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The Year of the Priest



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time B - 15-16 August, '09 - No 32

This Week

SUNDAY 16th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

MONDAY 17th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 18th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 19th

7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 20th

9am Mass at North School

FRIDAY 21st

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

SATURDAY 22th

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass (Vigil)

SUNDAY 23th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Sunday 21 B

The Eucharist as a call to Justice

Over the next few weeks we have our children are receiving the Eucharist for the first time. This is a special time for them and their families. And we congratulate the children on this important step they are taking on their faith journey.

It's also good to remind ourselves at this time that the eucharist we share is not just for ourselves but it is to move us out of our own comfort zone and to reach out to and for others. The following article addresses this missionary aspect to the eucharist we celebrate.

When the famous historian Christopher Dawson decided to become a Roman Catholic, his aristocratic mother was distressed, not because she had any aversion to Catholic dogma, but because now her son would, in her words, have to "worship with the help". She was painfully aware that, in church at least, his aristocratic background would no longer set him apart from others or above anyone. At church he would be just an equal among equals because the Eucharist would strip him of his higher social status.

She intuited correctly. The Eucharist, among other things, calls us to justice, to disregard the distinction between rich and poor, noble and peasant, aristocrat and servant, both around the Eucharist table itself and afterwards outside of the church. The Eucharist fulfills what Mary prophesized when she was pregnant with Jesus, namely, that, in Jesus, the mighty would be brought down and that lowly would be raised up. It was this very thing that first drew Dorothy Day to Christianity. She noticed that, at the Eucharist, the rich and the poor knelt side by side, all equal at that moment.

Sadly, we often don't take this dimension of the Eucharist seriously. There is a common tendency to think that the practice of justice, especially social justice, is an optional part of being a Christian, something mandated by political correctness rather than by the gospels. Generally we don't see the call to actively reach out to the poor as something from which we cannot exempt ourselves.

But we are wrong in this. In the gospels and in the Christian scriptures in general, the call to reach out to the poor and to help create justice in the

world is as non-negotiable as keeping the commandments and going to church. Indeed striving for justice must be part of all authentic worship.

In the New Testament, every tenth line is a direct challenge to reach out to the poor. In Luke's gospel, we find this in every sixth line. In the Epistle of James, this occurs in every fifth line. The challenge to reach out to the poor and to level the distinction between rich and poor is an integral and non-negotiable part of being a Christian, commanded as strongly as any of the commandments.

And this challenge is contained in the Eucharist itself: The Eucharistic table calls us to justice, to reach out to the poor. How?

First, by definition, the Eucharistic table is a table of social non-distinction, a place where the rich and the poor are called to be together beyond all class and status. At the Eucharist there are to be no rich and no poor, only one equal family praying together in a common humanity. In baptism we are all made equal and for that reason there are no separate worship services for the rich and the poor. Moreover, St. Paul warns us strongly that when we gather for the Eucharist the rich should not receive preferential treatment.

Indeed, the gospels invite us in the opposite direction. When you hold any banquet, they tell us, we should give preferential treatment to the poor. This is especially true for the Eucharist. The poor should be welcomed in a special way. Why?



Because, among other things, the Eucharist commemorates Jesus' brokenness, his poverty, his body being broken and his blood being poured out. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin expresses this aptly when he suggests that the wine offered at the Eucharist symbolizes precisely the brokenness of the poor: In a sense the true substance to be consecrated each day is the world's development during that day - the bread symbolizing appropriately what creation succeeds in producing, the wine (blood) what creation causes to be lost in exhaustion and suffering in the course of that effort. The Eucharist offers up the tears and blood of the poor and invites us to help alleviate the conditions that produce tears and blood.

And we do that, as a famous church hymn says, by moving "from worship into service". We don't

go to the Eucharist only to worship God by expressing our faith and devotion. The Eucharist is not a private devotional prayer, but is rather a communal act of worship which, among other things, calls us to go forth and live out in the world what we celebrate inside of a church, namely, the non-importance of social distinction, the special place that God gives to the tears and blood of the poor, and non-negotiable challenge from God to each of us to work at changing the conditions that cause tears and blood. The Eucharist calls us to love tenderly, but, just as

strongly, it calls us to act in justice.

To say that Eucharist calls us to justice and to social justice is not a statement that takes its origin in political correctness. It takes its origin in Jesus who, drawing upon the great prophets of old, assures us that the validity of all worship will ultimately be judged by how it affects "widows, orphans, and strangers."

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Parish Calendar, News & Events

August

16th 20th Sunday B First Eucharist 6pm,9am,11am & 6pm

18th Confirmation Family Night III 7pm.
Passionist Companions Gathering 7.30pm

23rd 21st Sunday B
First Eucharist
6pm,9am,11am & 6pm.

United Petrol Cards: We have this week donated another \$300 to the Friends of Ermera East Timor. Thanks to those who use their United Petrol Card. This brings the total for this year to \$600.

Centacare Appeal: On the weekend of 1st/2nd August we raised \$1219.05. Thank you to all who donated to this appeal.

Date Changed for Confirmation Family Night III : Tuesday, 18th August - sign in at 6.50pm to start promptly at 7pm - in the Church. Not the 25th August as previously advised.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal: Baskets available at both entrances to the church for your donations 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.

Baptism: We welcome **Gabriel Stephen Cole** to our community who was baptized this weekend Congratulations to you and your family.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: 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 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 society. Come along for an evening of lively and thought-provoking conversation! For further info visit www.evangelisation.org

12th September: Shopping Tour: Diarize this date now!! Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to shop cheaply—get

Congratulations on your First Communion

Jed Aguda	Sarah Baumann
Benjamin Alvarez	Julius Bernaudo
Nathan Credlin	Fulvio Biondi
Aidan D'Souza	Dylan Curtis
Kyle Fernandes	Brianna Garner
Heba Jude	Annabelle Geerdharry
Emily Leong	Aдриanna Grech
Geogia Mathew-Barnes	Lachlan Lape
Vanessa Nanfra	Thomas Leigh
Stacey Nesnas	Philip Markos
Christopher Parsons	Rhianne McMahon
Jessica Rodrigues	Jarred Ordon
Rohan Taylor	Monica Papalois
Jake Weerasinghe	Ysabel Ramos
Mark Baptista	Shyami Selvanayagam
Ashivika Jayatileleke	Joshua Tambalgue
Abel Titus	Zachary Zaldivia
Marybeth Atkinson	Kristofer Boscolo



Parish Calendar, News & Events...Cont.

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.

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

23rd August Deanery Youth Gathering: 5.50pm—9pm
 (Youth Mass, Dinner & Forum)

Where: St Elizabeth's Parish
 111 Bakers Road North Dandenong.

Who: All young people in the Deanery 16-35 years.

Theme: *Theology of the Person: Sex, violence and the pressures of modern life.*

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:

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

Those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur this week.

Lina Camillo, Jose "Pepe" Zablan, Maxine Larue, Luis Santos, Eileen Mackay, Elisabeth Eekelschot, Amelita D Losabia, Mary buttegieg, Jane Agnello, Filomena Esposito, Giovanna Dalzotto, Richard Gregory Burke, June Johnston, Herb Bryant, Macartan Murphy, Watler San Gerogio, Egbert Lespior

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK (20th Sunday B)

Proverbs 9: 1-6
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6: 51-58

NEXT WEEK (21th Sunday B)

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18
 Ephesians: 5:21-32
 John 6:60-69

**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:
Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP

Pastoral Associates
Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Parish Staff
Mrs Bev Cresswell
(Pastoral & Sacrament
Support)
Mrs Liz Spear
(Administration &
Finance)

Passionist Community
Fr Peter Addicoat CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Tim O'Toole CP
Fr James Fernandez CP
Br John Auram CP

**Sisters of Cross and
Passion**
Sr Anne Cunningham CP
Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

**St Paul Apostle North
Primary School**
9700 6068
Principal
Mrs Christine White

**St Paul Apostle South
Primary School**
9700 3663
Principal
Mrs Helen Greenhill

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



Rosters for this Weekend: (3rd Week)

N.B New Ministers included

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sacristan	Peter Miller	S & D McGuire	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers & Commentator	Andrea Rosario Karen Rolfe Reg Young	Anthony McArdle Nick Dimitrakis	C De Silva Anne Astin	Marg Keating Kanthi de Alwis Pierre Mendonca
Gifts	Jerry Sementy	D & H Jayasuriya	O'Connor Family	Volunteers
Communion And Welcome Ministers	Paul Negri I & M Whiteman M Boisezzon Cris Emmanuel G Mutthumani Adelia Drego Lien Phan	E & W San Giorgio M La Blache D Vaifale D Schumacher Paul Smith Danny O'Hara	G Johnson Damien Kearney Wayne Barr Maureen Dawson Rhonda O'Connor Esme Fourize	M Meerwald Dan Candido Eugene Rebeiro Kanthi De Alwis Veronica Hasset Penny Carvalho
Servers	Judy D'Souza Karen Maillard Sophie Dang	Mark Harper Stefan Jayasuriya Kurt Dimitrakis Dylan De Silva	Aidan Del Socorro Noel De Zilva M O' Connor	Aaron Chitaranjan

Rosters for Next Weekend: 22nd -23rd August, 2009 (4th Week) -NB—New ministers

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sacristan	M Maillard	K McArdle	L Forkgen	S Jayamaha
Readers & Commentator	A Rosario, L Flood G Lorenz	A McArdle, M Anthony	H Greenhill, L Newman	R Albuquerque
Gifts	Roschel Vaz	Margaret Magee	Volunteers	Volunteers
Communion And Welcome Ministers	S Stone S Fernandes G Akom, H Lorenz S, B & J Herbert	M Anthony B & E David J Aldag, F Price F Hall	M Jarvis, N Augustus F Lucette, J Khoshaba J Solari, Y Sherwin C De Souza, J Fernandes S Jayamaha, E Fourlize H Greenhill	B & M Keating K Jayasinha R Mathias, J Catania G Calixto N Sangalang
Servers	K Fernandes J D' Souza	M Harper, K Dimitrakis, S Jayasuriya	N De Zilva,	E. Schumacher,
Communion to the Sick	A: Charmaine	B: Ging Calixto Ralph Martyn	C:	
	Church Prep. Team 1 R&B Barnfield H&P Sanders J Callery B Henstridge J Stewart R Young	Flowers Riona Alveyn	Counting Didi Karkas Kitty Jayasinha	Rosary

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes: (326 pledges)	\$3323.70	\$2,826.65 (157 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit		\$1859.38 (121 pledges)
Cash		\$ 344.15
Total		\$5030.18
Priests (2nd)		\$1179.20

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.