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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Selling everything we own

We first world Christians may not like to hear it, but by global standards we are nearly all very wealthy, indeed we are in the top five percent of total world population. We may rage and fume at our mega rich, and we may rightly point out that times are hard for farmers, manufacturers, debt riddled students, the unemployed, retailers and so on, but yet so many of us are still amongst the wealthiest people our world has ever seen. And here we have a gospel calling us to give our money to the poor and to sell everything we own, for the sake of Jesus and the kingdom he inaugurates. And here too, we have a rich young man, ready enough to keep commandments for self-invested reasons, but too insecure and self-absorbed to take up the life Jesus invites him to.



This is once more about the gospels' non negotiable call to love wholeheartedly. Too often in sermons and in crafted commentary we priests have found ways to blunt and domesticate this call. But there is always a sharp, hard, razor radical edge to the gospel. In the end we have an all or nothing God, who will allow us to retain none of our blind spots. In any case when it comes to risking all or living mediocrely, many of us are tempted to take the money and run. Or like the Calvinists of old, we would prefer to jump hoops, work hard, avoid dancing, and trust in money as a guarantee of salvation.

Either way, our wealth or our money tempts us to place all our trust in it. For it's effects are real, it's power is great and like God, it reaches everywhere. The rich young man could not forswear his trust in wealth and to be honest neither can many of us. Yours truly definitely included.

But as Mother Teresa said some time ago "none of us owns a thing, it is all on loan". Half the battle of defeating insecurity and settling for mediocrity is detachment. About this many Buddhists know a great deal more than we Christians. But it is not another severe law code Jesus invites us to, but freedom. The only things we own are our will and our liberty. Everything else is gift. Discovering this, or realizing this, can release in us a real desire to sell everything and follow.

In the end the desire to follow has to be greater than our insecurity. How do we get there? Money may translate into anything, but as our American Indian brothers and sisters pointed out long ago, you cannot eat it. Jesus however translates himself into us but there is a "pearl of great price" to be paid, or a great surrender.

The Indian Moslem/Hindu (or is it Hindu/Moslem) mystical poet Kabir writes:

*"I want to mirror your immensity,
I want to never be too weak or old
To bear the heavy lurching image of you.
I want to unfold,
Let no place in me hold itself closed,
For where I am closed, I am false.
I want to stay clear in your sight"*

Fr Vincent Jewell PP

We remember those who have died :
Peter O'Callaghan Bruno Di Biase

We pray for those who are unwell :
John Wedding Judith Herron
Pat Alldis Brittany Schultz
Noelene Goonan Alan Ansell
Vincent Daniels John Orders
Tim Coakley Tulli Seabert

We welcome for Baptism :

Shae Olsen
Edward Foss
Leo Kent
Arlie Erceg



Special prayers for :

Mohammad Rahmani. At present, his solicitors are applying for a copy of his department file, under a Freedom of Information request.

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

Widowed and Social Group

Meeting : Mon 15th October at 10.30am
Fitzpatrick Room. Pictorial Presentation.
Salad luncheon.

Christmas Dinner : Tues 20th November.
Rice Village. Cost \$30.00.
Names and cash to Mary 5243 2673 ASAP

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be **NO week day mass** until Fr Vince returns on **Friday 26th October.**

Congratulations to

Bev and Ray Henry, who celebrated 60 years of marriage last week.



THIS Sunday 14th Oct 10.00am—2.00pm

Walk of Hope, Rippleside Park Geelong.
Commemorating Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

Thurs 18th Oct Circle of Mercy
Expressions of Faith **Naomi Wolfe**
Indigenous Spirituality

7.00pm Celies Dining Room
Sacred Heart College
rsvp@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au
or phone 5222 0467



Sat 1st Dec **St Margaret's** Primary School, East Geelong, **Class of 1968** 50 Year Reunion
For information – www.stmargarets1968.org
OR call Frank 0414 949570.

Please share this notice with any family or friends who might have an interest.

Book Nook News

2019 *Columban* Calendars are in stock NOW.
\$10

World Mission Day (next weekend) **21st Oct**
At St Bernard's, the annual Catholic Mission collection is sent directly to **support the Mannya community.**

(If you prefer to contribute to Catholic Mission, please collect an envelope in the foyer today and return it next week.)

Coffee Machine Update

As soon as electricity is extended from Mannya township, the coffee processing machine can be installed, commissioned and the operators trained.

Thank you to all who continue to help so generously.

Only the final stages still need funding & Fr Nestus' latest project to assist future self-sufficiency will be up & running!

Direct bank transfer :

BSB : 063 504

Acc number : 008 005 74.

Bank reference :
Coffee & surname

Cheques :

'St Bernard's Church Mannya acc' or leave **money at the Office.**



Living icons : mothers, fathers and the gospel of the family brochure. If you picked up a copy from the Church last week, please return when finished, for others to read.
Thank you

9-11 November

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

7pm Friday - 5pm Sunday. Information/bookings: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992
email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
website: www.wwme.org.au

We now have a good supply of **wool** for knitting squares. Please **'help yourself'** from the plastic tub in the children's liturgy cupboard.



Donations : 8ply wool can be left in the tub.



Assist a Student

Education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.

Brochures available in foyer.

Melbourne Catholic Magazine

October edition out now.

Visit : melbournecatholic.org.au to subscribe.



Plenary Council 2020

– Listen to what the Spirit is Saying.

The Plenary Council 2020 is an exciting and pivotal moment.

It is an opportunity for we Catholics to speak frankly about our experiences of Church, our concerns and our hopes, so that we might give new inspiration to Church leadership.



So please come to one of the following meetings and share your thoughts:

Thursday evening 18th Oct at 7.30pm
in the Fitzpatrick Meeting Room

or Saturday afternoon 20th Oct at 2pm
in the Church Foyer

Discussion to focus on :

1. Your experience of being a Catholic
2. Identifying issues of importance to the Church's future

Compassion in times of crisis: Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry is a multifaith, multicultural organisation.

It is made up of volunteers, who provide *personal support, psychological first aid and emotional and spiritual care to people affected by fire, weather events, accidents or emergency evacuations.*



www.vccem.org.au Brochures in the foyer.

October is Mental Health Month :



raising awareness of mental health & wellbeing. Frighteningly, mental health is the number one reason people go to the GP in Australia.

According to [beyondblue](http://beyondblue.org.au), an organisation that raises awareness of depression, anxiety and suicide prevention, a **protective factor** against anxiety and depression is strong ties with family, friends and the community.

Silence may be golden, but it can also kill when it shuts us off from other people. Similarly, withdrawal from the community is also destructive.

Community and conversation are at the heart of healthy living.

The symbol of suicide is silence: the silence of the person about their desperation, the inner silence of incomprehension by friends and family, their outer silence marked by inability or refusal to speak about it and the public silence of taboo that deters people from talking or enquiring about it.

For 'healthy' mental health, silence needs to be replaced by conversation.

World Homeless Day - 10 October

Habitat for Humanity estimate that 1.6 billion people live in inadequate shelter around the world and more than 100 million people worldwide are homeless (2015 survey).



These numbers have continued to grow as conflict, war and displacement affects countries and communities around the globe.

Pope Francis highlights the importance of housing to our human dignity.

Catholic Social Services

One Heart, One Home Giving Day

Sacred Heart Mission raised an incredible \$1.1 million for Project 101, a major redevelopment of the buildings between Robe & Grey Streets.



The funds raised will close the funding gap for the One Heart, One Home building, which, once complete, will *provide more homes and enhanced support for people experiencing disadvantage and chronic homelessness.*

Rethinking Gifts With Christmas Approaching!

(caring for our environment - tips from Geelong Sustainability)

Our consumerist society is undermining the planet's environmental resource base and exacerbating local and global inequalities. It's time to **RETHINK** our consumption habits.

Some creative ideas:

- Give a *subscription or membership* - Friends of the Earth, Renew, Digger's Seed Club
- Give an *experience* rather than stuff - surf lessons, swimming lessons, driving lessons, movie tickets
- Gifts that *support a greater good* - Fred Hollows Foundation, Oxfam Unwrapped, World Vision
- Gardening and *growing food gifts* - herbs, organic seeds, garden mulch, compost bin
- *Homemade* gifts - preserves, shortbread, offer some labour to help start a new garden
- Gifts for *Green Living* - Who Gives a Crap toilet paper, KIVA loans that change lives.



Think **zero waste** this Christmas : <https://www.geelongsustainability.org.au/?s=gift+giving>

Sunday 21st October 2.00-5.00pm **Singing the Classics** Vaughan Williams—Dona nobis pacem.
St Luke's Uniting Church, Highton. Cost \$15.00. RSVP Anne : 0412 524 316 or pandapilgrim@gmail.com

Saturday 27th October 1-3.30pm. **Pastoral Healthcare Network Pamper Day** (range of treatments).
St Bernard's church foyer. \$10.
RSVP Gabrielle 0403 500 279 by 24th Oct for catering.

Mon 29th Oct 1.30pm **All of a sudden "It's Ron"**.
Ron Sudden at Belmont Seniors Concert Hall. \$5

Sat 10th Nov 10am **St Joseph's Old Collegian's Association Remembrance Mass**, paying tribute to past students, staff and benefactors of the College.
College Chapel, followed by light refreshments.
Enquires: Julie 5226 8149 or julie.cole@sjc.vic.edu.au

Interested musicians, are invited to join the Vox Box Community Choir on **Mondays 7.30-9pm** at South Barwon Community Centre, Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont.
Further information : Lisa 0413 480 182.

Hope Bereavement Care : offers confidential, personal support & information to anyone affected by the sudden & unexpected death of a child. 4215 33 58 BH or 1300 308 307 AH

Asylum Seeker Food Bank @ The Welcome Place



(Wesley Centre Geelong)

Please see the noticeboard, or **take a flyer from the window ledge**, for details of how you can help :

- vouchers
- *culturally appropriate* non-perishable food
- toiletries and cleaning items
- Financial donations are also welcome.

There is a box under the green noticeboard for donated goods.

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 : 3 20/21 Oct

St Bernard's Mass Times

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

Wednesday : next mass will be 31st Oct
Friday : next mass will be 26th Oct

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

Fr Vincent is on leave

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
1-15 - 4pm in the Church café.

Christian Meditation

Wed 7.30pm
in the Church.

Tai Chi : Friday

9.30- 10.30
in the **Big Space**

Setting up for Mass	6.00pm	E & J O'Leary
	9.00am	E & M Zypfel
	10.30am	B Morris
Eucharist Ministers	6.00pm	Sr J Eudey V Bogacki K Taylor L McKay M Purcell
	9.00 am	Joanna P Tobias J Corless A Bates
	10.30am	M Lee P Boom B Morris M Cattanaach J Bisinella
Readers	6.00pm	J Hagan L Dwyer
	9.00 am	A Corda K Marshall
	10.30am	F/G Caruana M Connell
PowerPointers	6.00pm	
	9.00 am	O'Byrne Family
	10.30am	L Brennan
Musicians	6.00pm	Cath and girls
	9.00am	John and Greg
	10.30am	Instrumental music
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop	Felicity Maree Margaret W	
Cleaners : 12	A Long T Richmond A de Grandi J Norling J Shannon	
Flowers	Shirley Eileen Mary	
Communion at home	D Turnbull—co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.	

This week:

Wis 7 : 7-11 Ps 89:12-17
Heb 4 : 12-13 Mk 10 : 17-30

Next Week:

Isa 53:10-11 Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45