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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B

Outward not inward in faith

Saint Augustine, who on a good day can be really good and on a bad day can be really bad, once said on one of his good days, that when we receive and celebrate Holy Eucharist we are summoned to become what we eat.

This is at the heart of today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Through his spirit Christ lives in us and the

Incarnation begun in him continues in us. As St Paul said often, we are now one body, one spirit, one people in Christ. However, critically speaking, this is not a union of the merely likeminded, or those demanding uniformity. That sort of thinking turns the church into a mega cult (which is precisely what some are happy to do), that is, a super ghetto, walling out all impurities, leaving only those within talking to themselves. No, this feast of Corpus Christi is all about a oneness, wider and deeper than we dare believe and yet embracing an infinite amount of diversity.

The direct rub of this is to make us outward looking, not inward. Whilst fears about secularism and moral relativism need to be addressed, this must not be done at the expense of witnessing to God's goodness and grace, manifest in all creation and in all people. Just as bread can be made sacred, so as to mediate the indwelling Christ to us, so too everything around us can be charged with divine presence

Yet, for a religion making unique claims about Divine Incarnation, Christianity has had a long and sorry history of reinforcing the gap between the profane and the sacred, rather than bringing them together. We pay lip service to titles like 'Word made Flesh' or 'Emmanuel', God is with us and yet we have been anti body, parsimonious and frequently coldly puritanical.

The prayers in the new translation of the liturgy are a case in point. These prayers, (which I find unprayable and unsayable) frequently evince a breathless anxiety to avoid everything in this world and in the flesh and go immediately to heaven. Heaven in this case being conceived as some bloodless, bodiless, air brushed, other worldly place of perfection.

This is a long way from breaking bread, sharing wine and being commissioned to seek the kingdom of God, in lives committed to love and serving justice. It is a long way from what Pope Francis has been asking of his priests, namely to abandon clerical separateness and get down into the earth and smell of everyday life

There are not a few who subversively ask if Christ would recognize the Roman church as his church. If he came to earth today would he get a welcome at the Vatican? Years ago the Russian novelist Dostoyevsky thought it more likely the Romans would burn him, than accept him. For my part, I think he would recognize our church as one of his, but not exclusively, so as his remit is nothing less than becoming all in all.

So on this feast let us not become fortress Catholics, shut off from the vast unimaginable diversity of this world.

Fr Vincent Jewell PP





Congratulations & best wishes to **Nnamdi & Allison**, who celebrate their wedding this weekend at St Bernard's.

We remember those who have died :
Jordan Vaccerello

We pray for those who are unwell :

Alan Ansell **Peter Harbison**
Noelene Goonan **Vincent Daniels**
John Orders **Tim Coakley**
Tulli Seabert

We welcome for Baptism :
Ethan Vaughan



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 4th June at 7.30pm.
Prospective volunteers welcome to call Anne: 0458 294 526 prior to the meeting.

St Bernard's Men's Group

Tuesday 12th June at 10.00am
in Fr Peter's Café.

Widowed and Social Group

There are still a few vacancies for 'Morning Melodies' Tuesday 19th June at Fyansford Hotel.
Bus and lunch \$20.
Please ph Mary 52 432 673

Tuesday, 12 June at 6.15pm **Geelong Catholic Diners' Club** at Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St Geelong West. Cost \$33. Guest speaker **Michael Killingworth**, pilot and frequent competitor in the Dakar Rally. RSVP 0431 959 584 by THIS Friday, 8 June

St Vinnies Saturday evening (5–5.45pm) **Bread Run** is in **need** of extra **volunteers** to help with deliveries on a *monthly* roster. Please contact Felicity: 52 415 366 or Anne: 0458 294 526.

Be part of food relief *helping others less fortunate.*



A key was found after Sat night mass. Please contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal



This weekend at every mass, there will be a collection for St Vincent de Paul.

All proceeds go to our Belmont conference and are used in our local community.

With your help Vinnies **Belmont Conference** has assisted **149 adults and 122 children** in the Belmont/Highton area, from Jan to May this year .

Assistance has included *food, food and clothing vouchers, education expenses, transport costs, furniture, utilities and rent.*

In the **Geelong region** we have :

Conferences (members or associate members)	216
Vinnies Stores volunteers	302
Special Works volunteers (tutoring, hospital visits, no interest loans)	31
TOTAL	549

"You must not be content with tiding the poor over the poverty crisis: you must study their condition and the injustices which brought about such poverty, with the aim of long-term improvement."

Frederic Ozanam, founder of St Vincent de Paul

"Often our biggest impact cannot be measured. The time our volunteers spend face-to-face with people, rebuilding their lives, is an immeasurable gift to communities big and small."

Michael Liddy, Victorian Society of St Vincent de Paul.
(Source : melbournecatholic April 2018)

Each time we receive Communion, we ask God to make us the body of Christ. We agree to **stand for** the powerless and **forgive** those who've harmed us, regardless of the cost.

This all started when Jesus shared bread and wine with his companions and then gave his life. This motley crew continued breaking bread, sharing the cup and giving their lives.

The cycle has continued to this day and includes all those ordinary people you know who **give themselves as 'bread'** to people who need them.

GPBSeNews



St Bernard's Parish & Clairvaux School present



An evening with CatholicCare

The challenges: finding time, working on relationships, and managing the many distractions of modern life

The opportunities: the value and importance of building connections, growing together, sharing our wisdom and beliefs

Support services, particularly CatholicCare and the opportunities in our community

An informal discussion led by :
Jeff Wild, Community Engagement Coordinator, CatholicCare
Sharon Collier, Manager, CatholicCare Geelong

Thursday 14th June 7.30 – 9.00pm
Fitzpatrick Room, Parish Office.



World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis, Dublin (Aug 2018)

'The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and the Church'
(Pope Francis Amoris Laetitia –The Joy of Love)

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ speaks all languages. It esteems and embraces all cultures. It supports them in everything human and when necessary, it purifies them.

Always and everywhere the Gospel uplifts and enriches cultures with the revealed message of a loving and merciful God. In the new world that is emerging for you, you are being called to live fully human and Christian lives, not to die of shame and sorrow. But you know that to fulfil your role you need a new heart.

You will already feel courage rise up inside you when you listen to God speaking to you in these words of the Prophets:

"Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. Do not be afraid, for I am with you".

St Ignatius College newsletter

Funding for Manny Coffee Processing Plant

Direct bank transfer :

BSB : 063 504

acc number : 008 005 74.

Bank reference : 'Coffee & surname'

Cheques :

'St Bernard's Church Manny acc'.

Clairvaux Catholic School marked **National Reconciliation Week**,

when Connie & Norm from Wadawurrung conducted a traditional **Smoking Ceremony** in the church grounds.



Accompanied by the haunting sound of the didgeridoo and clap sticks, the children processed into the church, where the indigenous children from the school performed bird dances.

The whole experience was a powerful reminder of the precious culture of our first people.

We pray :

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history, So that we may build a better future for our nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and water as our family.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and cultural change, to improve the quality of life for all groups in our community, especially the disadvantaged.

Amen

Important safety notice :



The **coffee machines** are on and **hot** during 9.00am mass.

Parents, please carefully supervise any children in the café area during mass, to ensure that they do not go anywhere near the server.

The rail of the big curtain has been repaired at great expense & with even greater difficulty.

Please ensure children do not play around the curtain.

Thank you

Thank you to all who assisted with counting **May mass attendance.**



Average	6pm	163
	9am	237
	10.30am	166
Weekend		566

4pm Fri 8 June to 4pm Sun 10 June **Live-in 'Winter Wisdom Weekend Retreat in the Company of the Mystics'**. Community of the Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre Cheltenham. Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$195 Contact : holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

Sun 10th June 2-5pm **Singing the Classics** *An Afternoon of Gilbert and Sullivan*, conductor Allister Cox. St Luke's Uniting Church. \$15.00 RSVP Anne 0412 524 316 or pandapilgrim@gmail.com (see noticeboard)

16 & 23 June 11am-3pm **From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals** presented by ACU. *St Mary's Geelong Pioneer Room*. Cost \$60.00. RSVP 8th June. Enquiries 02 9701 4751. Registration : www.acu.edu.au/nltre_for_liturgy/short_courses (see noticeboard)

Thurs 21st June 7.30pm **'People Come First'** - Bro Mark O'Connor. *Reflecting on five years of Pope Francis' pastoral revolution, highlighting the theme of merciful love.* Enquiries : Catherine (Deanery) 0409 007 913

Friday 22nd June **Refugee Week Fundraising Dinner**. Geelong College \$110 per person. Tables of 10. Organised by Diversitat. Bookings through www.trybooking.com/VHSZ

Sat 23rd June 6pm **Carnival Gala Night Michael Carmody Foundation**. Venue : St Joseph's College. Tickets \$75 for 2 course meal. Tables of 10 ph : 0438 983 566 or trybooking.com/book/event?eid=377962 (see noticeboard)



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 : 9/10 June

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*

Wednesday cards

Join us for a friendly game of 500
 1-30 - 4pm in the Church café.

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	H Brislane
	9.00am	L Madden
	10.30am	J Ross M Charman
Eucharist Ministers	6.00pm	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
	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 Deidre Mary M	
Cleaners : 11	C Hannam B Moran G Ellis G Garner M Purcell	
Flowers	Ann	
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:

Ex 24: 3-8 Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18
 Heb 9: 11-15 Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

Next Week:

Gen 3: 9-15 Ps 129
 2 Cor 4: 13—5:1 Mk 3: 20-35