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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

To what truth does Jesus testify?

Catholic social teaching is a helpful resource in our search for truth today. *It presents a vision and set of principles for making practical judgments in our world.* The first and most basic principle testifies to the core in every human person, the sacredness and dignity of being made in God's image and likeness.

The second principle recognises the human person is social and thrives only in relationships with others. Other principles describe our rights and duties, the dignity of work and right of workers, the need to care for creation and for the poor. Catholic social teaching urges *global peace and development.*

Catholic social teaching identifies three steps for getting at the truth – see, judge, act. The first step challenges us to notice and explore conflicts and tensions in our world. For example, what tensions do we see surrounding the national debate on climate change? The second step calls us to make judgments in the light of Jesus' teachings in scripture and the Church's teachings about social justice. These two steps *obligate us to act, to make a difference.*

In his exchange with Pilate, Jesus asks the procurator to make a judgment. Their dialogue about whether Jesus is king invites Pilate to see and understand who Jesus is. The see, judge, act process is simple, but Pilate cannot step outside the values of the Roman Empire, any more easily than we can recognise ways our culture obscures the truth.

We live in a society in which the media daily hammers us with sound bites that may not be true in context and promotes fear, to sell advertising. To follow Jesus we must testify to the truth within us, in the gospels and in our tradition, that recognises the sacredness of every person. This requires making a habit of actively discerning and judging how we can contribute to the common good.

As Christians we can't help but see Jesus in the least and can't dodge the work of including the least in our care – in our families, our social circles, and global neighbourhood.

We must turn to one another to help, rather than take advantage. enews@gpbs.com.au



Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability.

He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it.

Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever. Dianne Bergant CSS

We remember those who have died :

Dominic O'Rourke

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 :

Liam Ryan **Grace Randall**
Emilia Boccia **Hazel Ruffin**

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 **Fr Michael Richardson**, celebrating mass with us this weekend.

Help Needed

Monday School is in need of a **volunteer** to either take a small group of children, or to assist Muriel with the larger group. Classes are *Mondays from 4-5pm* during school terms.



Please contact the Parish Office 5243 2739, if you can **help in 2019**.

Christmas Cards are now available at the Book Nook \$8 pkt of 10 cards.

Tues 27th Nov 7pm **St Vincent de Paul Mass** at St Mary's 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 441 039 to arrange collection.



NEXT Sun 2nd Dec 11am-3pm
Rice Village Christmas Fair
2-26 Marshall Rd, Marshall

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

The root of peace lies in the capacity to listen
Pope Francis

Christmas Timetable at St Bernard's

Remembrance mass

Sun 9th Dec at 10.30am

Service of Penance

** Thursday 13th Dec at 7.30pm

Christmas Eve

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



NOTE : no 11pm mass Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

- 9am



THANK YOU to all who supported the Carnivale by donating goods for sale, buying raffle

tickets, or coming on the day. It was a great success.

This Christmas, *Caritas Australia*, is urging its supporters to protect the **miracle of motherhood**, by purchasing a *Global Gift*.

Money raised goes to support *aid and development programs* across Africa, Asia, the Pacific and within First Australian communities.



Ranging in price from **\$10** to **\$150**, each Global Gift comes with a card which can be given to a friend or a loved one.

To purchase a global gift, or to make a donation, call **Caritas Australia** 1800 024 413

or : <https://globalgifts.raisely.com/>
More information in the foyer.

'Dialogue & Listening'

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 or email 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.

Mannya News

Before the tragic fire in Mannya last week, Fr Nestus attended the graduation of Noeline Naluwaga, who graduated from Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi in Business Administration, majoring in finance.



Noeline and her brother Paul were two orphans Fr Peter met in Mannya years ago. Fr Peter and St Bernard's have been supporting them ever since. Her brother Paul recently submitted his project (thesis) and looks forward to graduating soon.

David Butler has arrived safely in Mannya. We continue to pray for the community, who are going through such a distressing time. David is providing practical support & will return with updates on how things are going.

Love in a time of Opposition

How do you remain loving in the face of hatred? How do you remain empathic in the face of misunderstanding?

As Jesus was being executed, he prayed: "Forgive them, they don't know what they are doing." Jesus was capable of continuing to love and forgive in the face of hatred and murder because, at the very heart of his self-awareness, lay an awareness of who he was, God's son, and how much he was loved. From that source he drew his energy and his power to forgive.

We too have access to that same powerful spring of energy. Like Jesus, we too are God's children and are loved that deeply. Like Jesus, we too can be that forgiving.

Very few things are more needed today, in both society and the church, than this capacity for *understanding* and *forgiveness*. To continue to offer others genuine love and understanding, in the face of opposition and hatred, constitutes the ultimate social, political, ecclesial, moral, religious, and human challenge. Sometimes church people try to single out one particular moral issue as the litmus test, as to whether or not someone is a true follower of Jesus.

If there is to be a litmus test, let it be this one:

Can you continue to love those who misunderstand you, who oppose you, who are hostile to you, who hate you, and who threaten you? Excerpt Ron Rolheiser, OMI

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis' message this year is "*This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him*" (Ps 37:5).



As we enter Advent and prepare for Christmas, Pope Francis asks us to examine what we are doing for our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The Holy Father challenges us to truly listen to the needs of the poor and respond, not just with sympathy, but with personal involvement and action.

As a community of faith, we give thanks to God for the parishes, schools, communities and agencies who do great works to lift up the poor in our community.

As we think of gifts and presents this Christmas, let us listen to and be an attentive presence for, the poor.

To read the Pope's message : www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/gmdp/2018/messaggio.html

Make an Encounter in 2019

Palms Encounters are *rich immersions* that challenge perceptions of our neighbours.

Timor Leste- April & Sept

Samoa - June

Myanmar- November

Information at : www.palms.org.au/encounters



Care for our common home :

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



REDcycle soft plastics

- Separate soft plastics (plastic bags, cellophane, old green bags etc.) for REDcycling
- Take soft plastics to Coles or Woolworths store and place in the REDcycle bin
- Learn what you can REDcycle at: www.redcycle.net.au

Let's lead our region towards Zero Waste.

Every Thursday 11.30am : **Mass at St John of God Chapel.** The Chapel is located on the Ground Floor, near Reception and Café Costa.

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**.
Talented *Frank Spencer* (Some mothers do 'ave 'em) *impersonator*. Join us at 52 Thomson St Belmont.
Entry \$5.00 incl tea and coffee



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 greatly appreciated. *Thank you*

2019 Harvest Journeys : travel as pilgrims on a journey of faith. 0411 702 068 or
donrita@harvestjourneys.com

Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Schools "Developing social responsibility and connectedness with Timor Leste".



Support through membership : Adult \$20,
Students \$5: Direct Debit: Bendigo Bank
BSB 633-000 Acc 132923756 Reference:
'Membership' or Cheque: Geelong Viqueque
Friendship Schools, Treasurer, 45 Itkeston St
Herne Hill 3218

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

The enemy of peace is not only war, but also indifference, which makes us think only of ourselves and creates barriers, suspicions, fears and closure. These things are enemies of peace. Pope Francis

Charismatic Prayer

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

Week : 1 1/2 Dec

Men's Group

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

Setting up for Mass	6.00pm	B & C Bogacki
	9.00am	B & AM Sherwell
	10.30am	M Powell M Inei
Eucharist Ministers	6.00pm	B Shannon V Bogacki D Turnbull A Parnell L Russell
	9.00 am	G Mugavin B & AM Sherwell J & R Gollan
	10.30am	L Dowling S Dowling L Rastas T Watts
Readers	6.00pm	J Loveday J Parry
	9.00 am	G Mugavin M Calderwood
	10.30am	M Inei M Powell
PowerPointers	6.00pm	K Bogacki
	9.00 am	B Arnup
	10.30am	N Fanning
Musicians	6.00pm	Sally
	9.00am	Mens's Choir
	10.30am	Instrumental music
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop	Mary S Margaret S Jill G	
Cleaners : 4	H Brislane J Ross J Wood C Grayland	
Flowers	Advent wreath - Jasmine	
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:

Dan 7: 13-14

Apoc 1: 5-8

Ps 92: 1-2, 5

Jn 18:33-37

Next Week:

Jer 33: 14-16

1 Thess 3:12- 4:2

Ps 24: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36