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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

"This Sunday we break with the gospel of Luke and take a story from John. It deals with the theme of forgiveness. As with last Sunday's gospel, here we see two different attitudes to the mercy of God. This time, however, it is not in a parable but in a real incident, where those with a narrow view of the mercy of God wish to use the misery of this woman as an opportunity for point scoring against Jesus. For the Pharisees, the scriptures are being read with a view to making them powerful as judges and experts in the Law.



For Jesus, the scriptures are to be read as a way to understand the overwhelming mercy of God. In highlighting their hypocrisy, Jesus calls them to repentance.

In highlighting God's love for her, he calls the woman to a new life."

Sean Goan

Week 5: Free to love

We all play games, even with the people we love the most. We wait for someone else to be the first to apologise. We keep secrets. We lose opportunities to affirm and encourage people. In other words, we all play power games. Jesus show us that it's possible to use our wisdom and experience to help others, not to make ourselves more powerful.

Authority comes from a word meaning **'to make things grow.'**

This week :

- Can you think of a time when you felt harshly judged? What was that like?
- Many people remark that the world seems very divided and people are very keen to pass judgement on those who are different from themselves. Do you think this is true? What might be reasons for it?
- Has anyone reached out to you when you felt isolated and alone?

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

- **Eucharist ministers**
- **Powerpoint**
- **12 people of different nationalities for Holy Thursday foot washing**

Mannya Update : Fr Emma and Fr Nestus met recently to work on finalising the parish committee who will be driving the coffee business.

No mass next Wednesday at 12 noon. Fr Sang will be away.

Easter at St Bernard's

THIS Wed 10 April 7.30pm Penitential Service

Mon 15 April **7.30pm** Tenebrae (quiet prayer)

Holy Thursday **7.30pm** Mass, then one hour at Altar of Repose

Good Friday **10.00am** Stations of Cross (in church)

Good Friday **3.00pm** The Passion

Easter Vigil **7.30pm** (welcoming seven new Catholics)

Easter Sunday **9.00 & 10.30am** Mass

Giving Lent 100% in the name of hope.

In 2013 Salma from Bangladesh was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program.



Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need, to provide them with the future she hoped for. *Project Compassion boxes & envelopes in the foyer.*

We remember those who have died :
**Noelene Goonan Maurice O'Brien
Peter Wilding**



We pray for those who are unwell :

**Lesley Cole Bruce Wyndham
Val Howard Joan Moro John Orders Brittany Schultz
Alan Ansell Tulli Seabert**

We welcome for Baptism :

**Poppy Hayward Maeve Comerford Arthur Verlaan
Ethan Wang**

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 ...

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

Tues 9th April 10am **Men's Group** in Church Café.

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

Book Fair advertising : Please **take a poster** (in foyer) for your **workplace or shop.**
Thank you.



Easter cards for sale in the Book Nook.

GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS ...

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*

Tues 16th Apr 6.30-8.30pm

Clever Living Seminar - Climate Proofing Your Home Geelong Library \$5

Bookings: <https://www.geelongustainability.org.au/cleverliving/> (see noticeboard)

Monday 29th April 1.30pm Drop of a Hat Production presents **Shirley Power & Colin Mockett** Belmont Seniors Concert Hall \$5.00 (see noticeboard)

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

The Good Oil, monthly e-magazine of the Good Samaritan Sisters. Stimulate your thinking and nourish your spirit.

<http://www.goodsams.org.au/good-oil/>

Readings this week :

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

Readings next week : Isa 50:4-7 Ps 21:8-9,17-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 23:1-49

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

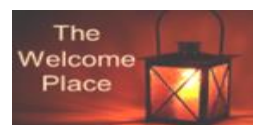
Wed 7pm

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 6: 12th April B Shannon
A Nguyen A Parnell S Turner
Coffee Shop : 14th April Doris Deidre Mary