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REFLECTION ON GOSPEL

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 confirma-

tion 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. 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.

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This Week

SUNDAY 2nd

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Sunday

MONDAY 3rd

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 4th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 5th

7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 6th

9am Mass at North School

FRIDAY 7th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass (with 5th Schl)
9.30am Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY 8th

6pm Mass (Vigil)
Reconciliation 10.30am

SUNDAY 9th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Sunday 19B -

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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.

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Parish Calendar, News & Events

August

2nd 18th Sunday B

Baptism Sunday
Family Mass—11am
Centacare Appeal
Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

3rd Vinnies Meeting
YCS meet in Treehouse

5th Pastoral Council

7th Men's Club
Women's Group

8th Feast of Blessed Mary
McKillop

9th 19th Sunday B

11th First Eucharist Workshop 9-3
No ASRE
Seniors Morning Tea

This Weekend: Centacare

Appeal: The Annual Appeal for Centacare Catholic Family Services will take place at all Masses this weekend. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it next Sunday, or post it direct to the Centacare Catholic Family Services.

Presentation of Confirmation Candidates:

This weekend we welcome the Candidates for Confirmation and their families. We ask that you pray for these young people as they continue to prepare for Confirmation, the last of their Sacraments of Initiation.



Baptisms:

We welcome: Jessica and Brodie Hannan, Brock Kelly, Blake Nel, Jordan Robinson and Ella Duval-Palma

who are being baptized this weekend. Congratulations to you and your family.

St Vincent de Paul Winter

Appeal: Baskets available at both entrances to the church for your do-

nations of non-perishable food items—this will help top up our Parish St Vincent de Paul group supplies. Another way of helping others. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Renewal Parish Ministries:

New Rosters for: Altar Servers, Procession of Gifts Welcome, Eucharistic Ministers, Cuppa after Mass, Reader/Commentator, Sacristan, Floral Arrangements and Chapel Ministry. are available for pickup from the Gathering Space. Please take home a copy.

Thanksgiving—Credit Card

givers: Our credit card on-line payment system requires the expiry date of credit cards. If you receive a new card with new expiry date it would be wonderful if you would let us know—9700 3781 or office@stpaulapostle.com.au. Thank you to those who do contact us with this information.

Help needed to support a member of our Community who has had heart surgery. Ring Judy 9700 5065, 0429 667 729.

8th August: Invitation-Celebration of the Centenary of the Death of Mary

McKillop: at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

9.30am A celebration of the Story and Spirit of Mary McKillop
10am: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hart followed by BYO picnic in Fitzroy Gardens. RSVP by 29th July. Email: victoria@sosj.org.au
Phone: 9861 9500; Fax 9861 9590
Parking around Cathedral not much – 2 public car parks *Metro Parking – Freemasons Hospital, 320 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

(Behind Dallas Brooks Centre) - Melways 2G - D1. 250 spaces - \$7.00 flat rate for Saturday
*Wilson Parking - Park Hyatt Hotel, St Andrews Place, East Melbourne (closer to Cathedral) - Melways 2G

- A2. 950 spaces - \$5 per hour, \$15 maximum per day. See notice in Gathering Space and Notice Wall.

11th August: First

Eucharist Workshop: 9am-3pm in the Church. All children preparing for First Eucharist need to attend, this completes their preparation. Masses for First Eucharist will be celebrated on:

Saturday 15th: 6pm, Sunday 16th: 9am, 11am and 6pm;

Saturday 22nd: 6pm, Sunday: 23rd 9am, 11am and 6pm.



11th August: Seniors

Morning Tea at 10.30am in the Annexe. Bring a friend and a small plate to share.

Look forward to catching up, hopefully the weather will be a little warmer, if not we'll put the heater on!!

12th August: CanCare—Meditation Evening with

John Hamilton: Starts 8pm, in the Parish Centre. Meditation helping healing with John Hamilton a Meditation therapist. Gold coin donation—Limited numbers—Contact Jen 0418 105 401 before 7th August.

12th September: Shopping

Tour: Diarise this date now!! Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to shop cheaply—get more for your money!! Details at both entrances to Church. This is a fundraising venture for Passionists Family Groups. Cost \$45 which includes transport, and lunch. Deposit of \$20 required when booking and balance payable before trip. There will be people this weekend after all Masses taking your bookings and answering all your questions. Don't miss out!! Contact Denise - 9700 6980 for bookings.

Marriage Encounter Week-

end: We all do things to enhance our lives. Fitness programs and diets to improve our health, in-service programs to improve our job skills. An

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opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enriching your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. Weekends in 2009: **Anglesea 14-16 Aug, and Lysterfield 18-20 Sept.** Website: www.wwme.org.au

Bookings: Erika & Peter Smith 03 9899-0824 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

17th August: 'Is there really a God? Searching for mystery in a culture of doubt'

is a free public event at The Oratory Newman College, 887 Swanston St Parkville at 6pm. Well known Melbourne journalist Martin Flanagan from *The Age* newspaper together with visiting US theologian and pastor Fr James Bacik will discuss the big questions of faith and spirituality in today's culture and soci-

ety. Come along for an evening of lively and thought-provoking conversation! For further info visit www.evangelisation.org

Our Church, a safe community, a shared commitment

How can we help to ensure that all communities and organisations within the church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults? Each member of the community can help with the following:

Respect the dignity of each child, young person and adult in the community

Be aware of the possibilities of abuse, not overly suspicious

Trust our instincts, avoid gossip and consult with appropriate persons

Be open to acquiring a deeper understanding of the harm caused by abuse

Undertake willingly the checks required by state and church agencies

Abide by Codes of Conduct and follow conscientiously Risk assessment procedures

Work to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community

Make a personal commitment to ensuring that our church is a safe community for all.



Dandenong Deanery

Cyrene Centre: Board of Management Nominations

The Cyrene Centre is an initiative of the Dandenong Deanery to support and assist families touched by addiction to alcohol and other drugs.

Nominations are called from within deanery communities for two vacancies on the Board of Management. Board members serve for a 2 year period with at least 8 monthly meetings each year. The Board oversees the financial and strategic operations of the centre.

Nomination forms are available in Gathering Space, and completed forms must be returned to the centre by **6th August**. For more information contact the centre on 9574 6355.

27th August: Annual General Meeting: Cyrene Centre: 7.30pm, at St Anthony's Small Hall, 90 Buckley Street, Noble Park. All welcome

9th September: Deanery Breakfast: "Voices that echo Hope in times of the Cross" focusing on rural Communities—Return of Life

and Hope. At Graduate Restaurant, St John's College, Dandenong. Start 7am. Contact Parish Centre for a complimentary ticket (1 only). Contact 9546 8276 for bookings.

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Pat D'Cunha, Natalie Elysee, Heinz Weninger, Pablito Teves, Sr. Ann Halpin, Shoiseeh Younan, Vicky Angeles, Don Nelson, Leslie Thuraisingham, Jeanette Dalzotto, Alyzée Dromart, Joseph Alevedo, Robert Kilmartin, Maria Sepulveda, Dorothy de Souza, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar and Tyler Karunaratne

Those who have recently died

and those whose anniversaries occur this week.

Maxine Larue, Luis Santos, Eileen Mackay, Marie J Lewis, Freda Seager, John Paul, Nancy Lespior, Maria G Deliva, Antonio Santucci, Bohdan Sarachman, Francisco Bermudez, Joseph T Gibbs, Noel Bungaroo, Benoy Perumal, Daya Tillerkeratne, Carlos Afonso Henriques, Amy Parer, Lilian de Silva, Ron Watson, Edward Scanlon, Gaeton Brouard, Winston (Vincent) Pereira, Alice Cecile, Janet Rosse, Henri Vachon

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK (18th Sunday B)

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

NEXT WEEK (19th Sunday B)

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30 5: 2
John 6:41-51

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Priests:
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 Sr Joan Smith CP

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 Mrs Liz Spear (Administration & Finance)

Passionists in Community
 Fr Peter Addicoat CP
 Fr Brian Gleeson CP
 Br John Auram CP
 Sr Anne Cunningham CP

St Paul Apostle North School: 9700 6068
 Principal:
 Mrs Christine White

St Paul Apostle South School: 9700 3663
 Principal:
 Mrs Helen Greenhill

St John's Regional College
 9791 3366
 Principal: Mr Andrew Walsh



Rosters for this Weekend: - (1st Week) N.B New Ministers included

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sacristan	M Rolfe	D De Rozairo	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
Readers & Commentator	R Gonsalves M Pegram	V Vaifale Chadwick J	R or M O'Connor M Anthony M Martyr	R Albuquerque S Fernando D Candido
Gifts	V & C De Zylva	J Bilton	O'Connor Family	Volunteers
Communion And Welcome Ministers	G AkomJ Stewart D Turner, L Phan D, & N Trindade P Mendonca M Fernandes *V & C De Zilva (welcome)	P Marion L & R Alveyn S & D McGuire E & M Morales *J Bilton (welcome) M. Nadarajah (welcome)	V & A Clark T Bugge L & S Newman G Jornet C De Silva *A Gargana *(welcome)	L Rolfe, S D'Roza C Wick-ramasinghe
Servers	K Fernandes J D'Souza K Maillard	M Harper S Jayasuriya K Dimitrakis D De Silva	K Mehes N De Zilva A Del Socorro	C Olds E Schumacher

Rosters for Next Weekend: 7th -8th August, 2009 (2nd Week) -NB—New ministers

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sacristan	Volunteer	A Nadarajah	L Forkgen	N Sangalang
Readers & Commentator	D Rodgers P Louden J Sementhy	M Vaifale D Vaifale	Y Sherwin G Johnson	P Leitan C White
Gifts	B Barnfield	S & D De Rozairo	Volunteer	Volunteer
Communion And Welcome Ministers	M & M Maillard C Quinless C Fernandes D Rice, G Lock G Tyszka	V Vaifale J Chadwick K McArdle S & D De Rozairo D Farrell, D Alwis	A Perera S Tranquille K Rowden L Forkgen F Phillips A Costa M O'Connor	R & P Torres G Canales C & R Albuquerque B Bonett
Servers	S Dang K Fernandes	M Harper S Jayasuriya K Dimitrakis D De Silva	E Gubatanga D Thevanesan N Goncalves M O'Connor	R Carvalho, L Le
Communion to the Sick	A: S Tranquille	B: C & M De Souza	C: W & J Duyker (fortnightly)	
	Church Prep. Team 5 Albuquerque Family, Y Tamplin G Velupillay I & V Ferreira J & J Lucas P Low, E Kee	Flowers S Lou	Counting A Astin, A Clark G Doran	Rosary

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes: (326 pledges)	\$3323.70	\$2282.60 (148 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit		\$1859.38 (121 pledges)
Cash		\$ 568.30
Total		\$4710.28
Priests (2nd)		\$1159.80
		Thank you

Parish Sacrament Information

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Information from the Parish Centre.

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a Centacare Course. Information Forms at the Parish Centre.

Anointing of the Sick is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase. Registration forms and Information from the Parish Centre.