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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

"What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion is the quality known as **grace**, God's own life working in us, so that we are able to treat others, not as they deserve, but with *love, kindness and mercy*. God is good to the unjust as well as to the just. Hence our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us.



When we pray for those who do us wrong, we *break the power of hate* in ourselves and in others and *release the power of love*. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm? God gives the necessary power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers our hurts, fears, prejudices and grief. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment, and give us the courage to return good for evil.

Tony Kadavil

My greatest hope is that the **sexual abuse summit** will recognise that the *hierarchical* nature of the institutional church — and its corollary, *clericalism* — is the biggest stumbling block to making the church not merely a safe place for all, but the *welcoming, compassionate, open community* it is intended to be. As is the case with the upcoming **Plenary Council**, it's so easy to be sceptical — and so important to get it right. The world will be watching. What does the church have to lose?
Tracey Edstein Eureka Street

Please pray for delegates attending the Pope's summit on sexual abuse.

Coming to terms with one's past gives peace

People need to make peace with their lives and anything they are running from, rather than lose themselves to escapism and playful distraction. 'There is an 'industry of distraction' in full force today, which paints the ideal world as being 'a big playground where everybody has fun'. Such an attitude leads to 'dissatisfaction with an existence anesthetized by fun, which isn't rest, but alienation and escaping from reality.

'People have never been able to rest like they can today and yet people have never felt as much emptiness as they do today.' Pope Francis

Be Tough Like Jesus

Turn the other cheek. 'No way!', part of us screams.

Dr Martin Luther King Jr would disagree. During the 1960s civil rights marches in the United States, Doctor King insisted that blacks could win their rights only by following this week's Gospel passage.

Jesus calls us to *love* our enemies, not *like* them. We love someone when we act for his or her best interests - regardless of our feelings. Jesus also says turn the other cheek. But that doesn't mean run. He doesn't say back down. Rather, he challenges us to find the nonviolent way to stand up for our rights.

These commands are tough to follow when you face people who put you down or threaten you. But you can do it through prayer and practice. You also need support from fellow Christians.

Jesus followed these commands. Look at the difference he made. You can change your world too, by following his example. Dr King's supporters refused to fight or hate when they were attacked. Instead, they often prayed and sang Gospel songs. That might sound crazy, but their courage inspired others to join them, changed some people's minds about them, won their rights, and saved a lot of bloodshed. GPBS

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**



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 :

Thursday February 28th 7.00pm

A one hour 'get together' for all parish musicians and singers in the Church Café.

Share a cuppa, as we go through the music for Lent and get to know one other.



Next weekend at every mass there will be a special collection for the recovery of Northern Queensland, which has been devastated by floods.

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

Friday 1st March 11am **World Day of Prayer**
Wesley Uniting Church 100 Yarra St Geelong.
Theme 'Come—Everything is Ready'. 0429 784 331



Sun 3rd March **Palms Australia info** session

Thurs 7th March 10.30am **Mass & anointing of the sick:**
NAZARETH CHURCH, followed by morning tea. A small plate to share would be appreciated. Jill 52414070 / 0427414070

Sunday 24th Mar 11am-2pm **St Ignatius College Open day.**
Visit : www.ignatius.vic.edu.au See notice board

Mercy Place Rice Village currently have 2 bedroom units available. Enquiries please call Sally on 5247 2202.

Wesley Asylum Seeker Welcome Place Food

Pick up a list of foods from the notice boards.
Supermarket vouchers are also appreciated.
Please **leave donations** under the table, in front of the green noticeboard. **July-Dec report** on noticeboard.
Thank you



Australian Catholics Autumn edition is available in the foyer

Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Schools

"Developing social responsibility and connectedness with Timor Leste". Support through membership :
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Pilgrimages & other events—see noticeboard

Week : 1 2/3 March

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	T Watts
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop		Mary S Margaret S Jill G
Cleaners : 14		J Earle J Honner J van Rossum E Rayson C Raj
Flowers		Barbara
Communion at home		D Turnbull—co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.

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

Readings this week:
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

Next week's readings:
Sir 27:4-7
Ps 91: 2-3,13-16
1 Cor 15:54-48
Lk 6:39-45

