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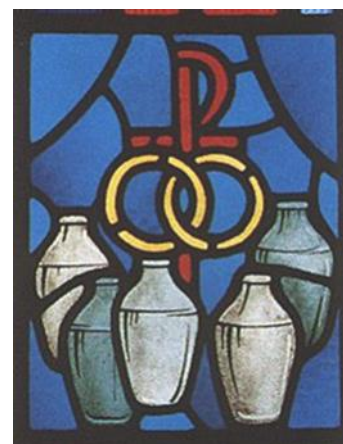
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20th January 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

In today's Gospel, the steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus.

He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point. Greg Sunter



Fr Sang's nephew *Sing*, a seminarian in Sydney, has joined 1,000 young Australians in Panama at **World Youth Day**. This is an international Catholic event focused on *religious faith and youth*, being celebrated Jan 22-27, in Panama City.

We wish him a wonderful experience.

**Volunteer tutors** are needed to assist newly arrived refugee students (Years 9–10) at **Northern Bay College in North Geelong**, on Mondays 3.15–4:30pm, during first semester in 2019.



**The Refugee Homework Club** provides secondary college students in Years 9 and 10 with support to integrate into the school environment and develop their English language and study skills. Students are from refugee non-English speaking backgrounds.

Tutors will help the students engage in group games, language learning and homework activities. This is a rewarding volunteer experience within the refugee settlement and education environments.

Matt Walton (Volunteer Program Coordinator) on 9926 5699 or [volunteer@ccam.org.au](mailto:volunteer@ccam.org.au)

The annual "**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**" (18 - 25th January) is a time in which Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for His disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (Jn 17.21).

Pointing out that "ecumenism is not something optional," Pope Francis said it aims "to develop a common and consistent witness that promotes true justice and support for the weakest through responses that are concrete, appropriate and effective".

It is an occasion for Christians of different denominations to come together to pray for their unity and participate in special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services.

The theme in 2019, "*Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ...*".

### **Support for Manny**

#### **Direct bank transfer :**

BSB : 063 504

Acc number : 008 005 74.

Bank reference : initial & surname eg T Smith

#### **Cheques :**

'St Bernard's Church Manny acc'  
or leave money at the Office. *Thank you*

We pray for those who are unwell : **Val Howard Joan Moro Stephen Harbison Pat Alldis  
Brittany Schultz Noelene Goonan Alan Ansell Vincent Daniels John Orders Tim Coakley  
Tulli Seabert**

We welcome for baptism : **Philippa Madden, Martin Carrington, Harrison & Max Crute,  
Tomasso Costa, Lottie Butcher.**

THIS Mon 20th Jan **St Vincent De Paul** meeting 7.30pm

18th Jan to 3rd Feb at GPAC. Footlight Productions presents **Les Miserables** 5225 1200 or gpac.org.au

Mon 4th Feb 1.30pm: '**Deer in the headlights**' Traditional bluegrass country music.

Belmont Senior Citizens 52 Thomson St \$5. All welcome.

**Wesley Asylum Seeker Welcome Place Food** Pick up a list of foods from the window ledge of the notice board. **Supermarket vouchers** are also greatly appreciated. *Thank you*

Do you need **straw for mulch**? Contact the Parish Office



A young mother from Geelong and her six children are looking for a **4 bedroom house to rent**, from **31 January**. A reference letter is available. Prue - [pruesmith4@gmail.com](mailto:pruesmith4@gmail.com) - urgently.  
*See noticeboard for more details.*

**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  
Friday : 12 noon mass  
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.

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



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**Charismatic Prayer**

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

**Week : 4 26/27 Jan**

**Men's Group**

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

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	K Khan A Bainbridge
PowerPointers	6.00pm	D & N Kavanagh
	9.00 am	J & J Burgess
	10.30am	M & G Burns
Musicians	6.00pm	Returning in February
	9.00am	Returning in February
	10.30am	Returning in February
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop	Re-opens in February 2019	
Cleaners : 10	D Fraser A De Bekker M Powell D Canny B Hollander F McFarlane	
Flowers	Denise & Rosemary	
Communion at home	D Turnbull—co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.	

**Wednesday cards**

*Join us for a friendly game of 500*  
1-15-4pm,  
**at Wedding's**  
during January.

**Christian Meditation**

Wed 7.30pm  
resuming in **Feb**

**14 day pilgrimage**

includes Petra,  
Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea  
of Galilee and Jerusalem  
\$5690. *See noticeboard*

**This week:**

Isa 62 : 1-5 Ps 95 : 1-3, 7-10  
1 Cor 12 : 4-11 Jn 2 : 1-11

**Next Week:**

Neh 8 : 2-6, 8-10 Ps 18 : 8-10, 15  
1 Cor 12 : 12-14 Lk 1 : 1-4, 4 : 14-21