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Third Sunday of Lent Year C



"During Lent the themes of repentance and reconciliation are very much part of the liturgy. These two themes are intimately intertwined: repentance is possible because God is offering us reconciliation and being reconciled with God involves the commitment to a new style of life and building the new creation made available in Christ.

The call to repent is the call to turn over a new leaf, to begin afresh; reconciliation is the fruit of this turning around and links the personal new beginning with the work of the whole body of Christ, to establish the kingdom of peace and love"

Thomas O'Loughlin

Lenten Theme - FREEDOM

Week 3: Free for surprise

We all get a lot of advice. Often we are told to 'be in the driver's seat of our lives' or 'take control' or something along those lines. Of course, planning and ambition have a place. But Christians believe that God is in the driver's seat.

In today's story from Exodus about the burning bush, Moses discovers that it is not always easy to let God choose our direction. Moses is the leader who is told not to take control, but simply to let go.

God turns the tables on him, just as he does on us.

This week :

- Think about something difficult. Who supported you and gave you strength?
- Have you ever had to stand up to a powerful person? Did your faith help you? How?
- Why do bad things happen to good people? What are your thoughts?

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

Archdiocese guidelines advise about 'dipping' the host :

- * Jesus said "Take and eat" & "Take and drink", so hosts should **not be dipped** in the chalice.
- * When dipping, there is the (undesirable) risk of dripping consecrated wine on the floor.
- * Scientific tests have proved that the chemical reaction between the alcohol in the wine & the metal chalice, ensures that there will be **no communicable infection** when drinking from the chalice.

Last Sunday St Bernard's **RCIA** candidates attended the **Rite of Election** at St Patrick's Cathedral.



At 9.00am mass this Sunday, we welcome our candidates for the **Presentation of the Creed.**



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

Giving Lent 100% in the name of hope.

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability.



With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer.



Thank you to all who bought a raffle ticket supporting **Lifeboat**. Many of you now have a chance to win a car!

We remember those who have died :
Kerin Moore Geraldine Williams

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
Maureen Koch



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 ...

Book Fair Sunday 5th May 8am to 2pm

If you can help with advertising our Book Fair, please **take an poster to display** at your **workplace or shop**. *Thankyou.*



A small number of **seat cushions** are in a tub beneath the bulletins in the foyer. Please help yourself, if you find the wooden pews uncomfortable.

GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS ...

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.

Thursday 11th April 7.30 PM **Music for the Easter Season** presented by **Capella St Crucis from Hanover** at St Mary's. Tickets \$35,\$30 conc or Trybooking.com/BABCX. Children and school students free. *See brochure in foyer*

Saturday 4th May 6.30pm **Michael Carmody Foundation Gala Ball**. Tickets \$80.00 @ www.trybooking.com/472381. *See notice board for more details.*

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

Espod Geelong Inc Emotional Support for Pregnancy Outcome Decisions.
www.espodgeelong.org.au.
Membership \$20.00. Information brochures/ membership forms in the foyer.



Every Thursday 11.30am : **Mass at St John of God** Hospital Chapel.
The Chapel is located on the Ground Floor, near Reception and Café Costa.

Secondary Schools Open Days—see noticeboard

Readings this 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

Readings next week :

Josh 5: 9-12 Ps 33:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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 : a number of orphaned children are in desperate need of sponsorship, in order to **continue with their education**. If you would like to help, please contact the Office.
BSB : 063 504 acc : 008 005 74

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 4 : 29th March
H Brislane J Ross J Wood C Grayland
Coffee Shop : 31th March Doris I Edna B