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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good?

Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life, but they remain cynical and spiteful people.

Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances, yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'.

This is not just sugary sweetness, but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope. Greg Sunter



A statement on Cardinal George Pell

Dear friends, this week the lifting of the suppression order concerning Cardinal George Pell's trial and the sustained media focus has made for a challenging time for the Catholic Church in Melbourne. We will all have different ways of both responding to this news and making sense of it.

For some it heralds another chapter in the already painful journey that Catholics have been a part of over the last few years. Some of us may feel upset and saddened by the news. Some of us may just feel very weary about the way our Church is being portrayed in the media. There are those in our community who have been abused and the story touches on and may re-open already raw wounds.

At St Bernard's, we continue to journey with those affected, with pastoral visits & support through Lifeboat.

The president of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference has written '*... Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served. We pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and vulnerable...*'

See noticeboard for statement from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

This weekend at every mass there will be a **special collection** for the recovery of Northern Queensland, which has been devastated by floods. The money will be sent to the North Qld **St Vincent de Paul** conference, which has been working with families during this time.



They have **twenty teams** managing about **three families each per day, concentrating on support to people who have very little or no insurance.** \$400,000 has been spent so far.

This Friday 8th March is **International Woman's Day.** Our *middy mass* will be an opportunity to come & pray for women everywhere.



'Loving God, we celebrate your faithfulness and love. On this day, we commit ourselves to the promotion of the full humanity of all women everywhere. We know that whatever denies, diminishes or distorts the full humanity of women is not of God. Help us to be faithful to your call to love.' Amen (Caritas)

Ash Wednesday Masses 12 noon & 7.30pm
The Archdiocese of Melbourne *Lenten Guidelines* are on the notice board in the foyer.
Project Compassion boxes & envelopes will be available on Ash Wednesday.



We pray for those who are unwell :

Noelene Goonan (Fr Peter's niece) **Val Howard**
Joan Moro **Brittany Schultz** **Alan Ansell**
John Orders **Tulli Seabert** **Stephen Harbison**



We welcome for *Baptism* :

Lana Odzic **Freya Hanrahan**

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.

At St BERNARD'S :

Mon 4th Mar 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting

THIS Thurs 7th March 7pm
Readers & eucharist ministers
evening in the church.



Fr Sang invites all readers & eucharist ministers to attend please.

Please RSVP for catering.

St Bernard's annual **BOOK FAIR Sunday 5th May**

We welcome books, DVD's, CD's, Games & Puzzles, so if you are having a clean out please call and they can be collected (ph Peter 0409 969 648), or deliver to the Parish office. Thank you. (no textbooks, encyclopedia or magazines)

GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS :

Thurs 7th March 10.30am **Mass & anointing of the sick:** NAZARETH CHURCH, followed by morning tea. A small plate to share would be appreciated. ph 52414070/0427 414 070

Thurs 7 March, 7.00pm-8.30pm *Circle of Mercy.*

'Interfaith Understanding' with Kuranda Seyit.

Celies Hospitality Centre, SHC. *All welcome.*

RSVP Fri 1 March to : rsvp@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au or 52 220 467.

Tues 12 March 6.15pm **Geelong Catholic Diners' Club**

Capri Receptions 258 Pakington Street, Geelong West.

Guest speaker **Ray Reardon**, artist & senior lecturer in art at Deakin University, presenting his unique program for managing stress. RSVP Michael 0431 959 584 Fri 8th Mar

Sat 23rd March 3pm-8pm

St Therese Catholic Primary School Twilight Fair

Visit : sttheresefair.eventbrite.com.au

Geelong Catholic Secondary Schools 'Open Days'

See notice board for all school sessions & tours.

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

AND OUR WIDER COMMUNITY ...



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

Australian Catholics Autumn edition available in the foyer

Pilgrimages & other events—see noticeboard

www.cathnews.com.au catholic news from around the world

Readings this week :

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

Readings next week :

Deut 26: 4-10 ; Ps 90: 1-2,10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

St Bernard's Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am and 10.30am
(5.30pm at St Mary's)
Wednesday : 12 noon
Friday : 12 noon
Mass on the radio 7.00am Light FM 89.9;
10.00am Pulse FM

Communion at Home

Contact Office to arrange 5243 2739

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday : 8.30 - 4.30
Tuesday : 8.30 - 4.30
Wednesday : 8.30 - 4.30
Thursday : 8.30 - 1 pm
Thursday pm : Closed
Friday : 8.30 - 4.30

St Bernard's Playgroup

Tuesdays during school term.

9.00am -10.30am in the Big Space,
Entrance Fryers Rd. *All welcome.*

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

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

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

Support for Manny

Direct bank transfer :

BSB : 063 504 Acc no. 008 005 74

Bank ref : initial & surname eg T Smith

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

Wesley Asylum Seeker

Welcome Place Food

Pick up a list of foods
from either notice board.

Supermarket vouchers are also appreciated.

Please **leave donations** under the table,
in front of the green noticeboard. Thank you



Mass rosters for this week and next.
See **noticeboard** in the foyer.

Cleaners Team 1 : 1st March

M & B O'Brien B Gleeson C Reilly D & G Sikorski