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Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C



"It could be said that there are two important journeys in the great parable of the Prodigal Son. One is that of the younger brother who realises the foolishness of his ways and turns towards home, not sure what to expect and certainly not expecting what he finds there. The other journey is, at least in distance, much shorter. It is that of the older brother who remains out in the fields, unable to make the brief trip home because of his rage and anger.

In Lent the focus is usually on the long return home, but it might well be, that for many of us the real challenge is to recognise in ourselves the desire to limit God's mercy to those we consider worthy. Such a mindset may still keep us away from our true home with the Father."

Sean Goan

Week 4: Free from anger

There is an old saying that resentment is like trying to kill somebody by taking poison yourself. We live in a world that sometimes seems to have given up on the idea of forgiveness.

Yet it is our deepest need: *to let go of hurt and to help others let go of theirs.*

These two things go together.

Jesus taught us to pray: 'forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.'

This week:

- Can you recall a time in your life when you have experienced forgiveness from another person.
- Can you recall a time when you had to forgive somebody for something they had done to you or your family? Did you believe that God was calling you to act in the way that you did?
- Why do some people find it impossible to forgive? What do you think could possibly help them?

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

Giving Lent 100% in the name of hope.

Michaela is a 21 year old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert, for people suffering from kidney disease.



With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill. *Project Compassion boxes in the foyer.*

Mannya Update :



To get the maximum harvest from the coffee plantation, the drip feed irrigation reticulation has to be completed. Fr Emma advises that the first part is completed, tested and is working well.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the next stage of the drip feed system, please contact the Office. BSB : 063 504 acc : 008 005 74

Easter ceremonies :

Please 'sign up' in the foyer, if you can assist :

- **Eucharist ministers at all masses**
- **Powerpoint**
- **12 people of different nationalities for Holy Thursday**



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

Important safety notice : The **coffee machines** are on and **hot** during 9.00am mass. Parents, please carefully supervise any children in the café area during mass, to ensure that they do not go anywhere near the servery.

We remember those who have died :

Wilma Lunnie Heather Hynam

We pray for those who are unwell :

Lesley Cole Bruce Wyndham

Noelene Goonan (Fr Peter's niece)

Val Howard Joan Moro John Orders

Brittany Schultz Alan Ansell

Tulli Seabert Maureen Koch



We welcome for Baptism :

Henry Stephenson Harlan & Evelyn McDonald

Ryan Law

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 ...

Monday 1st April 7.30pm **St Vincent de Paul**

Prospective volunteers welcome to call

Anne : 0458 294 526 prior to meeting.

Sun 14th April 1.00pm Knights of the Southern Cross

Social Luncheon for members and ladies.

White Eagle House, Breakwater.

Bookings Frank Khan 5243 4926

Next weekend at all masses **Clairvaux School**

selling tickets through the Combined Catholic Parishes **Raffle.** \$2.00 (prizes incl 3 Kia cars)

Book Fair Sunday 5th May 8am to 2pm

If you can **help with advertising** our Book

Fair, please **take an poster** (in foyer)

to display at your **workplace or shop.** *Thank you.*



GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Sun 31st Mar 3pm **Czech Please** (Orchestra Geelong)

Keith Humble Centre Aphrasia St Newtown. \$20/\$15

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. *See noticeboard*

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.

Two new positions in the NAZARETH PARISH Office :

See noticeboard

St Vincent De Paul now have a larger **storage area for house furniture items.** Phone 1800 621 349 for pick up.

Readings this week :

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

Readings next week :

Isa 43:16-21 Ps 125 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

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.

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Wesley Asylum Seeker

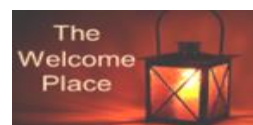
Welcome food place.

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 5: 5th April H Jordan

P Liddle L McMahon R Stotz M Purcell

Coffee Shop : 5th April Mary S Margaret Jill