017.** *Note that this year you can have the book loaded as an "app" on your mobile phone, as it is with you always.*

SPECIAL OFFER: Buy one from the Parish Office before **June 1st** to be in it! *One week to go to be in the draw!*Any questions please call David Lunn on 0408 378 982.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Corpus Christi

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (Lk 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant!

God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

A VOCATION VIEW Corpus Christi

Food usually becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. The more Jesus is given, the more we share him, the more he increases.

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God invites us into the compassionate embrace of the Trinity where we are and as we are, so that we can become all that God knows we can be. We don't have to get good to get God. We have to get God before we can get good.

Let's not be like the small boy who once said to me, 'The feast of the Trinity is all about that old bloke, his younger son and that bird.' On this Trinity Sunday let's celebrate the intimacy and dignity to which we are called by signing ourselves with the focus of our love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.