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Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Remembering.

This weekend we mark the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War One. It is a major moment in history, marking events both prior and since that have profoundly shaped the fabric and nature of our world as we experience it today. The obvious example being how the armistice contributed directly to the rise of Hitler and the total disaster of World War Two. A few years ago we Aussies got very ostentatiously nationalistic about Gallipoli. One wonders how extensively and how well we might remember and reflect upon the end of the first total war in human history.



The English word 'remember' has many meanings, mainly to do with recollection and awareness of past events. It can also be seen literally as an act of re-membering, as in the opposite to dis-member. In other words, this crucial anniversary can act as a means of gathering awareness regarding who and what we are becoming today.

The changes over our last one hundred years are utterly staggering. Only some can be touched here. All the old European empires (and the Turkish Ottoman) have fallen. Perhaps the only one left is the Roman Catholic Church (and it too has been dragged reluctantly towards modernity by the second Vatican Council). Back in 1918 the world was not so religiously global. Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and the like mostly lived in separate spheres or regions and could safely assert their superiority, without having to encounter each other very much. Population has gone from about 1.8 billion to 7.6 billion and rising. The industrial revolution continued and morphed into the digital revolution, about to further morph in areas of genetics and artificial intelligence.

Major advances have been made in technology, science and the green revolution in agriculture. Both the domains of inner and outer space have been explored through advances in quantum physics and astro-physics. We have split the atom and now we have promethean fire with which we can destroy all life. Communism has risen and fallen. So too fascism, although many fear a new ascendant fascism at work. Capitalism has taken all before it, in a sense creating one world under mammon. The results are mixed. In many parts of the world standards have risen. Fewer are in poverty and more are educated than the proportion of the population back in 1918.

However there is also rising inequality in many nations including our own, wherein the richest 1% have vastly more wealth than the rest of us.

Social movements have changed us dramatically. Feminism, despite the blow back, is here to stay. The sexual revolution too. So too the movement towards greater care for and appreciation of the natural environment. Yet this too has to be contrasted with the environmental crisis of vast habitat losses, the loss of more than 50% of the world's wildlife and the non-negotiable crisis of global warming already directly shaping our weather. cont p 2

We remember those who have died :

Flo Azzopardi

We pray for those who are unwell :

John Wedding

Pat Alldis

Brittany Schultz

Noelene Goonan

Alan Ansell

Vincent Daniels

John Orders

Tim Coakley

Tulli Seabert

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.

No week DAY masses until further notice.

Tues 13th Nov 10am

Men's Group. Church café



Wed 14th Nov 7.30pm

Knights of the Southern Cross.

Clairvaux meeting room.



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to subscribe. This month features an article on **St Bernard's Neighbourhood Meals.**

Every Friday morning, a number of people gather, then take **communion to those who are sick at home, or in Nursing Homes.**

If you are interested in assisting with this very special ministry, please contact the Parish Office.



Care for our common home :

Zero Waste – is about reducing waste, reusing things where possible and ultimately sending zero waste to landfill.



Over the past 30 years, a staggering one-third of the planet's natural resources have been consumed. Our consumerist society is undermining our planet's capacity to regenerate itself. We must consider what we buy, where we buy it and how we dispose of it.

- Remember to take your **reusable** water bottle, coffee cup, cutlery and shopping bags
- Keep **reusables handy.** Store them in your car, hand bag or backpack
- Say **'no'** to single-use plastics, especially **straws** and go #strawnomore!

Let's lead our region towards Zero Waste.

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And in this picture of remembrance we are asked to remember today a simple and direct act of love and generosity. This is contrasted with the vainglorious grandstanding of the rich. As in the story of the widow's coin, do not forget how the world is made and re made, one act of kindness at a time.

So in all this remembrance let us keep a simple focus. The gospel still calls and summons us to love and love, as the gospel reveals it is an all or nothing affair.

Finally I want to acknowledge that the call of the gospel is at the heart of our faith we share and the presence of Jesus is always there to sustain us, if we but seek it.

My seeking has to take a new direction, but let me say how humbled and honored I have been to be a priest in this community and to thank you all, for all your support and love.

Love Fr Vincent

Farewell Fr Vincent



- **special collection** at each mass today, to *show our appreciation* of his time with us in a *practical way.*

- *Join us for morning tea* in the **Big Space** 10-10.30am this Sunday.

Please bring along a *plate to share.*

- *write on a Farewell message sheet* in the foyer or Big Space today.

The Vicar-General, *Mgr Greg Bennet*, visited last week. **Fr Bob Wood and Fr Michael Richardson** will be with us until mid January 2019, when an Administrator will be appointed to the Parish.

11th November marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War (1914-18).



Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Australian War Memorial



Mannya beads : The colourful beads in the **Book Nook** are hand-made with rolled paper, by the women in Manya.

Our parish **'Dialogue & Listening' gatherings** identified 58 'issues' for the Bishops to add to the Council agenda.



See below for part 2 of 3 (final list next week).

Families need support [single parents, family breakdown & violence] (3)

Female presence needed in decision-making in the Church (6)

Fight clericalism (3)

Former priests should be invited back into some form of ministry (1)

Foster respectful dialogue between married couples – marriage formation

Governance of the Church should involve bishops, priests and laity and canon law amended to reflect this (7)

Important to provide pastoral care for the poor, the homeless, the disabled (1)

Lack of trust in hierarchy to 'forward think' (1)

Language in church –religious jargon hinders communication; make language inclusive (5)

Lay chaplains in hospitals and nursing homes be allowed to anoint and administer the last rites (1)

Lay leadership talents needed by Church (2)

Life matters, eg abortion, chastity, etc – Church should speak out clearly and forcefully (1)

Liturgy – make more relevant, lay involvement important (7)

Making the pews more comfortable for 'the oldies' (1)

Modern understandings of scripture needed (1)

More joy/love is needed in our celebrations (4)

More organisational support for priests (1)

Non-judgemental and inclusive Church (1)

Outreach – the Church should go out to the people, not wait in the centre (2)

Overseas priests – communication & skills difficulties (2) (more next week)

There is still an opportunity to express **your views** on *what issues the Church is facing today*.

Put another way - **'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'**

Deliver to the Parish Office

or email your thoughts to the website :

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pages/contact-us/

or post to : PO Box 747 North Sydney 2059,

This first stage of 'dialogue & listening' will continue until April 2019.



You are invited! Clairvaux Carnivale is **NEXT SATURDAY - 17th November** from 10am - 3pm.

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come a surprise to learn that *hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns* most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we.



Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid *our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing*.

May this Eucharist, then, give us *strength* to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we *use whatever gifts we receive* to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and *saying one thing and then leaving here and doing the very opposite*.

Richard Leonard SJ

Inspired by the Catholic Church's Year of Youth in Australia, the focus of **Prison Sunday 11th Nov** will be youth justice and juvenile detention.



At any time in Victoria, there are around 200 children and young people, aged between 10 and 24 years old, incarcerated in youth justice centres.

Prison Sunday provides a time for all Catholics to think about the conditions in our prisons and what we as Catholics – in our schools, parishes and welfare organisations – can do to make a difference.

We know that the majority of Australia's prisoners come from the most disadvantaged sections of the community: Indigenous people, the underprivileged and those suffering mental illness.

There is much that parishes can do to reach out and build bridges with prisoners and their families – by becoming a *prison visitor*; serving as a *court volunteer*; providing *family support* post-release; and fund-raising to provide *toiletry packs* for prisoners on release.

Sun 11th Nov at 2.30pm The Geelong Chorale presents **In Remembrance**, a concert to acknowledge the centenary of WW1 Armistice at St Paul's Anglican Church, La Trobe Terrace. Tickets \$25/\$20 Phone 0407 095 408 or thegeelongchorale@gmail.com

Tues 20th Nov 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 to : justice@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5727

Sat 1st Dec 10.30am **Lourdes Day Mass**
at St Patrick's Cathedral

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



**Wesley Asylum Seeker
Welcome Place Food Bank.**

*Pick up an updated list of foods from the window ledge of the notice board. **Supermarket***

vouchers are also very important. They allow people to buy *culturally appropriate* protein and school items for children, as well as purchase *petrol* to get to work and *phone credit* to apply for jobs and stay in touch with family overseas.

Mannya Coffee Machine

Fr Emma asks for **prayers for more rain.**



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*

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

St Bernard's Mass Times

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

Wednesday : no mass this week
Friday : no mass this week

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

**St Bernard's
Playgroup**

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

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

Charismatic Prayer

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

Week : 3 17/18 Nov



Men's Group

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

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 M Lee
	10.30am	P Boom B Morris M Cattanach 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	Kevin E
	9.00am	John & Greg
	10.30am	Instrumental music
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop	Felicity Maree O'B Margaret W	
Cleaners : 2	A Morris A O'Neill M Gardiner B Flynn R McLachlan J Parry	
Flowers	Pat H	
Communion at home	D Turnbull—co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.	

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.

This week:

1 Kings 17: 10-16 Ps 145: 7-10
Heb 9: 24-28 Mk 12: 38-44

Next Week:

Dan 12: 1-13 Ps 15 : 5, 8-11
Heb 10:11-14,18 Mk 13:24-32