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Pentecost Sunday Year C

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sante Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning.

The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration."

Greg Sunter



The Holy Spirit : Fill Your Tank

I have a friend who likes to see how far below empty the fuel gauge will go, before filling up.

I've known other people who run out of 'gas' in other ways. They start projects with a lot of energy and ideas, but can't seem to finish.

That doesn't have to happen with Christians. Our fuel is the Holy Spirit and the petrol station is always open. Some people have trouble understanding how the Holy Spirit can make a difference in daily life. Jesus gave the Spirit as fuel for doing his mission.

If you want to really see how the Spirit can impact your life, call on the Spirit's power to help you live like Jesus. You can do that in many ways.

- When you're ready to explode, stop and *ask the Spirit to calm you.*
- When you're ready to go along with the crowd, instead of standing up for what's right, stop and *ask the Spirit for help.*
- When you feel like turning away from someone who needs you, stop and *ask the Spirit to help you care.*

This isn't magic. Like many things, you get better at letting the Spirit empower you the more often you do it. I know that I'm more able to 'feel' the Spirit in tough moments, if I'm praying regularly each day.

Like cars, we need regular maintenance (a daily prayer life), not just occasional trips to the petrol station.

So fill up. There's a world full of people waiting for you to drive up with *hope, healing, and justice.*
Extract GPBS eNews

VINNIES SLEEPOUT Geelong
Peter Cummins, St Vincent de Paul's Geelong Regional President is 'sleeping out' on **Thursday 27th June** at GMHBA Stadium.



To support the work of St Vincent De Paul in this way, go to



'Vinnies Geelong Sleepout' and follow the prompts.
Many Thanks.

St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal at St Bernard's will be 22/23 June.

*Congratulations & best wishes to **Melva Doherty**, who celebrated her **90th** birthday on 6th June.*



Mass count May 2019.

Typical mass attendance each weekend is **558** people. (eucharist masses not included).
See notice board for further details

Plenary Council Update:

After 10 months of *Listening and Dialogue* and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the **National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020** are being announced this weekend, Pentecost Sunday.

Find out more at:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



We pray for those who are unwell :

Betty Perry

Lynette Stott

Val Howard

John Orders

Alan Ansell

Brittany Schultz

Tulli Seabert

John Wedding

Bruce Wyndham



We welcome for Baptism :

Molly Koch

Mali, Grace & Max Dougherty

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 ...

Tuesday 11th June 10am

Men's Group in Church Café.

Tuesday 11th June 7.30pm **St Vincent de Paul**

Tuesday 18th June **Morning Melodies**

Fyansford Hotel. If you would like to join us please phone Mary 5243 2673. *All welcome.*

Australian Catholics Collect a copy after mass.

We now have a good supply of **wool for knitting squares.**

Please 'help yourself' from the plastic tub in the children's liturgy cupboard. **Donations of 8ply wool** can be left in the tub.



Found : blue hoop earring. Contact Parish Office.

GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Monday 24th June 1.30pm **Ron Sudden On Stage**

Belmont Seniors Concert Hall, 52 Thomson St Belmont. Cost \$5.00. Afternoon tea included. *See notice board*

Saturday June 15 1.30 to 4.00pm

A Faith & Light community is being formed for the Geelong region. This meeting will include an introduction to **Jean Vanier and Faith & Light**, as well as prayer and fellowship.

Hibernian Hall, St Mary's 150 Yarra St, Geelong.

All are welcome, including those with disabilities, their families, friends and carers.

Enquiries Tricia O'Keeffe on 0414 672 267.

Sunday 7th July 2-5pm **For the Joy of Singing the**

Classics—The Messiah. St Luke's Uniting Church.

Cost \$15.00. Booking essential Anne 0412 524 316 or pandapilgrim@gmail.com *See notice board*

Wednesday July 31st, 6pm. (re-scheduled) Screening of :

Summer in the Forest, the Jean Vanier film.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY ...

The Billings Ovulation Method® Our teachers can provide essential information, giving you the best chance to *achieve your pregnancy* naturally.

Please call Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or website : www.billings.life

'**The Journey**'. Special podcast for **Pentecost**

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au

Readings this week : Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103:1,24,29-31, 34; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

Readings next week: Prov 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

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 : Photos of the *orphaned children who are being sponsored by parishioners* are on the green notice board in the Church foyer.

To enable a child to continue their education, please contact the Office. *Sincere thanks to those who are already providing support.*

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 : 14th June A Long T Richmond A de Grandi J Norling J & G Shannon

Coffee Shop : Felicity Maree Margaret W