



St Michael's Parish

Incorporating the Churches of Holy Family Bell Park, Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West & Holy Spirit Manifold Hts.

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Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

In years gone by the major focus of this feast of Corpus Christi was a procession that usually concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Many of us have fond memories of Benediction: a bejewelled cope and monstrance, the flickering candles, the Divine Praises and Latin hymns. It all worked to create a magical atmosphere. As richly theatrical as it was, the magical side of it was part of the problem.

In medieval times Catholics rarely received Holy Communion. So much so it was in this context that the Church ruled that we have to communicate at least once a year. In the absence of communion, veneration of the Blessed Sacrament took on a great significance. Seeing the host was thought to impart an intense power.

Although in the last 100 years we have been encouraged to receive communion more frequently, the magical properties ascribed to the host persist in some people's

devotional thinking.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Eucharist. And although we believe that Christ is present in the Scriptures, the assembly and the ministers of the Church, we hold that Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy and uniqueness.

The Eucharist is not intimate and unique because it is magic. It's not intimate and unique because we gaze upon the elements. The Eucharist is intimate and unique because earthly signs are transformed by God's love, and are consumed in faith. As we eat and drink these elements Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ.

In the fifth century Saint Augustine taught his people that if they truly loved the Eucharist they would become what they eat. The same is true for us today. By receiving

into our hands the bread – blessed and broken, the cup – poured and shared, we say 'Amen' to becoming the same in Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love. We commune with God and God with us in the Eucharist so that just as earthly gifts are transformed into Christ so through us will be the entire world, and all things in it.

There is a huge and important difference between grace and magic. One is a trick for show. The other is the power of love, which expresses itself in faith, hope and service.

In a profound poem French Jesuit Didier Rimaud challenges those of us who love the Eucharist to see it linked to the liberation begun in the Exodus, consummated in the Resurrection and working in our world today.

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- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -

(Year B/2 - June 3, 2018)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

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: Gen 3:9-15

2nd Reading: 2Cor 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mk 3:20-35

**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.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH 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:

11am Sunday

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family:

9.15am Tues (followed by Novena to St Anthony), 9.15am Thurs

Holy Spirit:

9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am 1st Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

McKellar Centre:

10.15am - 1st Tuesday (3rd & 5th Communion Service)

Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Friday;

Elstoft House (formerly Vincentian Village): 3.00pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday, (2nd & 4th Communion Service)

St John of God Hospital: 11.30am every Thursday in SJOG Chapel

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12.30pm 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:

May 21 - June 4: Iannuzzi family, 17 Roxby 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:

Denise Batorski, Clarice (Irene) Mullen, Ida Smarrelli, Clotilde Heurteay and Frederick Haste

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Doherty, Duilio Magurno, Robert Salt, Mary Attiah, Filippo Caccamo, Monique Kelly

BAPTISMS:

Jude Reiffel, Teddy & Hunter Scott

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Aaron Lyall, Anita Capicchiano, Sandra Klinge, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa, Antonio Resciniti, Barry McFarlane



Please note: After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list. Please phone the office on 5278 1343.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Feast of Corpus Christi

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." (Mk 14:23)

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before he gave himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from his cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to him, we know what drinking from his cup means: our own sacrifice - giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do his work on earth.

Roster for Next Sunday

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ss PETER & PAUL'S - 5.00PM

Commentators M Carson
Lectors P Power
Special Ministers P McGlinchey
Welcomers D Dougherty
Projectionist B Middleton
Co-Ordinator M Gifford, 5229 1656

HOLY SPIRIT - 11AM

E Strzelecki
M Martin
E Strzelecki, L Fossey

R Martin

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM

Commentators M Howard
Lectors F O'Neill
Special Ministers R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio
Welcomers C Marcantonio,
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator

9.30AM

C Simpson
D Lunn, A Negro
H Verdrik, M Baird, M Perera, E Glynn
V Resciniti, E Glynn
C Resciniti
J Mann, 0488 784 802

The Kerang train disaster

Do you remember the Kerang train crash in 2007? Eleven people died and 23 were injured. Four children were among the dead. And to make the pain even more unbearable the truck driver (who crashed into the train at a level crossing) was acquitted of 11 charges of culpable driving and 8 counts of negligently causing serious injury by a Supreme Court jury in 2009.

Then followed a Coroner's report in 2011 that reopened the wounds of families of the victims by not identifying someone to blame for the tragedy. The Coroner found there were many reasons for the deaths: inadequate infrastructure and warning systems at the state's level crossings, lack of coordination of emergency services and lack of first aid equipment on trains and tools for removing seats in the event of a crash etc. And finally just random accident.

But the families of some victims said they were expecting more from the recommendations. What they wanted was someone to blame. One devastated parent said: "We don't feel like we've achieved anything; we don't feel like anyone's put their hand up and said they're to blame. Who's to blame? Someone has to be blamed but who is it?" Another said: "I haven't had any satisfaction yet from any investigation that has taken place and I don't think that we're going to find any satisfaction here because we still have so many questions that are unanswered." When asked what questions she wanted answered she replied simply: "Who was to blame?"

It's hard to acknowledge the unavoidable randomness of life events. As a result of this Coroner's enquiry (and others as well) the state's crossings are being upgraded, changes have been made to emergency services (e.g. the rural ambulance service is now part of Ambulance Victoria), coordination of and communication between emergency services agencies has been overhauled, trucks now have to have their brakes checked regularly and trains now have emergency equipment. But all of that amounts to nothing without someone to blame. Because tragedy breeds anger and anger demands retribution. And without retribution victims feel unsatisfied.

Jesus gave us a way out of this impasse. He said we must let go of resentments and forgive those who have wronged us so that we ourselves may experience God's forgiveness. Pope Francis said: "This can be particularly difficult when we carry with us a list of things that have been done to us. God's forgiveness is felt strongly within us as long as we forgive others. And this isn't easy because grudges make a nest in our heart and there is always that bitterness."

Francis said: "Accusing ourselves is the first step toward forgiveness. To accuse one's self is part of Christian wisdom. No, not accusing others; accusing ourselves." When we get into the habit of reflecting on our own shortcomings it is easier to forgive the shortcomings of those other fellow travelers on this earth.

Let us forgive each other. Only then will we find peace. (Leo Tolstoy)
When you forgive you in no way change the past - but you sure do change the future.

(Kevin Fell)



St Michael's News:

- ♦ **EUCCHARIST:** Starting in June and continuing through the colder months, a decision has been made to offer Eucharist of one type **only** at our Masses. This will be re-addressed in September.
- ♦ **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** There is a set of envelopes for all **weekly and monthly** contributors in the foyer today. With changes to Masses some people may now go to a different Church in the Parish. If you can't see your set of envelopes in the back of this Church today, please contact the Office to see where they were sent. Please let us know which Church you prefer for next time. They are in order, alphabetically by **STREET**. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to start giving. If pledge information on your receipt needs to be updated, please contact Bernadette on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au. Thankyou all for your continuing regular support.
- ♦ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION, FRIENDSHIP CRAFT GROUP:** You are all welcome to attend the craft conversation friendship group. Contact Debbie on 0409 416 945 for further details. Dates are June 15 and June 29; further dates will be added based on attendance. Fortnightly on Fridays 2-4pm (excluding public holidays and school holiday periods) at St Michael's Parish Community Centre.
- ♦ **HELP NEEDED FOR THE BREAD RUN (FOR THE VINNIES):** Only on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6-7pm for one hour only, from Highton Baker's Delight to 15 McClelland St Bell Park. If you can help please contact Sr Concepta on 5277 3620 or 0421 470 490.
- ♦ **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** Parish Edition Winter 2018 - In this edition we look at many of the issues that require a vigorous defence of life, protecting and celebrating life in all its fullness. Available now in all Churches.
- ♦ **THANKYOU:** Helen, Bernie Stocks and family say 'thankyou' to parishioners for prayers, expressions of sympathy and for their attendance at Mass following the death of their dearly loved son and brother - Andrew.
- ♦ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP:** To all members - a Dutch Auction will be held at 6.30pm on Monday 4th June. See you all there!
- ♦ **CWL:** The next meeting of the Manifold branch of the CWL will be held on **Wednesday 6th June**, 1.30pm in Holy Spirit Hall. All St Michael's Parish ladies are most welcome. For transport please contact Bernadette 0417 514 598 or Noella Duggan 5278 2142.

FATHER MICK'S MATES:

Thankyou to the parishioners of St Michael's. Our team was formed in 2007 and in the last 12 years through your participation and generosity, we have raised **\$146,090.50** for the Vic Cancer Council. All funds raised are used for research in fighting this deadly disease. The organising committee has decided to continue for another year as long as **YOU** continue to support our "fundraisers", and we would welcome further assistance in setting up and cleaning up at our functions.

Planned Fundraising:

October... Distribution of Rotary Raffle Books at all Masses

Nov 6... Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon

December... Christmas Stalls at each Church. (Due to workload, Hampers will need to be 'ordered' for pick-up after Masses. Details later.)

Feb 2019... Movie Night at Barton St Lifestyle Village

Mar 2/3... Relay for Life Weekend - St Albans Reserve, Whittington.

Over the last two years we have not held "Registration Campaigns, cost of \$25 per adult" for the weekend event, as the numbers participating reduced significantly. This year Fr Prakash has agreed to hold a Leaving Collection for those who would like to contribute to the Cancer Council. Date to be finalized in August or September.



On behalf of the Committee again I thank you for your generosity and trust that it will continue in memory of Fr Mick. Any questions or clarification please contact David Lunn on 0408 378 982.

Community News:

June 10... **FOR THE JOY OF SINGING THE CLASSICS 2018:** The Geelong Chorale invites you to St Luke's Uniting Church, cnr Barrabool & Scenic Rds Highton 2-5pm. \$15 - music and a'noon tea included. Bookings essential with Anne Pilgrim pandapilgrim@gmail.com or ph 0412 524 316.

June 15... **THE FIRST FIVE YEARS:** A Seminar celebrating Pope Francis's pastoral vision of Mercy, Justice, Love and Care for the Earth, 10am-3pm at the Oratory, Newman College 887 Swanston St Parkville with various speakers. Events are free - please book ASAP by email / BYO Lunch. Further information ph Br Mark O'Connor on 9389 3106 mark.oconnor@marist.org.au

June 21... **PEOPLE COME FIRST:** Bro Mark O'Connor, Pope Francis Fellow, Newman College University of Melbourne, will give a reflection on the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis at St Bernard's Church, Fryers Rd Belmont, at 7.30pm. Presented by the Geelong Catholic Deanery, Bro Mark will speak on the pastoral revolution of Pope Francis during his five years in office and his emphasis on "**the first and living rule is the person of Jesus Christ, his humility, his gentleness, his joy and his love**". Everyone across the Deanery is welcome to attend. For further enquiries please contact Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913.

June 22... **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Social Luncheon/Meeting - ladies invited to attend. 12noon at White Eagle, Fellmongers Rd Breakwater. Opportunity to gather together and keep up to date with Branch activities. For bookings ph Frank Khan on 5243 4926.

June 21-23... **HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Cost \$199 (see our website for other registration options). Venue: Ibis Melbourne. To register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com Ph: 1300 734 880

June 28... **VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT:** The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is one of the highest profile corporate fundraisers for addressing homelessness and poverty. For the first time in regional Victoria, Geelong is having its own CEO Sleepout at the GMHBA Stadium thanks to the Kardinia Park Stadium Trust. Further information or to register please visit ceosleepout.org.au or contact our CEO Sleepout Manager at Melbourne@ceosleepout.org.au

♦ **GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB:** Come joinus for a 2-course evening meal, an interesting guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends. Appetisers begin 6.15pm on **Tuesday 12 June** followed by the meal for only \$33 per person. We meet at Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St Geelong West. Guest speaker - Michael Killingworth, pilot and frequent competitor in the Dakar Rally held in South America. More information/reservations **Michael belleville at 0431 959 584 by Friday 8 June**, the deadline for catering purposes.

♦ **SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG:** An overnight crisis home for homeless men which rely on your generosity. Please consider making a donation to our Winter Appeal so we can continue to provide a place of warmth, sanctuary and hope. Donations are fully tax deductible and can be made directly through samaritanhousegeelong.com.au

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*In remembrance of you, We take the bread
of Easter in our hands,
This Bread do we consume: It does no
longer taste of bitter herbs, nor of
unleavened bread.
It is the bread of a land promised us where
we shall be set free.*

*In remembrance of you, We take the wine of
Easter at our feast,
This wine do we hold dear. It does no longer
taste of bitter springs, nor of dark salty pools.
It is the wine of land promised us where we
shall be made whole.
In remembrance of you, From exile we return.*

*In remembrance of you, We walk across the
sea!
No wonder the early Christians called the
Body and Blood of Christ, 'food for the
journey'. May this Eucharist strengthen and
embolden us to help God liberate and
transform the world through how we spend
our lives.*