



# St Bernard's Parish

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Reflection :** Today we see the people of God offering hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work for the service we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner, or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we also cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. So we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours, for the sake of the people we serve; to serve the people in our care, realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all our tasks or at least do them as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

Dianne Bergant CSA

**As we go about our daily tasks this week, let us be mindful of opportunities to be truly hospitable.**



## Plenary Council 2020

National Theme for Discernment no 2:-



**How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is inclusive, participatory and synodal?**

The responses indicated :

- a desire for individuals and groups to find a better welcome and be *incorporated more into her life and mission.*
- a call to *renew forms of governance and leadership* in the Church
- looking at formal and informal *co-responsibility for ministry and mission*
- seeking structures and processes of collaboration, shared decision-making and financial co-responsibility
- enabling *greater involvement* of lay people particularly of women, young people, people of diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- There was an expressed need for stronger connections across the many parts of the Church and with other Christian traditions.

Visit : [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are an essential part of the St Bernard's community. If you can **help in any ministry**, please contact the Office.



### Cleaning Team Captains.

*New rosters will be prepared soon.*

*\* Please advise the Office, if there are any changes to your cleaning team.*

*\* Extra helpers would be greatly appreciated.*  
Thank you



**Australian Catholic Youth Festival 8-10 Dec 2019 Perth. Year 9-30 yrs.**

Theme : *'Listen to what the Spirit is saying'.*

Information : [www.cam.org.au/acyf19](http://www.cam.org.au/acyf19)

**We are hoping several young people from the Parish can attend.**

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

## Child Safety at St Bernard's

As a Parish we must :

- Take a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.
- Ensure leadership is aware of allegations and responds to protect children.
- Promote a culture of reporting.
- Respect, embrace and support the diversity of children.



We remember those who have died :  
**Sr Paulina Fitzpatrick** (Fr Mick's sister)

We pray for those who are unwell :

<b>Margaret Devlin</b>	<b>Christine Malyniak</b>
<b>Lydia Ward</b>	<b>Betty Perry</b>
<b>Lynette Stott</b>	<b>Val Howard</b>
<b>John Orders</b>	<b>Alan Ansell</b>
<b>Brittany Schultz</b>	<b>Tulli Seabert</b>
<b>John Wedding</b>	<b>Bruce Wyndham</b>



We welcome for Baptism :

<b>Matilda Finley</b>	<b>Oliver Wemyss</b>
<b>Charlie Johnson</b>	<b>Sergio McCorkell</b>
<b>Finn McLaren</b>	

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 ...

Next weekend : **Catholic Mission Appeal**.

This year focuses on the Church in Ghana, as they provide on going *protection and development of children* who are vulnerable.

### While Fr Sang is on holidays :

- **Wednesday** 'lay led' liturgy/communion at noon.
- **Friday** midday mass with Fr Joe.

We welcome : **Fr Phuong Vu** (20-21 July)

**Fr Thang Vu** (27-28 July) celebrating weekend masses.

### GEELONG COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Wednesday 24th 6.15pm CRAG and St Joseph's College fundraiser film: **The Merger**.

All money to the CRAG legal fund, which is **supporting people in our community seeking asylum**.

6.15 pm: Arrive to buy a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Browse **art** by local artists, make a bid in the **silent auction**. Ticket includes delicious finger food pre-movie.

Adults: \$20, Students \$10, Family \$50 up to 5 people  
St Josephs College Performing Arts Centre -

Parking and entry via Queens Rd Newtown.

Book now: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSDSC>

Sat 27th July 1-3.30pm. **Pastoral Healthcare Network**

**Pamper Day**. Range of treatments : hand, shoulder and foot massage, Bowen and Myotherapy, blood pressure testing, meditation and afternoon tea. St Bernard's Church foyer. \$10. RSVP essential by 24 July : 0403 500 279

Sun 28 July, 2019 at 3.00 pm **Brazilian Adventures**

Music at the Basilica. Tickets \$50/45/40 at the door or [www.trybooking.com/BABCY](http://www.trybooking.com/BABCY) See noticeboard

Mon 29th July at 1.30pm 'Sing Australia' Belmont Seniors, 52 Thomson St Belmont. \$5.00 Afternoon tea incl.

Wednesday July 31st, 6pm. (re-scheduled) Screening of : **Summer in the Forest**, the Jean Vanier film.

Tickets \$25. Bookings: <https://fan-force.com/screenings/summer-in-the-forest-pivotonian-cinema>.

### OUR WIDER COMMUNITY ...

**Footprints of Jesus Magi Pilgrimages**.

Enquiries : [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au). See noticeboard

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** 23-25 Aug, 15-17 Nov.

Enquiries: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**Mannya news : To enable a child to continue their education next term**, please contact the Office.

### St Bernard's Mass Times

Saturday : 6pm

Sunday : 9.00am & 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 (Friday)

Contact Office to arrange 52 432 739

### Parish Office Hours

Monday : 10am - 3pm

Tuesday : 8.30 - 4.30

Wednesday : 8.30 - 4.30

Thursday : 8.30 - 1pm

Thursday PM : Closed

Friday : 8.30 - 4.30

Please note : Church **car park** gates are locked at 1.00pm *each Sunday*.

### At St BERNARD'S ...

**\*\* St Vincent De Paul \*\***

**Monday 22 July 4-5.15pm.**

Membership enquiries Anne 0458 294 526

**Playgroup** Tuesdays during school term 9.00am - 10.30am in the Big Space. Enter via glass doors Fryers Rd. All welcome

**Charismatic Prayer** 1st & 3rd Tuesday 10.00am in the Church.

**Men's Group** Second Tuesday 10am in the Church Café.

Come along for a cuppa and chat.

### Wednesday Cards

Join us for a friendly game of 500. Wednesday 1.15-4pm in the Church Café.

### Knights of the Southern Cross

Third Tuesday 7.30pm, Church Cafe

### Widowed and Social Group

(Monday mornings—in Winter Recess)

**Christian meditation** Wednesday 7pm at The Chapel 'Luson The Vue' 15-29 Reserve Rd Grovedale

### Wesley Asylum Seeker Welcome food place.

Pick up a shopping list from either noticeboard, or give supermarket vouchers.

Donations can be left under the table in front of the green noticeboard. *Thank you*



*Readings this week* : Gen 18:1-10; Ps 14:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

*Readings next week*: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 137;1-3,6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**Mass rosters for this week and next** are on the **noticeboard** in the foyer.

Cleaners : 26th July : H Brislane J Ross  
J Wood C Grayland

Coffee Shop : Edna Mary M Pauline