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Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Reflection

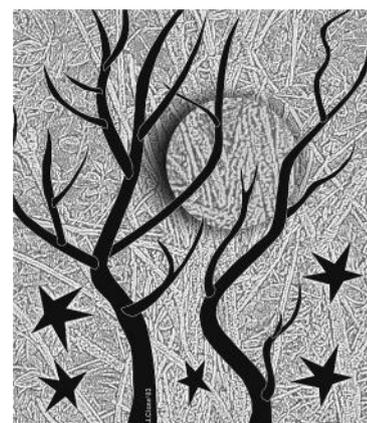
Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb.

These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

Dianne Bergant CSS



THANK YOU

Dear brothers and sisters

I would just like to take the opportunity to say a huge heart felt 'thank you' for all the kindness, support, understanding and generosity shown to me by so many parishioners, on my taking ministerial leave. I am very humbled and honoured by so much care and love.

A new journey beckons now and ministry will continue in new ways, but let me again express regret and understanding for those either saddened or disappointed by my decision. The parish of St Bernard's will always be dear to me and so will always be in my heart and in my prayers.

Very sadly, let me also say how enormously distressed I am to hear of the tragic events in Mannyra. Such horror and evil defies all our understanding, but let us not let evil deeds undo the great good already achieved.

Take care of yourselves and do not let anyone or any event deprive you of the grace and joy and peace of the gospel.

Love Fr Vincent

We remember those who have died :

Tom Malone

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



We welcome for Baptism :

Nash Moloney **Sloane Cooper**
Tommy Norton **Scarlett and Daisy Priddle**

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.



Welcome **Bishop Mark Edwards**, celebrating mass with us this weekend.

Meetings

Mon 19th Nov 10.30am

Widowed and Social Group.

Bring lunch. Guest speaker

Christmas Dinner Reminder

Please be at Rice Village at 5.30pm, for 6.00pm start this Tuesday

Mon 19th Nov 7.30pm **St Vincent de Paul**

Prospective volunteers welcome to call Anne : 0458 294 526 prior to meeting.

Tues 27th Nov 7pm **St Vincent de Paul**

Thanksgiving Mass at St Mary's.

Members, volunteers and friends of SVDP are invited to attend, to remember, honour and celebrate those who have passed away during the last 12 months. Join us for a 'cuppa' after.

Sat 1st Dec Footlight Productions –

Les Miserables

Trash & Treasure Sale.

If you have any second hand goods you would be happy to donate to this fundraiser, please contact Margaret & Peter Wills – 0438 441039 to arrange collection.



Sun 9th Dec 1.00pm

KSC end of year BBQ Social at

Louise and Alan Fossey's. Invitation to members, ladies and family. Cost \$10.00 per head includes BBQ & drinks. Please bring a salad or sweet. RSVP Phone Joe 5229 8442



Tragic news from Mannya

You may have heard of the tragic incident at the Secondary School in Mannya, involving a dormitory fire where (unconfirmed) 10 lives were lost and many injured.



The Cotton-On team based in Uganda are providing immediate care in the form of blankets, clothing, food, counselling and support for families. They are ensuring that the injured have access to the medical treatment and care they need.

We have promised Fr Emma and Fr Nestus that we will pray for them when we gather today - the deceased boys, the injured, all their families and the Parish of Mannya.

Excerpts from Cotton-On Foundation media release

What happens next at St Bernard's?

Wednesday & Friday—mass or lay led

liturgies at 12 noon

(depending on availability of a priest).

Fr Bob Wood will return next weekend, to say **weekend masses** until mid-January.

- Sat 6pm,
Sunday 9am & 10.30am

Remembrance mass

Sun 9th Dec at 10.30am

Christmas Eve

- 6pm children's mass
(outside, weather permitting)
- 9pm



NOTE : no 11pm mass Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

- 9am

(Fr Bob Wood & Fr Michael Richardson are already committed to other parishes as well at Christmas, so we are very thankful for their presence).

Read about :

St Bernard's Neighbourhood Meals

in *Melbourne Catholic*

Visit :

melbournecatholic.org.au

to subscribe

Article is also on the noticeboard.



A Christmas gift to help mothers.

To purchase a global gift or to make a donation call **Caritas Australia** 1800 024 413 or : <https://globalgifts.raisely.com/> Details in foyer.

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



See below for part 3 of 3.

Parents want faith for their children, without living it themselves (1)

Parishes should be consulted in the appointment of a Parish priest (1)

Priests should have superannuation (2)

Promote greater lay involvement in communion services on Sundays, baptisms, marriages, funerals (2)

Promote Small Christian Communities (2)

Recognise that lay people sometimes have more expertise and wisdom than the bishops (1)

Redefine what it is to be a Catholic – initiation sacraments and occasional rituals (1)

Reservations about 'man-made' laws (1)

Seminaries should provide a more holistic formation and be staffed by forward thinkers (2)

Social justice – speak out even more boldly on issues of inequality, discrimination and oppression (6)

Stronger links between school and parish activities, but less management responsibility for Parish Priest (6)

The Church is people, not buildings (2)

Third rite of reconciliation be generally available (4)

Utilise the many fine thinkers (on-line if not in person) for parish missions/renewal (1)

Vocations needed – open to men & women, single or married (19)

Vocations - Married men and women allowed to become priests and bishops (7)

Wealth of the Church/'riches' of Vatican clash with gospel values (2)

Welcome all people into our church and to communion (3)

Young people be helped to feel a sense of belonging, socially and in the down times (7)

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.

When the World Is Falling Apart



We've all had those days. The sun is shining, but everything seems so dark. It's a peaceful night, but pain fills our heart. It seems like the world is ending.

This week's Gospel was written to give you courage during the tough times. The early Christians faced rejection and persecution. Mark's Gospel reminded them that Jesus is with his followers during the toughest of times. Even though everything may seem to be falling apart, Jesus' words 'will not pass away.'

That means that despite the troubles we face, you can rest assured God loves you, God is reaching out to comfort you and God will strengthen you. Yes, God is with you when you are alone. But often *God wants you to reach out to others*. As humans, we often need other humans to really feel God's embrace. Friends, counsellors, family, or members of your Church often bring Christ's help during tough times. So, *don't isolate yourself when you hurt, or you might be keeping God's help at a distance*.

Don't give up and turn away, because in the midst of your toughest times, you can see God's 'power and glory.'

GPBSeNews

Care for our common home :

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



Recycle the right items in your yellow lidded recycle bin

- Keep **plastic bags** out of your recycle bin. Put recycling in loose
- Remember to recycle from every room
- **Empty containers**. Scrape clean and remove lids from glass jars.

Unsure what to put in this bin?

Check : thinkrecycle.com.au/a-to-z-guide

Let's lead our region towards Zero Waste.

www.geelongsustainability.org.au

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's **Pastoral Statement about the Bourke Street Attack** is on the noticeboard.

Bread 4 Today Redemptorist web site
<http://www.cssr.org.au/bread4today/>
daily prayers for reflection and meditation

2018 Christmas Catalogue for Aid to Church in Need are available in foyer or visit www.aidtochurch.org



Sun 25th Nov 3pm Orchestra Geelong presents **Orchestral Spirit** conducted by Joannes Roose.
McAuley Hall SHC. Tickets email: mel.murphy@hotmail.com

Mon 26th Nov at 1.30pm Belmont Seniors Concert Hall presents **Jeanette Young**.
52 Thomson St Belmont. Entry \$5.00 incl tea and coffee

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. **Thank you again for your wonderful support!**

Some Good News just in (16th Nov)
from Frs Emma & Nestus :
Today, the Braz-Afric technical team is coming to start the installation of the coffee machine.



Support for Mannya

Direct bank transfer :

BSB : 063 504

Acc number : 008 005 74.

Bank reference : initial & surname eg T Smith

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 : 12 noon Mass or Lay led liturgy
Friday : 12 noon Mass or Lay led liturgy
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

Week : 4 24/25 Nov

'How can the wars in the world end, if we are not able to overcome our small misunderstandings and quarrels? Our acts of dialogue, forgiveness and reconciliation are the 'bricks' needed to build the framework of peace.' Pope Francis

Charismatic Prayer

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

Setting up for Mass	6.00pm	C & C Raj
	9.00am	M & B O'Brien
	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	D Martin L Rimmer K Bainbridge J Earle
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	M & G Burns
Musicians	6.00pm	Cath and girls
	9.00am	Marg, Tess C and Anna
	10.30am	Instrumental music
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop	Edna Mary M Pauline	
Cleaners : 3	M Patterson R Gladki K Burby S Downey N Brislane	
Flowers	Janine	
Communion at home	D Turnbull—co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.	

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.

This week:

Dan 12: 1-13
Heb 10:11-14,18

Ps 15 : 5, 8-11
Mk 13:24-32

Next Week:

Dan 7: 13-14
Apoc 1: 5-8

Ps 92: 1-2, 5
Jn 18:33-37