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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Reflection

In the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus challenges us to put aside the 'woe' of self-centeredness and embrace the 'blessedness' that can only be experienced by seeing ourselves not as the center of the world but as a means for transforming the world for the 'blessedness' of all.



Luke's version of the Beatitudes challenges everything our consumer-oriented society holds dear. While wealth, power and celebrity are the sought-after prizes of our world, the treasures of God's reign are love, humble selflessness, compassion and generosity. In freeing ourselves from the pursuit of the things of this world, we liberate ourselves to seek the lasting things of God.

Donal Neary SJ

Changes to the Bulletin

Fr Sang is considering continuing the **bulletin** in this **single** sheet format. *Feedback welcome.*

We will email reminders to most roster volunteers each week.

Mass set up & eucharist ministers, please supply your email to : belmont@cam.org.au or *write your email* on the sheets in the foyer.

Lunar New Year brings spirit of renewal

Bishop Vincent Long welcomed the Year of the Pig at St Monica's, North Parramatta.



"The Lunar Festival is a summation of ancient wisdom. It is a celebration of what it means to be a human being – a human being in relationship with others and for we Christians, also a *human being in relationship with God*, who brings all things together in unity.

We affirm these sacred relationships to be fundamental to our existence. Whether we are rich or poor, high or low, there is no true happiness for us without our commitment to attending to and nurturing them.

The good fortune wishes and gifts are shallow, if our lives and relationships are not aligned with God's purpose for us and the common good of others.

Happiness does not reside in possessions, successes or achievements but in a heart open to *loving, to giving, to caring, to enhancing the lives of others* even to the point of dying for the ones we love.

Jesus invites us to find this kind of happiness through a *life of witness, service and solidarity.*"

Catholic Outlook

Child Safety at St Bernard's



Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to...*"find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated"*

On a daily basis, the scriptures invite us into a journey where God is always present in the unfolding of life.

When we take into our hearts the words of the Gospel, we also grow in our understanding that Jesus—no matter where he was or what he was doing—was always looking up, always proclaiming the wonder of God, always teaching about the world of God, always wanting those with ears to hear to understand that God gazes on humanity with love.

Cathy Jenkins

The readings this week are about choices – *either to trust in human beings or to trust in the Lord.* Depending on our choice, we will inhabit a dry wilderness, or feel fulfilled and happy.

Michele Frankeni – Australian Catholics

We remember those who have died :

Helene Davis Vincent Daniels

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



We welcome for Baptism :

Darcy Robertson Marlowe Smith Oliver Morgan

Special prayers for : **Mohammad Rahmani.**

Pray for Mohammad, who is still waiting for a Border Force decision, on his submission for Refugee status.

May God hold them all in the palm of his hand.

Meetings this week :

Monday 18th Feb 10.30am **Widowed and Social Group**

Parish Meeting room. Bring lunch to share. Guest speaker. New members most welcome. Enquiries Mary 5243 2673

Monday 18th Feb 7.30pm **St Vincent de Paul**

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

Tuesday 19th Feb 7.30pm **Knights of the Southern Cross**

at St Bernard's **Church**. Please bring a plate.

Sunday 17th Feb 3pm Music at the Basilica presents

A Different Hat - a tribute to Marjorie Lawrence

All Saints Church, Noble St, Newtown. Tickets \$35 or Trybooking.com/BABCW. Contact Jeannette 0408 305 868 or music.basilica@bigpond.com See notice board

Sunday 24th Feb 5pm **Summer Sounds** Vox Angelica

Geelong Chamber Choir, Geelong Gallery, Little Malop St. Booking essential: 5229 3645 or www.geelonggallery.org.au

Sunday 24th Mar 11am-2pm **St Ignatius College Open day.**

Visit : www.ignatius.vic.edu.au See notice board

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.

Please **leave donations** in the box in front of the green noticeboard. *Thank you*



For Sale : **lounge suite** 2/3 seater brown sofa & 2 chairs.

Inspection welcome. Contact the Parish Office 52 432 739.



Bread 4 Today Redemptorist web site

[http://www.cssr.org.au/bread4today/daily prayers for reflection and meditation.](http://www.cssr.org.au/bread4today/daily_prayers_for_reflection_and_meditation)

Pilgrimages & other events—see noticeboard

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

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

Men's Group *Second Tuesday* of the month 10am in the Church Café. Come along for a *cuppa & chat*.

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

Wednesday cards

Join us for a friendly game of 500 1-15-4pm, **in the Church café.**

Christian Meditation

Wed **7pm New venue** : The Chapel at 'Luson The Vue' 15-29 Reserve Rd Grovedale. **All welcome**

St Bernard's Playgroup

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

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

Week : 4 23/24 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 Gillet C Wilkin
	10.30am	D Martin L Rimmer K Bainbridge J Earle
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop	Edna Mary M Pauline L	
Cleaners : 13	L Lee K McDonald F McCoy K Agudelo	
Flowers	Barbara	
Communion at home	D Turnbull—co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.	

Readings this week:

Jer 17:5-8
Ps 1:1-4
1 Cor 15:12,16-20
Lk 6:17,20-26

Next week's readings:

1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13
1 Cor 15:45-49
Lk 6:27-38