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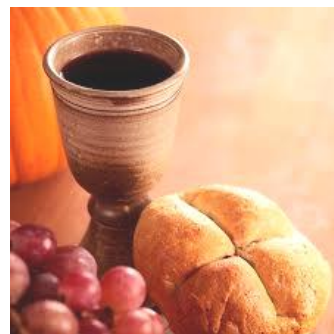
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Year C

"A sacrament, St Augustine said, is the visible sign of God's invisible grace.

The gifts we give to one another are *sacramental* when they manifest the love and mercy of God; they are *Eucharistic* when they transform us into a community bound by that love.

Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as His Church. In our sharing of the body of Christ, may we become the body of Christ *for one another* – to make the limitless, complete love of Christ real for all"

Donal Neary S.J



The Pain of Poverty is the theme for *St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal*.

This year there is a particular focus on older Australians. Poverty often comes with the added burden of loneliness and social isolation when you can't afford to go out. This is particularly so for older people, as their mobility becomes limited and their social network declines.

Vinnies receives very little government funding, so the Society depends heavily on the Catholic Community for financial support.



There will be a collection at each mass.

VINNIES SLEEPOUT Geelong. Peter Cummins, is 'sleeping out' on **Thursday 27th June** at GMHBA Stadium. To support their work in this way, go to '**Vinnies Geelong Sleepout**' and follow the prompts. *Many thanks.*



Refugee Week (16-23 June) focused on **sharing food and stories** from around the world. When we welcome friends, visitors or strangers with food & entertainment, we are offering hospitality.

Hospitality is exemplified in Sunday's readings for the feast of the *Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ* (Corpus Christi).

Luke's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (9:11-17) centres around the themes of **hospitality** and **welcome**.

Michele Frankeni *Australian Catholics*



Our best wishes to **Cyril Maurer**, who celebrated his 98th birthday with friends at Wednesday cards this week.

Voluntary Assisted Dying Act

Two statements are in the foyer about the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act*, which came into law this week.

1. Statement by Catholic Health Australia.
2. Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of the Catholic dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst. Echoing Pope Francis, they have published a pastoral letter including **practical guidance** on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia.

Copies on the table or online:

www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Thanksgiving : New envelopes will be distributed soon, as well as receipts for all contributors. *Now is a good time to consider 'catching up' if you are a bit behind.* Thank you.



1. To change to a **different method** of payment eg from envelopes to *direct debit* or *credit card*
2. To **change frequency** of giving or **pledge** amounts
3. To **update address** details

please **collect a form** from the table near the green display board in the Narthex and return it to the Parish Office before **Friday 28th June**.

Thank you for your continuing generous support. The Parish has funds set aside for the Presbytery re-build, but your regular contributions are vital to keep the Parish running & are much appreciated.

We remember those who have died :
Sr Clare Conway

We pray for those who are unwell :

Margaret Devlin	Lydia Ward	
Betty Perry	Lynette Stott	
Val Howard	John Orders	
Alan Ansell	Brittany Schultz	Tulli Seabert
John Wedding	Bruce Wyndham	



We welcome for Baptism : **Lucy and Hugo Vetch**
Parker Purser **Hemsley Dodds**

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 ...

Mon 24th June 7.30pm **St Vincent de Paul**

RCIA : Do you have family or friends, who are interested in becoming a Catholic?

Enquiries are invited for the next programme, starting later this year. Contact the Parish Office.

Seat **cushions** are in a tub under the table in the foyer. Please help yourself, if you find the pews a bit hard.

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

Wed 3rd July 12 noon **Sisters of Holy Angels Luncheon**
St Michael's Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St Bell Park. Cost \$10. All Welcome. (note change of venue).

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.

It's Our Job Now to Feed the People

We have to remember that Jesus left our world, but Christ is still here.

We are Christ's Body on earth. Each of us has a role to play in a world of hunger and hopelessness. We all have the power to make a difference, but we need to work together and seek Jesus' guidance.

So don't just pray for Jesus to help others. It's up to you and I to do the hard work of changing the world until then.

Want **world peace**? Then pray for the ability to be a peacemaker.

Want **shelter for the homeless**? Then pray for guidance to help homeless people in your neighbourhood.

Want **healing in your family**? Then pray for the strength to bring it yourself.

Jesus is still trying to feed hungry people, but **we're his Body now**. Let's do the work. GPBS eNews

Readings this week : Gen 14:18-20; Ps 109:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17

Readings next week: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21; Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

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 : 28th June : J Earle J Honner
C Raj E Rayson J van Rossum

Coffee Shop : Doris I Edna B