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Second Sunday of Lent Year C

In today's Gospel, God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message - not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah, but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship.

Jesus tells us that to be his follower involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation. Greg Sunter



Lenten Theme - FREEDOM

Week 2 : Freedom to follow

We all have peak moments in our lives. They could be the day we graduated, a trip overseas, the birth of a child, or the moment we first fell in love. But then there are the plain times and let's face it, most of the days of our lives are in that category.

In the transfiguration, Jesus' closest friends catch a glimpse of a wonderful possibility. It fires their imaginations.

But then they must come down from the mountain and follow him to Jerusalem, where he will die.

This week :

- Think of a great, happy moment in your life, when you might have said 'it is wonderful for us to be here.'
- What is something in your life you would like Jesus to help you see more clearly?
- Can you think of a time where you lost sight of God?

Help us to appreciate the present moment.
Help us to have the freedom to move on with you in faith, not knowing what is in store for us, but trusting in your companionship.

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



Easter Penitential Service will be the Wednesday before Holy Week
10th April at 7.30pm

Project Compassion

Giving Lent 100% in the name of hope.

Tati lives in the remote forest of West Kalimantan. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.



Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer.



We welcome and pray for the children from Clairvaux, who will be receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this week.

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man. He sacrifices his health in order to make money.

Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future: he lives as if he is never going to die, and then he dies having never really lived."



We remember those who have died : **Patricia Wise**

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



We welcome for Baptism : **Angela France**

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 ...

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

Mon 18th Mar 10.30am **Widowed and Social Group** Fitzpatrick meeting room. Guest speaker. Please bring lunch to share. Enquiries Mary 5243 2673

Mon 18th Mar 7.30pm **St Vincent de Paul**
Prospective volunteers welcome to call
Anne : 0458 294 526 prior to meeting.

Tues 19th Mar 7.30pm **Knights of the Southern Cross** St Bernard's Church foyer. Please bring a plate.

Sat 23rd Mar 1-3.30pm **Pastoral Healthcare Network Pamper Day** including meditation and afternoon tea. St Bernard's church foyer. \$10. Please RSVP 0403 500 279 by 20th March.



Child Safety at St Bernard's

It is a criminal offence if you fail to report suspected abuse. Copies of Parish policies from the Office or on the web site.

GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Sat 23rd Mar 9:30am **Legion of Mary annual function** St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Ph Adela 0409 135 589. All welcome. See notice board.

Sat 23rd March 3pm-8pm **St Therese PS Twilight Fair**

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

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

Sunday 7th April 6-7.30 pm **Youth Plains Event** Bannockburn Stadium adjacent Mary Mackillop PS Christian Music and story telling.

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

Position Vacant - **Director of Parish Faith and Mission Nazareth Parish**, Grovedale. Contact Parish Office on 9412 8444 or grovedale@cam.org.au See notice board

Readings this week :

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

Readings next week : Ex 3:1-8, 13-15 Ps 102:1-4,6-8,11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

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 food place.

Food lists on both
noticeboards, or
supermarket vouchers.
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 3 : 22nd March M Patterson
R Gladki K Burby S Downey N Brislane

Coffee Shop : 24th March

Edna Mary M Pauline