



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

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. 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.

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- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year B/2 - August 5, 2018)

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.

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:

August 6-20: Spitale family, 4 Marathon Ave;

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:

Vin Spina, Marijan Jelenic and Dragan Gunjaca

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anna Rezelj, Sante Greco, Diane & James Horoba, Joseph Lichtenfeld, Eugene Guardiano, Antonietta, Rosa & Salvatore Valentino, Giovanni Bove, Margaret Callander Carmody, Joan Gazenbeek, Raffaele Gulli, Kevin O'Brien, Ercole Iezzi, Michael Palmieri

BAPTISMS:

Campbell Carson, Edward Healy, Byron and Lincoln Lindner

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Aaron Lyall, Anita Capicchiano, Sandra Klinge, Cheryl Lambert, Ana Siketa, Brian Biviano



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." (Exodus 16:4)

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money.

Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our 'wants' from our 'needs'. Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

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
V Trinder

R Martin

HOLY FAMILY

8.00AM
Commentators M Howard
Lectors F O'Neill
Special Ministers R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio
Welcomers C Marcantonio, L Allum
Projectionist R Allum
Co-Ordinator L Kelly, 0409 291 138

9.30AM

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

It depends on the way you look at it

Many writers, in trying to explain the administrative structures of the Vatican, say the role of a representative Synod of Bishops and all other the regional synods around the world is to “**supplement** the work of the Curia (which is the administrative bureaucracy located in Rome made up of congregations, councils and commissions) in helping the pope govern the Church”. Francis has emphatically rejected that interpretation. He says the Curia’s role is to **supplement and support** the work of all the local synods spread across the globe. It all depends on whether you see the Church working under a centralized model or whether you see it in terms of a widely shared authority under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The upcoming Australian Plenary Council in 2020 is part of a process of decentralizing Church authority. To capture the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking through the minds of the widest cross section of those committed to the gospel’s messages. What can this Plenary Council possibly achieve? A problem in answering this question relates to the difficulty of figuring out the language in the documents explaining its aims. The specialized jargon, the abstract language and the convoluted grammar makes its message inaccessible even to highly educated Catholics.

The first requirement of documents preceding this Council is to have a clear idea of your target audience. In this case it includes lay people. A second requirement is to use language that is comprehensible to that audience. If the aim of the documents explaining the Council is to mobilize the thinking (‘discernment’ in ecclesiastical jargon) of the widest cross section of Catholics it has failed in its job so far. The concept of consultation is admirable. After all, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit is breathed into the soul of every Christian in varying doses. To try to discern that tiny voice of the Spirit speaking through all the voices in the Church is a worthwhile thing to do. Having done this kind of thing so little in the past 1,700 years, more skill in implementation is needed. So the Church needs to persist in what is an admirable aim. But its style of communication needs a drastic overhaul.

All committed Christians have concepts that have been put into their heads by the Holy Spirit, distilling (from the gospels and their life experiences) ideas about how the Church should go about its business of spreading Jesus’ message. But most of us outside the clergy have not been equipped with the specialized language (i.e. the theological discourse) to explain those ideas in a forum managed by the priestly caste.

The first major challenge is for the Plenary Council to describe the great social changes that challenge Catholics in Australia in intelligible language. That’s really difficult because across the 1.2 billion Catholics in the world there are great differences in social circumstances and there is great variation in the development of the kind of secular attitudes that dominate Western cultures.

Just to take one example: some cultures are antagonist to or slow to embrace the right of women to equality. Another example is that many societies are uncomfortable with the concept that children might have rights and they view the Australian way of rearing children as irresponsibly permissive. In our own society recently the clergy faced the problem that surveys revealed that a majority of Catholics support same-sex marriage; and, if the surveys are to be believed, in greater percentages than in the community as a whole. It’s not good enough to dismiss this with the words: “Lapsed Catholics”.

You and I know many diligent churchgoers and loyal Catholics who hold that view. How can such challenges be articulated prior to the Plenary Council in language that faces the realities and is accessible to all? We will never find solutions until we’ve clearly articulated the problems so everyone is on the same page.

(Kevin Fell)

Liturgy at St Michael’s:

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:

Aug 15...	Whole School Mass Holy Family School	9.15am Holy Family Church
	Whole School Mass Holy Spirit School	9.30am Holy Spirit Church
	Whole School Mass St Patrick’s School	12.30pm St Patrick’s School
	Evening Mass	5.30pm Ss Peter & Paul’s Church



CONFIRMATION MASSES:

Aug 18...	11am - Holy Family Church for Holy Family School Confirmation
	2pm - Holy Family Church for Holy Spirit School Confirmation

Aug 23...	Class Mass - Gr Prep, 9.15am Holy Family Church
Aug 26...	First Eucharist for Children in Non Catholic Schools - 2pm Holy Family Church
Aug 30...	Class Mass - Gr 3/4, 9.15am Holy Family Church
Sept 6...	Class Mass - Gr 1/2, 9.15am Holy Family Church



St Michael's News:



- ◆ **WE WELCOME AND PRAY:** For Akec Deng Piu and Eilene Maqdas-Haso who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend.
- ◆ **EUCCHARIST:** 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.
- ◆ **HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP: Monday 6th August at 6.30pm** is Movie Night. Come along and enjoy friendship and laughter. See you all there!
- ◆ **ST MICHAEL'S CONVERSATION/CRAFT GROUP:** Ladies - are you interested in meeting new people? Do you want to experience informal conversation practice and improve your conversation? **We promote cultural inclusiveness and building strong St Michael's Community bonds.** Bring along your current craft project, hobby, or just come sit and chat and be part of the St Michael's Conversation Craft Group. Contact Debbie 0409 416 945. We meet at Holy Family Community Centre, 147 Separation Street, 2-5pm on 10 Aug, 24 Aug, 7 Sep, 21 Sep, 5 Oct, 19 Oct, 2 Nov, 16 Nov, 30 Nov.

Community News:

- Aug 12...** **INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY:** St Mary's Parish Young Adult Group would like to invite you to attend a Youth Day Mass Celebration at St Mary's Basilica 5.30pm followed by a Pizza Night. More information ph Joanne on 0451 818 596 or email: jmascare@deakin.edu.au
- Aug 14...** **LIFEBOAT GEELONG:** A Fundraiser will be held at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club from 5.30-7.30pm with guest speaker Brian Cook, CEO of the Geelong Football Club. Finger food is provided and tickets are \$60/person. Please purchase online at lifeboatgeelong.com.au
- Aug 19...** **ANNUAL SILENT RETREAT, QUEENSCLIFF:** A ministry of hospitality provided by the Anglican community of St George's and St James' in the Borough of Queenscliff. Retreat, catering and accommodation single rooms (3 nights) - \$375. Details: admin@queenscliffonsdaleanglican.org or ph 5258 4624. Registration closes **Sunday 15 August.**
- Aug 23...** **CIRCLE OF MERCY:** Sacred Heart College are holding our third Circle of Mercy Community Evening for this year from 7-8.30pm in the Celies Hospitalit Centre, Aphrasia St entrance with light refreshments afterwards. Fr Richard Leonard will present **Why Express Faith at All?** RSVP to Rita Chiavaroli by email: rsvp@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au or ph 5222 0467 by **Friday August 17.**

CALLING 'YOUNG ADULT' MUSICIANS AND SINGERS: You are invited to join with St Mary's Young Adult Group to deliver a set of outstanding music at the Youth Day Mass (see notice above) which will be run by Rebecca Hay. Practices August 6, 6pm-8.30pm in the Mackillop Room at St Mary's **and** Sunday August 12, 4pm (prior to Mass) in the Sodalities Room in the Church. More information contact Joanne on 0451 818 596 or email jmascare@deakin.edu.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FURNITURE: St Vincent de Paul now have a storage area opposite the South Geelong Vinnies store. This is being used to house furniture items to be handed to welfare clients by the various Geelong Conferences. We could handle more items now with the extra storage space and increased demand, and ask if you have any unused items - particularly mattresses, bases, kitchen tables/chairs, lounge suites that are in good condition to supply our needs for welfare recipients. To donate ph 1800 621 349 to arrange a pickup. (Geelong area only). Also SVDP are looking for new members to assist Conferences with visits to people in need of assistance. If anyone can spare about three hours per week please contact geelong.re.pres@svdp-vic.org.au or ph 5229 4852.

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, an interesting guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends. We are open to members of all faiths. Appetisers begin at 6.15pm on **Tuesday 14 August** followed by the meal for only \$33/person. We meet at **Capri Receptions**, 258 Pakington St Geelong West. Guest speaker for this month is **Deb O'Brien** who will be speaking to us about the Red Cross in Australia and overseas. For more information/reservations please phone or text **Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584** by Friday 10 August, the deadline for catering purposes.

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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.