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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Servant power

Today's gospel zeros in on the issue of power and authority. Despite three times telling his disciples that he was destined to suffer and give his life, they are still ambitious for dominance and exaltation. Jesus again makes it clear that the authority and power he bestows is not about egotistical controlling and dominance, but about service of others, giving life to others, creating situations that inspire confidence and a sense of being accompanied and liberated.

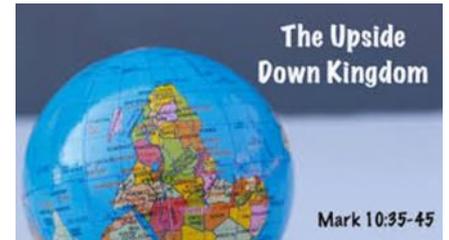
Ideally that is what power and governance within the church should manifest and be about, but too often it has amounted to the same old power games that the world plays, where the first are always first and the last are always last. The disciples are just like us; they are not ready to abandon their naïve notions of meritocracy and personal ambition, for the much more elusive reality of the kingdom of God, where the last are first and the first are last. To get to this kingdom of reality and truth, there is further baptism they and we must receive. A great conversion is required in order to move us away from self-interest to self-giving.

When Jesus speaks of his baptism he is speaking of course of his Passion. We too speak of certain trials being a baptism of fire, or a rite of passage via an ordeal. Often this is about letting go. James and John for instance, have to let go of their need for dominance and control. Perhaps even more confrontingly, they have to realize it is mercy, not rigorous perfection, that will lead them to greatness. The perfect after all is the enemy of the good and much of what passes for so called perfectionism is just another kind of reward seeking egoism. Failed attempts at illusory perfection inevitably lead to bitterness and then to the punishing of others.

Compassion on the other hand is born out of sense of one's own need for mercy and healing. Hence our failures and our trials can be great teachers. Indeed the big spiritual question so often comes down to what do we do with our suffering or our trials? Will we become embittered and transmit our pain to others, or will we become compassionate and transform our pain into care and service of others?

To be baptized is to be immersed fully in another medium, like being both buoyant and tipped off balance in water at the same time, learning anew what a thing the gospel is, turning things upside down, promising the least will be first, that those who lose their life will find it and that greatness lies in serving others.

Fr Vincent Jewell PP



'Serving does not mean that we passively accept that things continue as they are.
Serving implies initiative and creativity, knowledge and efforts,
to build a human, just and loving world.' Gustavo Gutierrez

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 :

Julian Thacker
Charlie Brown
Sophie Kasper



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.

Fr Vincent will be back for **mass THIS Friday 26th October.**

Meetings

St Vincent de Paul

Monday 22nd October at 7.30pm.
Prospective volunteers welcome to call
Anne: 0458 294 526 prior to the meeting.

Widowed and Social Group

Christmas Dinner : *Tues 20th November.*

Rice Village. 5.30– 6.00pm Cost \$30.00.
Names and cash to Mary 5243 2673
by Friday 9th November. All welcome.

Sat 27th October 10.30am

Geelong Interfaith Network rubbish clean up activity at Cuthbertson's Creek Corio.

Meet behind the McDonald's carpark.
BYO gardening gloves and picnic lunch.
Enquiries 0414 434 704

Sunday 11th November at 11.00am

KSC Annual Deceased Members Mass at Holy Spirit, followed by Awards Luncheon in the hall. \$25.00. Open invitation to members, ladies and family. RSVP Denis 5242 8663

Tuesday 20th November 7.00 for 7.30pm

Widening the Door of Hope :

A Response to the Victorian Assisted Dying Legislation at Mercy Theatre, ACU, 115 Victoria Pde Fitzroy.

RSVP / enquiries: by Monday 12th Nov
justice@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5727

Sunday 25th November

The **Holy Boy Cantata** has been **cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances.

Assist a Student

Education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.
Brochures available in foyer.



This weekend our annual collection for Manny will be taken up at each mass.

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

Coffee Machine Update

Fr Emma has forwarded the **Coffee Project Business Plan**, detailing formation of the **Mannya Coffee Co-Operative Union**, quality control measures & many other issues.

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.** Thank you



Book Nook News

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

Child Safety at St Bernard's

Call Victoria Police on 000
if you have immediate concerns
for a child's safety.



<http://www.faithdoingjustice.com.au>



Free monthly electronic
Faith Doing Justice newsletter,
published by the Australian Jesuits

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.

A true builder of peace is one who takes the
first step toward the other. This is not
weakness but strength, the strength of peace.

Pope Francis

Spring Time

Over the years I have noticed that I am always drawn to a particular activity in the face of change: I buy bulbs or seedlings and plant them in a pot at my back door.

I have done this during *times of grief and in times of celebration*. I think it's because my mum loved her garden and it was not unusual to find her there – regardless of the weather – toward the end of the day. She had a large garden and each plant held its story. Why she chose it, when it was planted and sometimes, why it was planted. And she would finish each of her stories by saying 'The heavens are telling the glory of God!'. For mum, the workings of her garden were a sign of the life-giving presence of God in the world.

So the latest pot by the back door has just come into bloom, coinciding with this season of spring. These seeds, from which purple and pink sweet peas have sprung, were prompted by reflections on *beginnings and endings*. And as these little seeds have done their work of moving in the darkness of the nurturing earth toward the light, spring has also done its work, transforming the world around us.



The days are lighter and brighter, prompting a change in our habits. Perhaps we notice different smells or are appreciating the slightly warmer weather. Perhaps we have been prompted to *take stock*.

For me, the sprouting of the seeds is not a little thing. This act of nature reminds me to *be thankful* and to be *more attentive* to the work of God in the world. It encourages me to *think about my life* and about what is emerging, about *what needs to be tended* to and what needs to be *cared for*.

So perhaps spring can become a time when we *listen more carefully* to the inner workings of our hearts, enabling us to join with the ancient peoples in one of their songs of praise and to truly believe that the Heavens are telling the glory of God! (Psalm 19)

Cathy Jenkins Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation



#WhyImCatholic

Catholic Extension has launched a new social media campaign called #WhyImCatholic to offer 'hope and unity' for Catholics, inviting them to share their positive stories about faith and community, at a difficult time for the Church.

Service, in Sunday's readings, is about **loving giving**, not about kudos or material gain. Many Australians already give of their time, as around *one-third of the population aged 15 years or over participates in voluntary work*, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.



A volunteer is defined as someone who gives unpaid help in the form of time, service or skills, through an organisation or group. Most common reason : to help others or the community (64%) or to do something worthwhile (54%).

This week is **Anti-Poverty Week** (14-20 Oct) and **Tuesday, 16 Oct is World Food Day**.

While the emphasis is, rightly, on lifting all people from poverty, we also know from Jesus' teachings, we must also contend with a poverty of spirit. *Volunteering is one way of ensuring we, and our communities, thrive.*



Two people who embodied service in different ways – **Pope Paul VI** and **Oscar Romero**, the Archbishop of San Salvador, were **canonised** this week,

alongside four others: *Bl Francesco Spinelli, Bl Vincenzo Romano, Bl Maria Caterina Kasper & Nazaria Ignazia.*

We remember all of these saints in our prayers.

Michele Frankeni, Australian Catholics

Plenary Council

Listening & Dialogue sessions : feedback from both St Bernard's meetings will be featured over the next few weeks.



Submissions from parishes & schools around Australia, will help develop the agenda for the 2020 Plenary Council.

You may also visit :

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pages/contact-us/
or post to : **PO Box 747 North Sydney 2059**
to send a submission.

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. **Please leave items in the box under the green noticeboard.**

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.** College Chapel, followed by light refreshments. Enquires: Julie 5226 8149 or julie.cole@sjc.vic.edu.au

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

Sat 1st Dec **St Margaret's PS, East Geelong, Class of 1968 reunion.** Enquiries Frank 0414 949570.

Villa Maria Catholic Homes A Catholic, not-for-profit organization, providing services to more than 7000 people across Victoria. For more information please phone 1800 036 377 or visit www.vmch.com.au

Senior Administration Officer St Mary's Parish to commence duties early December 2018. Pre-requisites include experience in Microsoft products inc Excel, Outlook, Power Point and Word. Practical use of Accounting programs with an understanding of General Ledger postings, Bank Reconciliations, Accounts Payable. Enquiries Terry Philp, Business Manager 5222 1977. Working hours 5 days 9am to 5pm.

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 : 4 27/28 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 until this Friday, 26th October

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	C & C Raj
	9.00am	L Madden
	10.30am	J Earle D Gielen
Eucharist Ministers	6.00pm	M Dias E Kent C Kenworthy C Raj
	9.00 am	D Butler B Gleeson A Morris S Gillett C Wilkin
	10.30am	P Boom B Morris M Cattanach J Bisinella
Readers	6.00pm	P Lewis C Raj
	9.00 am	M King L Pomeroy
	10.30am	F Khan A Bainbridge
PowerPointers	6.00pm	D & N Kavanagh
	9.00 am	J & J Burgess
	10.30am	B & R Dillon
Musicians	6.00pm	Kevin E
	9.00am	Marg, Tess C and Anna
	10.30am	Instrumental music
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop	Edna B Mary M Pauline L	
Cleaners : 13	L Lee K McDonald F McCoy K Agudelo	
Flowers	Ann	
Communion at home	D Turnbull—co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.	

This week:

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

Next Week:

Jer 31:7-9 Ps 125
 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52