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Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

A superficial reading of the Acts of the Apostles might lead one to imagine that the early days of the church were so blessed by the presence of the Spirit that it was easy for the disciples to remain faithful and for the church to grow. However, this was clearly not the case. The first generations of believers were setting out on a journey into uncharted territory and they faced huge problems, including marginalisation and even death.

The New Testament, both in the Acts and the Book of Revelations, is witnessing not to the ease with which they undertook their task, but rather to their courage and openness in facing whatever came their way. It is also a witness to their utter conviction that Jesus was with them through all their experiences.



Sean Goan



This weekend & next, we **welcome** the children who will be receiving **First Eucharist** on 25/26th May



Good Shepherd Sunday 12 May

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord!

I would like to say this especially to you, the young.

Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal : next weekend

19th May, focusing on health care chaplains, who offer emotional, spiritual and sacramental support to patients and their families in Victorian hospitals.



Presbytery re-building project

- Archdiocese requirement : **parish must have a Presbytery**, so we purchased a house nearby in 2001.
- building reports in 2009 & 2018, indicated the building had **significant structural issues**.
- April 2018 : Parish Council and Finance Committee resolved : to demolish and **rebuild a purpose built presbytery**.
- October 2018 : Presbytery Building Committee formed, including parishioners with backgrounds in building surveying, town planning, building design, law and finance.
- Archdiocese granted approval for demolition just before Easter.
- Our revised **application for rebuilding** will be submitted for the third time to the Planning, Building & Finance committee for the June Archdiocese meeting.
- Fr Sang has had detailed input into the final design. Thanks to our committee's expertise, all local permits & approvals are in place.
- Financially, we are fortunate that the Parish has reserve funds from the relocation from High Street and the sale of the Mt Moriac church, so **there should be no debt incurred, to fund the project**.

Thanks to all who helped make the **Book Fair** such a great success.
More next week.



We pray for those who are unwell :

**Bruce Wyndham Val Howard John Orders
Alan Ansell Brittany Schultz Tulli Seabert
John Wedding**

We welcome for Baptism : **Benjamin Shannon**

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 13th May 7.30pm **St Vincent de Paul**

Prospective volunteers welcome to call
Anne : 0458 294 526 prior to meeting.

Tuesday 14th May 10am **Men's Group**
in the Church Café

Saturday 18th May 1—3.30pm **Pamper Day** :
an afternoon of pampering and pastoral healthcare
in St Bernard's Church Foyer. Enquiries
Gabrielle 0403 500 279. RSVP Wed 15th May.

Volunteers are needed **to help with the Tuesday evening bread run**, 6:50 until about 8pm.
Please phone Jan 0410 528 873 if you help occasionally.

Each Sunday in May, the archdiocese requests that we **count every person** attending mass.

GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Fri 10th - Sun 26th May **Windfire Music Festival.**
Visit www.musicatthebasilica.org.au or ph 0447 238 432.
Tickets www.trybooking.com or at the door.
See poster on the noticeboard.

Monday 13th May 6.00pm **Movie Fundraiser** for
L'Arche Australia. **'Summer in the Forest'**
at Pivotonian Cinema \$25. A documentary presenting the
work of Jean Vanier and the global L'Arche communities.
Enquiries Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267
or <https://fan-force.com/screenings>

Tues 14th May 6.15pm **Geelong Catholic Diner's Club** :
Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St, Geelong West.
Two-course dinner Guest Speaker – Graham Robin :
'The Bigger Things In Life'. \$33.
RSVP Michael 0431 959 584 **by THIS Fri 10 May.**

Thurs 16th May 7pm **Circle of Mercy**
The Space Where Faith and Science Reside. Shelley Waldon
at Celies SHC. RSVP rchiav@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

Mon 27th May 1.30pm **The Belmont Rhythmic Singers**
Belmont Seniors Concert Hall \$5.00 Ph 5241 1776

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY ... Pilgrimages to the Holy Land
Ph 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email
pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Fr Kevin Dillion : 50 years ordained

St Simon's Rowville, 2 Taylors Lane Rowville invites you to
attend any of four Masses at St Simon's **6pm** Sat 1st
June : **9am or 11am or 2.30pm** Sun 2nd June
RSVP : office@stsimonsparish.com.au

Readings this week : Acts 13:14,43-52; Ps 99:1-3.5;
Apoc 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30

Readings next week: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144: 8-13;
Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

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 : 10am - 3pm
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 cafe

Christian meditation Wed 7pm

at The Chapel 'Luson The Vue'
15 - 29 Reserve Rd Grovedale.

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
Thank you to those who have offered so far.

Wesley Asylum Seeker Welcome food place.

Food lists on both
noticeboards, or give
supermarket vouchers.
Donations, can be left 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 : 17th May : L Jaques M Wedding
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Coffee Shop : Felicity Maree Margaret W