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Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

Realizing Holy Communion

We humans are strange creatures. All our identity and our sense of self emerges from the great web of connection we have with each other. All around us we see the results of humans working collectively together to refashion the world in which we live. Our culture, our technology, our infrastructure, our language and our commerce all emerge out of a very complex set of relations with innumerable people both living and dead. We are entirely interdependent. Not even the most rugged of us is any way that self-made. And yet, throughout millennia of human history, you would have to say we humans seem to have consistent difficulty in getting on peacefully with one another.

Our celebration of first Holy Communion for our children this week highlights our need for community and connection. The call is to realize that Jesus the Christ is already in communion with us. As we heard last week in John's gospel, "make your home in me as I make mine in you." Notice, Jesus is stating he is already in us. This is not something you earn or achieve through muscular piety, nor is it something you deserve through good works or self-made merit. Rather it is a bit like waking up, or making a discovery, or receiving an epiphany. This is usually a slow, long distance pilgrimage, wherein we find our little self is only a fraction of the identity we have in being part of the Body of Christ.

Once this begins to have its effect on us, we can no longer live just on the superficial level of buying and selling, competing and grasping. Rather, another set of values emerges that is all about living justly and peacefully, lovingly and generously. This is because we discover unity is all we have and this unity has its deepest still point in the sacrament our children are receiving this weekend. Our Christian faith believes that Jesus the Christ embodies this still point of loving presence. He is the paramount sacrament of our God and the fullest visible embodiment of the graciousness of God.

Through him we are in communion with the One who holds all things in being.

All of this raises the question of what will nourish and grow our children in their journey of life. We don't expect them to grow up and work out their values later. They need boundaries and challenges, they need firm, but also tender loving and they need to know, to paraphrase the gospel, that they do not live on stuff or shopping alone. They, and all of us are in very real need of the love and life Jesus extends to us.

In drawing life from Him, we in turn become the bread of justice, peace and unity our hungry and broken world is so in need of.

Fr Vincent Jewell PP



We remember those who have died :
Yolanda Demark

We pray for those who are unwell :
Noelene Goonan Vincent Daniels
John Orders John Condon
Tim Coakley Tulli Seabert



Special prayers for :

Mohammad Rahmani, that our request to Minister Peter Dutton to provide a visa, or at least work rights, will receive a favourable response.

Noura Kka, former parishioner, who returned to Iraq & encountered persecution for her Christian beliefs and is now battling ill-health.

May God hold them all in the palm of his hand.

Meetings :

St Vincent de Paul

Monday 7th May, 7.30pm in the Fitzpatrick Meeting room. Prospective volunteers welcome to call Anne: 0458 294 526 prior to meeting.

St Bernard's Men's Group

Tuesday 8th May at 10am in Fr Peter's Café.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm
Clairvaux Meeting Room. Please bring a plate.

Widowed & Social Group

Book now for June outing

Tues 19th June Morning Melodies
at Fyansford Hotel. Bus & lunch \$20.
please ph Mary 52 432 673.

Bus leaves St Bernard's at 9.30 & returns 2.15



Thank you to all who contributed to the \$6,682.30, which was raised for **Project Compassion** during Lent.

Annual mass count for the Archdiocese starts this week, for 4 weeks in May.

Parish records : *We welcome all new parishioners to our parish community.*

If you are *new to the area*, or have changed your PHONE NUMBER or address, we invite you to fill in a census card, from the bracket, beside the door to the Projection Room.
Please return to Fr Vince, or Parish Office.

Melbourne Catholic May edition is out now. Visit melbournecatholic.org.au to subscribe

Thursday May 10 to Friday May 18
(Ascension Thursday & Pentecost Sunday)
'Thy Kingdom Come'.

Join the *Global Wave of Prayer* at Wing and a Prayer,
116 Moorabool St, Geelong.

Prayer Service at 11.00 am each day, or *call in any time* during the day to pray. All Welcome. Concludes with a Combined Churches worship service at 7pm on Pentecost Sunday.
(An initiative of the Anglican Church. Enquires www.thykingdomcome.global).

Thurs 17 May 7.00-8.30pm

Circle of Mercy Community Evening.

Sarah Afshar presenting '*Baha'i Faith*'
Celies Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart College. Light refreshment afterwards.
RSVP by Fri 11 May : Rita 52 220 467
rsvp@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

Sunday, 20 May 3.30-5.30pm

20th Anniversary of Passionist Family Groups in Nazareth Parish.

HIGH TEA at Lisieux Centre, St Therese Church, Torquay.
RSVP Jill & Bob 52 414 070 / 0427 414 070 for catering purposes. *All welcome.*

Sun 20th May 12 noon

KSC Casserole Lunch Belmont Seniors Centre, 52 Thomson St. \$10 per head. Bring a casserole or sweet.
RSVP Joe 5229 8442.

Thursday 21st June 7.30pm
'People Come First'

The Geelong Deanery presents :
Bro Mark O'Connor reflecting on the *Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis*. Here at St Bernard's Church.

16 & 23 June 11am-3pm

From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals presented by ACU in St Mary's Pioneer Room. Cost \$60.00. RSVP 8th June. Enquiries 02 9701 4751.
Registration : www.acu.edu.au/nre_for_liturgy/short_courses



Nell Harrison celebrating her *108th* birthday.

St Bernard's Book Fair - Sun 20th May
Clairvaux Hall 8am to 3.00pm

How can you help?



- **Donate** books, DVD's, CD's, games & puzzles. Please deliver to the Parish Office, or call Peter 0409 969 648 for pick up. (*Final pick ups Fri 11th May*). (no magazines, textbooks or encyclopedia).
- **Spread the word. Pick up a poster** from the foyer **TODAY**, to put up at your workplace. (Smaller flyers for **letter box delivery** to your street are in the foyer today)
- **Bake** a cake or slice and deliver to the Clairvaux Hall on the morning of 20th May.
- **Come along & browse the huge selection on the day.**



On Tuesday 1st May we celebrated the Feast of **St Joseph the Worker.**

The dignity of work is one of the Principles of our rich Catholic Social Teaching.

Please remember in your prayers those who are *unemployed, underemployed or unable to work.*

May their dignity be respected and may we all find true joy in our work.

Office for Justice and Peace

The Coffee Processing Plant will benefit many generations of people at Mannya.

Direct bank transfer :

BSB : 063 504

acc number : 008 005 74.

Bank reference :

'Coffee & surname'

Cheques :

'St Bernard's Church Mannya acc'.

Contact the Office for further information.

Thank you



Mark & Tink Boyd, a Queensland couple with seven children, will lead the official Australian pilgrimage to the ninth **World Meeting of Families** conference in Dublin in August.

First Eucharist Weekend

This weekend children from Clairvaux School and St Bernard's Monday School will be receiving their First Eucharist. *We welcome them and their families on this special occasion.*

We pray :

*May God bless you,
May God keep you,
May God's goodness
shine on you.*

*May we see God's face in everything you do.
Amen.*



Marian feast added to Church calendar

Pope Francis has decreed that the ancient devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of *Mother of the Church*, be inserted into the liturgical calendar.

The liturgical feast will be celebrated annually as a Memorial, on the *day after Pentecost*.

The Pope wishes to promote this devotion in order to *'encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church, in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety'*.

CathNews 5.3.18

Truth Justice and Healing Council

The Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council concluded it's work on Monday 30 April, after more than five years coordinating the Church's response to the child sexual abuse Royal Commission.

Mr Francis Sullivan, CEO of the TJHC, today thanked the thousands of people who had contributed to the work of the Council and more broadly the Commission.



"The past five years have been a searing experience for most people inside the Catholic Church, as they have for the many thousands of survivors who have told their stories of abuse.

Many good things have been achieved over the past years; reforms to legal processes, improvement in child protection practices, changes to compensation and redress arrangements.

But by far the greatest legacy of the Commission will be the increased awareness of the appalling damage of child sexual abuse and the heightened awareness that will forever keep the protection and safety of children at the very forefront of all our thinking". CathNews 1.5.18

We keep Francis & all the members of the TJHC in our prayers

4th to 13th MAY MUSIC AT THE BASILICA PRESENTS "**WINDFIRE**" **FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC IN GEELONG'S CHURCHES.** TICKETS AT DOOR OR FROM TRYBOOKING. No charge for children. Full details at www.musicatthebasilica.org.au Phone 0407 095 408

Sat 19 May 10am-3.30pm **The Community Quiet Day** led by Stephen Holgate
'Constants, new beginnings, letting go' Living Well Centre, St George's Anglican Church, 296 Glenferrie Rd Malvern. www.christianmeditationaustralia.org email : chrmedvic@gmail.com or call 0418 584 970.

Thurs 24 May 7-9am '**Catholic Man Breakfast Series**' featuring *Daniel Wells*, Collingwood Champion CQ Club, 113 - 123 Queen St. Melbourne. \$45/head. Bookings: Michael 0439 172 465 michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 1-3 June, 17-19 August, and 9-11 Nov
7pm Friday - 5pm Sunday. information: ph : 0411 225 992. email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
website:www.wwme.org.au

Villa Maria Catholic Homes—brochures outlining services and programs are available in the foyer.

21-23 June Heart Ministry for Women Conference Ibis Melbourne. Heart:TheCatholicGuy.com.au

Memorial Niche Wall : *Ashes* may be laid to rest *in the wall* in the church grounds.
Contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

Mon : 10.00—3.00
Tues : 8.30—4.30
Wed : 8.30—4.30

Thurs : 8.30-1pm
Thurs pm—CLOSED
Friday : 8.30-4.30

Please Note: Church **car park** gates are locked at 1.00pm each Sunday

Week 2: 12/13 May

St Bernard's Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00 am and 10.30 am
5.30pm at *St Mary's*

Wednesday : 12 noon
Friday: 12 noon

Mass on the radio: 7.00am Light FM 89.9;
10.00am Pulse FM 94.7

If you need a priest urgently,
phone Fr Vincent
0417 837 565

St Bernard's Playgroup

Tuesdays during school term.
9.00-10.30am
in the Big Space,
entrance Fryers Rd.
All welcome

Charismatic Prayer

1st & 3rd Tuesday
10.00am
in the Church.

Men's Group :

Second Tuesday of the month
10am
in Church café.
Come along for a *cuppa & chat*



Christian Meditation

Wed 7.30pm
in the church

Tai Chi : Fridays

9.30-10.30
in the Church café.

Setting up for Mass	6.00pm	R & B Campbell
	9.00am	L Madden
	10.30am	J Ross M Charman
Eucharist Ministers	6.00pm	B Campbell U Emanuel N Edhouse S Foley J Spiteri
	9.00 am	M Walker M O'Brien P Lewis C Doyle B Poel
	10.30am	J Brdar M Gill A Buttigieg A Chirawu
Readers	6.00pm	S Kenworthy D Turnbull
	9.00 am	M Walker A Monk
	10.30am	T Gulli
PowerPointers	6.00pm	J & T O'Neill
	9.00 am	K Marshall
	10.30am	Brdar Family
Musicians	6.00pm	Marg, Tess L ,Eleanor
	9.00am	Kevin Harbison and group
	10.30am	Kevin Harbison and group
Book Nook	9.45am	F O'Reilly
Coffee Shop	Doris, Deirdre & Mary M	
Cleaners : 7	J Reddan L Dawson E Hannagan M McDonald A Doherty F Borgia	
Flowers	Denise and Rosemary	
Bread Roster: green	T Brislane K Harbison C O'Connor D Nolan T Gulli I Harry	
Communion at home	D Turnbull—co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.	

This week:

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Ps 97:1-4
Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

Next Week:

Acts 1: 1-11 Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9
Eph 1: 17-23 Mk 16: 15-20