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First Sunday of Lent Year C

"Christians believe that we can't achieve true freedom by having, but only by giving. The forty days of Lent prepare us to celebrate again the death and resurrection of Jesus, the heart of our faith and the source of our freedom.

Throughout that time we too pray for the kind of freedom that allows God to work in our lives and the world: Freedom from fear, freedom to forgive and above all, freedom to love."

Bill Spierings



Lenten Theme - FREEDOM

Week 1—Freedom to choose

Choosing what we do in our lives is really about choosing the kind of people we want to be. God invites us to the kind of freedom that puts relationships first, especially with him.

This week :

- As you look ahead to the journey of Lent, where in your life would you like to find healing & renewal?
- Jesus had the freedom to walk away from the devil's offers. Where in your life would you like to find greater freedom?
- Have you ever encountered God in a place that felt like a wilderness?

'All I have is yours : Forty days to freedom'
Michael McGirr

Pray : take time to quiet our minds and hearts, in order to listen for the promptings of the Spirit and reconcile our relationship with God.

Fast : practise discipline, control excess, refrain from uncharitable words & deeds.

Almsgiving : show generosity in our relationship with others, both financially and by showing forgiveness & acceptance.

Project Compassion 2019

Giving Lent 100% in the name of hope.

Based on God's love for all, HOPE enables us to rise above our fears and helps those in great need to shape a better future for their communities.

Twelve year old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked as though she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse. A Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water, helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.



Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer.



Mannya Update *from Fr Emma*

'Our students who did their exams on the day of fires last year have performed very well.

That has been the highlight of this week.

I am the happiest that my school has performed well in the national exams.

Thank you for your prayers.'

We remember those who have died :
Tom Mullahy Marie Fisher Pat Mahony

We pray for those who are unwell :
Lesley Cole Bruce Wyndham Noelene Goonan
(Fr Peter's niece) **Val Howard Joan Moro**
Brittany Schultz Alan Ansell John Orders
Tulli Seabert



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 :

Tues 12th Mar 10am **Men's Group** in the Church Cafe

Next weekend **raffle tickets** (\$2.00) for **Lifeboat** will be on sale after mass.

Thank you to all who contributed to the special collection (\$3,572.85) for flood victim assistance, which was sent to North Qld St Vincent de Paul.

The colourful beads in the **Book Nook** are hand-made with rolled paper, by the women in Manny. **Necklaces \$10. Bracelets \$5.**



GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS :

Thursday 14th March 7pm **SVDP Festival Mass**
St Francis Xavier Church, 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd Corio.
RSVP 0419 527 388 by Tuesday 12th March

Saturday 16th March **Geelong St Patrick's Cup**

 Geelong Race Course.
Adults \$15.00 Kids free.
Enquiries 0409 007 913 or
country.racing.com/geelong-stpats.
See noticeboard

Sat 23rd March 3pm-8pm
St Therese Catholic Primary School Twilight Fair
Visit : sttheresefair.eventbrite.com.au

Monday 25th March 1.30pm **The Best of British** featuring
Frankie Muratore at Belmont Seniors Concert Hall,
52 Thomson St Belmont. Tickets \$10.00
Aged care Residents \$5.00. Afternoon Tea provided.

Wednesday 3rd April 7.30pm-9pm
Caring for Our Common Home presented by Margie
Abbott RSM, Pioneer Room, St Mary's Basilica.

Circle Dancing at Rice Village (not line dancing),
2-26 Marshalltown Rd, each Monday 4.30pm - 5.15pm.
All welcome. No partner needed. Enquiries Fina 5245 8726

Geelong Catholic Secondary Schools 'Open Days'
See notice board for all school sessions & tours.

AND OUR WIDER COMMUNITY ...

Pilgrimages & other events—see noticeboard

Melbourne Catholic Magazine March issue is out now.

Readings this week :

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

Readings next week :

Gen 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:20-4:1
Lk 9:28-36

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 are
on the **noticeboard** in the foyer.

Cleaners Team 2 : 15th March

A Morris A O'Neill J Parry

Coffee Shop : 17th March

Felicity Maree Margaret W