

Into the Deep

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Take Heart, It Is I!

As he said to the terrified Apostles on the wind-swept sea, Christ says once more to the men and women of our time: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear!" (Mk 6:50).

If he is with us, why should we fear? However dark the horizon of humanity may seem, today we celebrate the radiant triumph of Easter joy. If a contrary wind slows the march of peoples, if the sea of history is tossed by storms, let no one yield to dismay and lack of trust!

Christ is risen; Christ is alive in our midst; truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, he offers himself as the Bread of salvation, Bread for the poor, the Food of wayfarers. Christ is risen, our peace and our hope. He is risen. Alleluia!

Pope John Paul II, Easter message 2003

Ad Limina Message

In an address to the Australian bishops on their ad limina visit, the Holy Father noted:

- "Bishops must stand out as fearless prophets, witnesses and servants of the hope of Christ."
- "[lead] men and women from the shadows of moral confusion and ambiguous thinking into the radiance of Christ's truth and love."
- "To you as bishops I suggest that, as moderators of the liturgy, you give pastoral priority to catechetical programs which instruct the faithful about the true meaning of Sunday and inspire them to observe it fully."
- "the well-being of the presbyterate [must] be close to every Bishop's heart. I encourage you always to listen to your priests, as a father would listen to a son."
- "Incisive and faithful explanation of Christian doctrine regarding marriage and the family is of utmost importance in order to counter the secular, pragmatic and individualistic outlook which has gained ground in the area of legislation and even a certain acceptance in the realm of public opinion. Of particular concern is the growing trend to equate marriage with other forms of cohabitation."
- "Renewed by the strength of the risen Lord and his Spirit, Christ's followers must return to their vineyard burning with a desire to speak of Christ and to show him to the world!"

What is ITD trying to do?

What are those people in Sale up to? What are they trying to do with that thing, Into the Deep? These are questions that must be in some people's minds.

Well, it depends on where you see people placed in the Church. Lay people do have some kind of evangelical role in both the Church and the world. It is the role of giving witness by their Christian lives.

Because of the power of the media today they have a special obligation to speak out on the truth. In accord with the knowledge, competence and pre-eminence which they possess, lay people have the right – even at times a duty – to reveal to their pastors their opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church. They have a right to make their opinions known to other Christian people, while being conscious of the integrity of faith and morals, and taking account of the position of their pastors. All this is with consideration for the common good and the due dignity of those people involved. (cf. Canon 212#3)

Now you may say that all this is a bit much, but that seems to me not to appreciate the sometimes onerous obligation lay people have, to try to get through to the upper echelons of the Church some aspect of truth which they are best placed to grasp.

The famous Cardinal Newman appreciated this so much that he wrote a special work to explain and justify it, which he called *On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine*. Recent confirmation of this truth can be found in #904-907 of the current *Catechism of the Catholic Church* – hardly an unorthodox, liberal, divisive or subversive publication!

S. C., Melbourne

On Participation of Laity

- Ad Limina comments by Pope John Paul II

"While the liturgical renewal, ardently desired by the Second Vatican Council, has rightly resulted in a more active and conscious participation of the faithful in the tasks proper to them, such involvement must not become an end in itself. The purpose of being with Jesus is to go forth from Jesus, in his power and with his grace."

Brisbane Shame Highlighted in U.S.

We in Brisbane believe that we are in many ways as hard done by as the faithful authentic Catholics in Morwell (if not more) by the inaction or actions of our Archbishop.

You may be interested to read the following three articles from the orthodox American publication 'The Wanderer' relating to some of the issues we are currently facing in Brisbane:

- The Goddess Cult - Reflections On The Work Of Australia's Top Liturgist, by Paul Likoudis.
<http://www.thewandererpress.com/b2-19-2004.htm>
- The Goddess Cult In Australia . . . The Mercy Nuns And The New Religion, by Paul Likoudis.
<http://www.thewandererpress.com/a2-12-2004.htm>
- The Goddess Cult - Church In Australia Undergoes Rapid Transformation, by Paul Likoudis.
<http://www.thewandererpress.com/a1-29-2004.htm>

The Wanderer articles have placed this Archdiocese on the world stage. It's a shame we have been made famous (infamous) for our occultist and pagan perversions rather than by the example of the many holy men and women who live in this Archdiocese and who are authentic Catholics. But alas, perhaps these articles will precipitate some action from Rome which will deliver us from these evil manifestations.

God bless you all.

Network Supervisor Catholic Co-ordinators, Brisbane

The articles mentioned above certainly make for shocking reading – here, for example, is a brief quote from each:

"And when a Swedish publisher announced in June 2001 that it would produce a special version of the Bible, using the King James version and illustrating it with the photos of supermodels, featuring a naked top model as Eve, Fr. Tom [Elich, Australia's top liturgist] welcomed the idea. "I think it's a good idea, although I'm a little bit unhappy with the King James text. I think there are better versions."

"But the Sisters of Mercy are by no means alone in their task. The Presentation Sisters, Sisters of St. Joseph, the Capuchins, and the Christian Brothers are also leaders in what appears to be a new religion that is based on worship of the elements and pagan spirits and deities."

"In a brochure produced by the Office of the Synod of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane to explain how Catholics are to pray around their clay pot at their Sunday liturgies, and other occasions, one can read:

"Symbol: Place a yellow ribbon/cloth around the pot.

Ritual Instruction: Place some stones or sand in the bottom of the pot. Before the prayer begins place hot charcoal on the stones. Have some incense grains in a container with a spoon.

As Catholics gather around their pot, the leader intones: "Air is elusive. We spend much of our time not being aware of it. We become aware of this precious gift only when something changes — a storm breaks around us; the gentle breeze cools us; we experience being 'short of air' and fear for our lives.'"

Fr Mark Well-Loved in Sale

Excuse me! If you are going to report things in Into the Deep please make sure that they are accurate.

Fr Mark Godridge's appointment to another parish was not reported as merely another appointment. Fr Mark was moved at his request. He read out his letter of all appointments and his own letter to the Bishop requesting his move. Fr Mark was very much loved and respected in Sale and will be sorely missed.

Fr Mark's life in Sale was made unbearable and his work was impossible to do because of all the do-gooders who think that to be 'good Catholics' and be seen to know all the catechisms etc. gives them the right to criticise, condemn, judge etc. Anyone in ordinary life could make a fortune from litigation (libel).

Please stop spoiling a wonderful bulletin with all this priest bashing and nonsense.

Maureen Hardy, Sale

Is it not reasonable to expect a Catholic priest to be a 'good Catholic' and know and follow the teachings of the Church? To point out error and expect it to be corrected, is not the same as condemning someone. No priest should be able to shirk his responsibility, no matter how much loved he may be. [Ed]

Conspiracy of Blindness

The greatest test of a friendship is whether one person can reprove the other.

All of us commit sins from time to time; and all of us try to blind ourselves to our sins, making excuses for ourselves, or pretending the sin did not even occur.

At such times we need friends to open our eyes to the reality of our sins.

Put yourself now in the position of the friend. Are you willing to open that person's eyes? Are you willing to expose the excuses as false? Are you prepared to risk that person's wrath, as the wounded pride rises up in anger? **Or do you prefer to blind yourself to your friend's faults, and so join a conspiracy of blindness?**

St John Chrysostom

Marian Conference Cancelled

The 10th Diocese of Sale Marian Conference, which was set for May 2004, has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. It is anticipated that it will continue next year.

Pat Crozier, Traralgon

Morwell Catholic Parish More Divided Than Ever

Since the sacking of Rev. Fr John Speekman by Bishop Coffey, I have seen the rift between opposing groups in the parish - those who support Fr John and those who support the Bishop - continually having a go at one another, in many cases behind peoples backs. The appointed Parish Administrator Fr Tom Cleary has not helped, as it is obvious that he has taken the side of the Bishop, the Vicar General and Catholic Education Office by running down the parishioners who want Fr John back as parish priest. And I am one, unequivocally.

Since his appointment as Administrator, Fr Cleary in his homilies has taken side-swipes at Fr John's supporters time and time again. He has never used the same forceful approach towards the backers of the Bishop or the teaching fraternity who were here in Morwell and brought all this about and including the Catholic Education Office staff at Warragul.

Now we see Greg Kingman the parish Pastoral Associate, a very holy man and loyal to the Faith, under attack from the scandal-mongers and chin-waggers. Worst of all, the tittle-tattle is without foundation. These same slanderers tore Fr John apart and had him sacked by a Bishop who listened to those he wanted to, without discussing the issues with Fr John. Fr John got sacked by decree, which was a pathetic use of power by the Bishop without justification or reason.

Fr John might have been orthodox in his way of addressing things, but that is what the majority of us want anyway. That is we want to practise as Catholics – God's Commandments and the direction of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II, not some half-baked liberalist way-out practices we are being hammered with from Sale. We have seen the results of these ways in the preparation and turn-out of young children recently in their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We saw in many cases parents who never knew whether to sit or stand, and some who treated it as a joke, and sadly also by some of the children taking these Sacraments. With the Confirmation I was shocked to hear the Bishop prompting the children in what to say at Sacred Heart Church. Are these children being properly prepared or were they shoved through in case Fr John came back? Many of the parents we have not seen since.

I hope Fr John wins his appeal in Rome as I have never ever seen someone so unjustly treated as he was, and that includes even if he was wrong, which he wasn't. As for Greg Kingman he has my and many other parishioners' support. I hope we never lose him even though you can see the treatment he received at Sale as a teacher coming up again.

It is sad to read the similarities between Fr John's treatment dished out by Bishop Coffey and Mother Mary McKillop's treatment received from the Bishop of Adelaide and the clergy at the time. She came out on top, God bless her, and Fr John who is carrying his cross at the moment in his trials and ordeals, will come out on top also! Please everyone pray for Bishop Coffey, the Vicar General and CEO staff as they need it. But more importantly pray for Fr John and his return to us at Morwell

Mal Bugg, Morwell

On Sunday Obligation

- Ad Limina comments by Pope John Paul II

"...Sunday is the supreme day of faith, an indispensable day, the day of Christian hope. Any weakening in the Sunday observance of holy Mass weakens Christian discipleship and dims the light of witness to Christ's presence in our world. When Sunday loses its fundamental meaning and becomes subordinate to a secular concept of 'weekend', dominated by such things as entertainment and sport, people stay locked within a horizon so narrow that they can no longer see the heavens."

Is that all?

In 370 St Basil became Bishop of Caesarea. As Bishop, he fought strenuously against Arianism. When the Arian Emperor, Valens, threatened him with confiscation of his property, banishment, and death, he replied,

"Is that all? Not one of those things terrifies me. You cannot confiscate my property, because I have none. Banishment I do not know, for I am the guest of God, to whom all the world belongs. For martyrdom I am not fit yet, but death I would welcome, for it would bring me more quickly to God, in whom I live and move."

From 'The Story of the Church' by D. Purton

See www.stoneswillshout.com for all previous issues of *Into the Deep*

Archbishop Speaks Out On Schools

Speaking to group of teacher trainees about to enter the 2004 school year, Archbishop Philip Wilson of Adelaide uttered words that supporters of Into the Deep have been waiting years to hear. **He pointed out the main focus of a Catholic education was not primarily Year 12 exam success or university entrance.**

“What we are concerned with is what happens to people when they die. We want people to be able to develop their relationship with God and with the Church while they’re alive and then to be prepared for eternal life.”

Unlike many of us brought up on the ‘penny’ Catechism, students of the past two generations have not been taught that ‘God made us to know, love and serve Him here on earth and then to be happy with Him forever in Heaven’, or ‘What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and then suffer the loss of his soul?’

Without such knowledge we have seen the collapse of Catholic education in a big way. Statistics show that around 97% of students graduating from Catholic schools in Australia, after 12 years supposedly studying the Catholic faith, have either left the Church or do so within a short time. Despite this tragedy, Bishops, Priests and Catholic Education officials carry on as though everything in the garden is rosy. There is no urgency to change and souls are being placed at risk.

Thank God we have one Bishop prepared to speak out. We can only hope that Archbishop Wilson’s example will inspire other Bishops to speak out and remind us that the primary role of the Catholic Church and Catholic schools is the salvation of souls.

Children Give Homilies at Sale Mass

Dear Bishop Coffey,

‘The Instruction on certain questions regarding the collaboration of the non-ordained faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests’ says that “the homily during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist must be reserved to the sacred minister, Priest or Deacon, to the exclusion of the non-ordained faithful. [...] For the same reason the diocesan Bishop cannot validly dispense from the canonical norm 70 since this is not merely a disciplinary law but one which touches upon the closely connected functions of teaching and sanctifying.”

Given this clear instruction, could you please explain why a Grade 6 pupil gave the homily at the 8.30 Mass on Sunday morning. I understand that other students performed a similar task at all other Masses in the parish last weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Pat O’Brien 03 March 2004

Catholic Schools Just Fill A Gap

The following letter was printed in the *Herald Sun* on Friday 19 March 2004 by Sue Lyons of Leopold:

“Re “No money for Catholic schools” (March 18): my experience in sending two non-Catholic children to Catholic schools was that religion was a small part of the curriculum. My children were encouraged to be as passive or active in the religion as was comfortable.

The education was outstanding and the teachers fantastic. Catholic schools fill a gap. It is the most affordable private education for the majority.

We are all entitled to send our children to a school of choice and as taxpayers we expect some government funding.”

Exactly! This highlights precisely the problem we have with Catholic schools – that they are simply not bothered about being Catholic. They just fill a gap.

Renewal in Catholic Schools?

The Chairperson of the Inter-diocesan Religious Education Project, Phil Billington, claims in a recent report that the project “is proving to be a catalyst for renewal within schools.” She adds, “The collaboration is enabling the sharing of the gifts and resources across the dioceses.”

Sounds good? It isn’t.

The dioceses involved are Sale, Ballarat, Sandhurst, and Hobart, with support and materials provided by Canberra-Goulburn and Parramatta.

The R.E. curriculum they’re working on and hope to release into our schools this year, is based on Thomas Groome’s ‘Shared Christian Praxis’. They consider it a “Well-Groomed Curriculum.”

The Association for Renewal of Religious Education calls it “a blueprint for the destruction of the Catholic Faith.”

Eamonn Keane exposes the evil in great depth in his book “Crisis in Religious Education”.

We must arm ourselves with the truth about Groome’s corruption of the faith, and resist this proposed curriculum in our Catholic schools!

‘The Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of the Priest’ was signed by the Prefects and the Secretaries of eight Congregations in Rome. Pope John Paul II approved it and ordered its promulgation on the feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1997. (see letter opposite)

New Generation of Priests

Father Donald Calloway is a 31-year-old priest who serves as assistant rector at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The following is part of his story, that appeared on www.spiritdaily.com:

"I loved every minute of Medjugorje. I'm going back in March. It's the edge of Heaven, wonderful."

At the seminary, he says, most of his peers had also been there. "Our Lady is building up this army, this whole new generation, layer by layer. Rank by rank they are coming out of seminaries to take their places. There's a whole generation of priests coming, and they're just like me. No nonsense. I always tell people, get ready, because it's coming to a parish near you.

We've only known one Pope, and he's a saint. We've been formed by the Blessed Virgin Mary and her apparitions.

So many of the guys I knew in the seminary, they loved things like Medjugorje or Betania or Amsterdam or Kibeho. They don't have a problem with it. They bite onto truth like a shark, and they're going to be the guys in the seminaries teaching. They're going to be in the parishes. One cardinal said if it were not for Medjugorje, he would have hardly any seminarians."

Hell broke open in the Church, Calloway opines, due to a lack of emphasis on both Mary and the Blessed Sacrament. **"You take away the Eucharist, and you take away a priest's passion, his understanding of who he is,"** he says.

"And when Mary was deconstructed - made just a sister - it tore priesthoods apart. I attribute a lot of the problems to feminism."

Homosexuals in the church are the result, he believes, of "the devil twisting" priests and seminarians. "With no Mary, there is a lack of tenderness and they seek in a new way," he asserts.

On the current culture, says Father Calloway: "It's not the kingdom of Heaven. We're going back to Sodom and Gomorrah, and we're there. And we better get ready for the Father's discipline. He loves us, and because He does, He's going to chastise us."

On Evangelising

- Ad Limina comments by Pope John Paul II

"Sent by the Lord himself into the vineyard - the home, the workplace, schools, civic organisations - disciples of Christ find no room for 'standing idle in the marketplace', nor can they be so deeply immersed in the internal organisation of parish life, that they are distracted from the command to evangelise others actively."

Divine Mercy Sunday 18th April 2004

On the 13th June 2002 Pope John Paul established that the 1st Sunday after Easter Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence.

The preparation for the Feast is to be a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet for 9 days, beginning on Good Friday. Jesus said, *"By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."* (Diary 796)

Thus to fittingly observe the feast of Mercy we should:

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter.
- Sincerely repent all our sins.
- Place our complete trust in Jesus.
- Go to Confession within 7 days of the Feast.
- Receive Holy Communion on the Feast.
- Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy.
- Be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf.

On Sunday, 30th April 2000 (the canonisation of Saint Faustina and Feast of Divine Mercy), Pope John Paul II announced to the world, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'."

Divine Mercy Sunday Venues

Divine Mercy Sunday is being celebrated in at least 40 parishes in Victoria.

In Sale diocese there will be Holy Hour only, in Sale and Moe; Holy Hour and Confessions in Traralgon; and Confessions and Mass in Lakes Entrance. Check your local parish bulletins for times.

Fr John Speakman will be the main celebrant at St Kevin's church, Hampton Park, starting at 2pm.

Bishop Coffey Allows Mercy Sunday

Bishop Jeremiah Coffey issued a notice "To Whom It May Concern" dated 12 February 2004, stating:

"Our Holy Father has great devotion to Divine Mercy. The devotion has spread throughout the world and has become a great consolation and strength to many people in the diocese of Sale.

I have allowed parishioners in the Cathedral parish, Sale, to celebrate Low Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday with a Holy Hour and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The Divine Mercy devotion is a private devotion and is suitable to many people. I have given my permission to Marianne Bagguley to spread the devotion by inviting John Canavan to promote the devotion."

Letter to Bishop Coffey

“An Australian Bishop, addressing a congregation at which I was present, said there are two abuses of Church teaching becoming more prevalent at Mass.

- 1) Some priests are inviting, or at least not stopping, lay participation in the Final Doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer which he said was part of the sacrifice of the Mass and was to be said by ordained priests only, NOT the priesthood of the laity.
- 2) Some priests are also encouraging or allowing self intincture (i.e. the communicant ‘dunking’ the Sacred Host into the chalice). I understand that Church teaching is that if we are going to receive the Precious Blood (or the Sacred Host) it must be offered to us by the priest or the Eucharistic minister. We may not help ourselves. There is also at small congregations the occasional abuse of passing Communion from person to person.

Could you please let me know in writing, the Church’s teachings on these matters (perhaps referring to Canon Law quotes). It is also your duty to inform Sale Diocese priests and require them to inform the laity.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

[signed] *Richard Earle*” Marlo

Bishop Coffey’s Reply

“I acknowledge and note the contents of your letter.

The background to liturgical propriety is based on the Latin edition of the Instructions of the Roman Missal. There is no Australian English edition of the Instructions. The American translation used for the American Church is one often quoted in Australia but has not been approved here as yet.

The liturgical rules which were proposed in “Ecclesia De Eucharistia”, have not been approved for Australia yet.

The rules I have promulgated in the Diocese of Sale regarding Communion under both kinds and which are still in force, can be obtained from the Parish Priest.

If in your opinion, the liturgical rules are being broken continually by priests of the diocese then I would suggest that you could let me know and I will accept a reference to the Latin edition of the instructions to the Roman Missal (2003). Except for Canon 2, the Code of Canon Law does not contain liturgical laws of the type you are referring to.

Yours sincerely,

[signed] *Jeremiah Coffey, Bishop of Sale*”

What?! ... Our Bishop really does believe that the Catholic Church in Australia is independent of the universal church! Since when do documents from the Vatican have to be specifically “approved for Australia” before we consider them worth accepting?

Priests Dare to Interfere

The following is from an article that appeared in The Age on 22 March 2004, by Farrah Tomazin:

“The Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart, is taking the unprecedented step of creating a committee to deal with a growing power struggle between priests and principals in Catholic schools.

The move follows a rise in the number of disputes between the two parties - some so serious that principals have taken stress leave or parents have removed their children from a school.

The conflict was reported in *The Age* in November when the independent teachers union and several school sources cited cases where priests had threatened to sack staff, had thrown out resources, or overrode decisions on classes and curriculum.

Priests in Victoria are the legal operators of Catholic primary schools and regional secondary schools, while principals manage the schools’ daily business.

Archbishop Hart stepped in to address the issue last month after the Victorian Independent Education Union wrote, asking him to intervene.

According to the union’s general secretary, Tony Keenan, conflicts between priests and principals had become the single biggest issue the union has had to deal with on behalf of school staff, with more than 40 disputes in the past two years.

“Problems would basically arise because of an undue interference on the part of the priest in the management of the school,” Mr Keenan said yesterday. “In some of the worst-case scenarios, there have been priests who have acted very inappropriately with the students - preaching ‘fire and brimstone’ stories and scaring the kids... the kind of stuff that is just not acceptable.”

The committee will set up formal dispute-resolution procedures for priests and principals.”

So, if priests are acknowledged to be the ‘legal operators’ of schools (and we know they are the rightful administrators according to Church law), then who would be the party struggling for power?

And if the few priests game enough to try to ensure that the schools under their authority become Catholic in nature, are considered to be ‘unduly interfering’, then why insist on keeping the schools Catholic in name? Ed.

Truth Cannot Be Created

“It is obvious that truth cannot be created through ballots. A statement is either true or false. Truth can only be found, not created.”

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger

Who Says the Doxology?

Q: In our parish, the priest has invited people to join him in the “Through him, with him, in him.” I thought this was reserved especially for the priest - am I wrong? If it is not appropriate, what would be the most charitable way to approach him? *K.S., New York*

A: You are quite correct. The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM), No. 151, clearly states: “At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest takes the paten with the host and the chalice and elevates them both while alone singing or saying the doxology, ‘Per ipsum’ (Through him). At the end the people make the acclamation, Amen. Then the priest places the paten and the chalice on the corporal.”

The priest says or sings this prayer alone (or with other priest concelebrants) because it forms an integral part of the Eucharistic Prayer, which has always been reserved exclusively to the priest.

The people give their assent to the priest’s words through their saying or singing the Amen, often called the great Amen as being the most important of the Mass. This Amen is seen as the definitive conclusion to the Eucharistic Prayer and its doxology (a prayer of praise) symbolised by the fact that the priest does not lower the chalice and paten until the people conclude the Amen.

This practice of the people joining in the doxology is found in several places, sometimes due to a priest’s mistakenly inviting the people to join in.

As to how you should approach your priest? I suggest that you kindly point out to him the relevant norms but at the same time suggest an alternative way of distinguishing the importance of this moment.

One possible suggestion is to ask him to sing the doxology so that the people’s response is also sung. Another possible way of solemnising this Amen is to follow the practice, now common at papal Masses, of repeating it three times in a simple but uplifting tone. This also provides a key for making the musical transition to the Our Father.

*Answered by Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy
Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athenaeum*

Can We Wash Women’s Feet on Holy Thursday?

(Also answered by Father Edward McNamara)

The rubrics for Holy Thursday clearly state that the priest washes the feet of men (“viri”) in order to recall Christ’s action toward his apostles. Any modification of this rite would require permission from the Holy See. It is certainly true that in Christ there is neither male nor female and that all disciples are equal before the Lord. But this reality need not be expressed in every rite, especially one that is so tied up to the concrete historical circumstances of the Last Supper.

Priests Are Precious

We who support Into the Deep do appreciate our priests, who are specially consecrated by God to bring us the Holy Mass and the Sacraments.

We understand that many of our priests are ageing and have heavy demands on their time with all the commitments of running a busy parish. The last thing we want to do is criticise our priests, which is what we are sometimes accused of doing.

Our criticism is not of the priest, but of the erroneous teaching which has been allowed to spread through many Catholic institutions.

Our individual complaints seem to fall on deaf ears and our letters to Catholic Life were stopped, so Into the Deep is our only medium for expressing our concerns and exposing the errors that we constantly find in some religious literature and homilies.

Into the Deep publishes good articles from Papal approved documents, to lessen the confusion of those Catholics who simply do not know what to believe anymore.

We would dearly love to work in complete peace and harmony with all of our priests and parishioners as we always have done in past years, but it’s becoming more difficult as the gap is widening.

Our dilemma is do we just keep quiet and ignore the crisis in the Catholic Church, or do we do what St Paul tells us and refute error?

Some people acclaim us for what we do and some people shun us but that’s the price we have to pay.

There’s a battle out there and it’s raging; and the battle must be won.

Mary Tudor, Moe

Silence After Communion

After Communion a period of silence should be observed, or a hymn may be sung which is different from the hymn sung by all during the reception of Communion.

It may sometimes be possible to combine both methods, either leaving a brief period of silence after a hymn or else concluding a period of silence with a psalm or song of thanksgiving either executed by the choir or by the whole congregation.

It is inappropriate to use this period of silence for other activities such as second collections or announcements. The proper time for these is after the concluding prayer and before the final blessing.

Fr Edward McNamara

Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

Bass	Wednesday 9.30am – 10.30am
Cowwarr-Heyfld	1 st Friday alternately: Cwr 7.30pm–8.30am Heyfield 10am – 4.30pm
Cranbourne	Tuesday (9.30 Mass) 10am – 11am Wednesday (9.30 Mass) 10am – 11am Friday (9.30 Mass) 10am – 10pm Saturday (9.30 Mass) 10am – 11am
Drouin	Thursday 10am – 11am First Fridays 7.30pm – midnight (alternating months, December onwards)
Lakes Entrance	Friday 9am – 12noon 2 nd Thursday 10am – 11am 11 th of the month 1 Hour after Mass
Morwell	Thursday 9pm – Friday 9pm
Orbost	Friday 10am – 11am
Rosedale	First Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30am
Sale	Friday 11.30am – 2pm First Friday 11.30am – 6pm
Traralgon	Wednesday 11am – 12 noon
Warragul	Saturday 10am – 11am First Fridays 7.30pm – midnight (alternating months, January onwards)

Please contact us to update and extend this list with hours of Adoration throughout Gippsland.

Eucharist in Pastoral Plans

“To proclaim Christ is to make each one experience - but especially those who suffer from spiritual and material poverty - divine tenderness and mercy,” the Pope explained [at an audience with some of his parishes].

The Holy Father suggested to the parish communities that they “become places of hospitality and solidarity.”

He reminded them that they must be “**schools of education in the authentic faith, aware of being custodians of a great treasure** which it is not right to waste, but which must be continually augmented.”

The Pontiff also asked that the Eucharist be “at the centre of every pastoral plan,” because “it builds the Church as authentic community of the People of God and always regenerates it on the basis of the sacrifice of Christ himself.”

“Above all,” he said, “I invite you, dear families, to make reference to the Eucharist, as you are called to support your children in the path of preparation to the sacraments of Christian initiation and to follow them in adolescence and beyond, so that, growing, they will faithfully carry out the mission that God has reserved for them.”

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Mary, our mother

And mother of the Redeemer,
Gate of heaven and star of the sea,
Come to the aid of your people,
Who have sinned,
Yet also yearn to rise again!
Come to the Church’s aid,
Enlighten your devoted children,
Strengthen the faithful throughout the world,
Let those who have drifted hear your call,
And may they who live as prisoners of evil
Be converted!

John Paul II

Sacrifice?

From the Latin

Make Sacred!

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The purpose of Into the Deep is to provide a forum for those who:

- no longer have a voice in Catholic Life, our diocesan newspaper,
- wish to understand and defend the teachings of the Catholic Church,
- wish to support and defend those who are unjustly treated by Church bureaucrats and organisations,
- wish to campaign for the renewal of our Catholic schools,
- wish to promote Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes,
- wish to have a means of support and contact for one another in remaining true to our Catholic faith.

Letters to the Editor

Readers are encouraged to contribute letters or articles. We cannot guarantee that all will be published, and some will be edited due to space.

Please keep letters factual, and report only first-hand information.

The purpose of sharing letters is to pass on relevant information and suggestions for making positive changes, that is, in line with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

We live in joyful hope that the diocese we love can be faithful to the authentic tradition of the Church. As such, Into the Deep aims to be a messenger of hope and not of doom.

Name, address and phone number must accompany letters. However, if there is a reasonable request, anonymity will be preserved when publishing.