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Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The life of discipleship can only be maintained, as long as nothing is allowed to come between Christ and ourselves, neither the law, nor personal piety, nor even the world.

The disciple always looks only to his master, never to Christ AND the law, Christ AND religion, Christ AND the world.

Only by following Christ alone can he preserve a single eye.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martyr 1945

Booking for Masses at St Bernard's : - please read carefully

You no longer have to book online for Mass through TRYBOOKING

With Government regulations changing from 23rd April, you must now register attendance by scanning a **QR code** (electronic record keeping system), using the *Service Victoria App* (should contact tracing be required).



1. Please load the *Service Victoria app* on your phone
2. arrive in time to **scan the Service Vic QR code**
3. enter your first name & ph number
(just as you do now in a café, or public venue).



Sample

If you **don't have a phone** to scan the QR code, please **come to the desk** to record your **name & phone number**.

Thank you for continuing to **use hand sanitiser, before entering the church.**

Annual May Mass count starts next weekend. This year the Aust Catholic Bishops have asked that we provide attendance numbers, as well as estimates of the age & sex of those attending Mass.



Book Fair Next Sunday 2nd May 8am-2pm

1000s of books
of every genre
Trash & Treasure Stall
Cash sales only

Lifeboat Raffle

(Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle)

- 1st Prize: Suzuki Balena Hatchback
- 2nd Prize: \$5000 gift voucher
- 3rd Prize: \$2000 gift voucher
- 4th - 20th Prizes: cash gift vouchers

Tickets are only **\$2**.
Every ticket sold generates **\$1.50** for the work of *Lifeboat*.

Tickets available at every Mass this weekend.

Can you sell some tickets? Ph 0439 199 400 to arrange book collection. *Drawn in June.*

Pope Francis – Message for World Day of Vocations,

'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines.

Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.'

'The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility, but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of 'the saints next door'. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'

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.
Catholic Vocations



Good Shepherd Sunday Reflection

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of *the one who saves*; and the *power of salvation* itself. The *one who saves is not a mighty warrior* who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was *rejected*, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame.

The one who saves is the *cornerstone of the building*, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a *lowly shepherd*, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state.

The one who saves is an *unlikely* saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from *steadfast covenant love*. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means '*saviour*' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; *God's mercy endures forever*.

Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer makes every day better : Pope Francis

Prayer transforms a person's day into grace, or better, it transforms us: it appeases anger, sustains love, multiplies joy, instils the strength to forgive.

Prayer is a constant reminder that God is nearby and so, the problems we face no longer seem to be obstacles to our happiness, but appeals from God, opportunities to encounter him.

When you start to feel anger, dissatisfaction or something negative, stop and say, '*Lord, where are you and where am I going?*' The Lord is there and he will give you the right word, a piece of advice for moving forward without this bitter, negative taste, because prayer is always – to use a secular word – positive. It moves you forward.

When we are accompanied by the Lord, we feel more courageous, freer and also happier, so let's pray always and for everyone, even our enemies. This is what Jesus advised us, '*Pray for your enemies*'.

In addition to praying for one's family and friends, Pope Francis asked people to '*pray above all for people who are sad, for those who weep in solitude and despair, that there still might be someone who loves them.*'

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Anzac Day - Prayer of Remembrance

Heavenly Father,

We remember with pride, gratitude and sympathy, the men and women who have given their lives in defence of this country

We remember with pride and gratitude that they fought and died, that we might have security and peace, that we might walk in freedom and live in justice.

We remember with pride, gratitude and sympathy, the men and women who live in suffering and pain in our hospitals, as a result of their generosity in protecting our country.

We remember with pride, gratitude and sympathy, the men and women whose spirits were crushed and minds deranged, by the horrors and suffering through which they passed and saw others pass.

We remember with pride and gratitude the doctors, nurses, Red Cross workers and all volunteers, who served our sick, wounded and exhausted service men and women.

We remember with pride and gratitude the chaplains of our forces, who brought spiritual comfort and consolation in times of sickness, injury, fear and death.

Be merciful and gracious to them all, O God.



Relearning the lesson of Anzac Day

This year Anzac Day falls at a time when we still live in the shadow of coronavirus. The epidemic has been a tragedy for many people and societies. That is true of Australia, too, though we have been spared the massive deaths and continuous disruption experienced in many other nations. The costs of the virus however, have also been accompanied by benefits. They have pressed us *to separate what matters from what we have always taken for granted and the superficial from the genuine.*



In its earliest days, Anzac Day was an occasion to remember the dead and what a North Vietnamese novelist described as, 'the sadness of war'. *It is a day on which to remember both our own soldiers and those whom they fought, as alike they lie beneath the earth.* As we pray with our New Zealand cousins, in thanks for the lives of our soldiers who fought together, we can also join in thanks that in both nations we have largely been spared from the ravages of the coronavirus.

As we recover from the coronavirus however, there is a risk of forgetting its lessons. It taught us to *respect the living – those different from ourselves as well as those like us.* We need to extend this respect to the people whom we often treat as outcasts, for example the vulnerable young people who come into the justice system. They are often regarded, even by politicians as trash and treated in a way that makes them more likely to reoffend.

The effects of this kind of disrespect show us the ultimate futility of dividing our world into people like us and enemies.

Excerpt Andrew Hamilton Australian Catholics

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal
Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.

Donate via our website: www.ctc.edu.au

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to baskets in the foyer.

Receipts issued, if contact details & amount are enclosed.

Thank you to all who contributed.



We remember those who have died :

Bernie Moloney

We pray for those who are unwell :

Nino Corda

Lyn Abels

May McGinnes

Baby Riley

Vincent Powell

Tania Carter

Sally Moody

Michael Dunell

Isobel Symons

John Orders

Jennifer London

Val Howard

Jim Cole

Brittany Schultz Rev Alan Ansell

We welcome for baptism :

Beau Western Hugh Garvey

Evie & Harvey Schack



Special prayers : We pray for Mohammad, who has lived for over 8 years in the constant uncertainty of forceful return to Afghanistan and the Taliban, suffering separation from his wife and child over that time, with no status and no work rights here in Australia.

.... **We hold you all in prayer** ...

At St Bernard's ...

Next Sunday 2nd May St Bernard's **Youth BBQ**



Social event for you and your families to attend.

Catering supplied by *Bayleaf Community Kitchen*

(food, soft drinks) or BYO.

A friendly game of soccer to follow.

Come along after 10:30 mass. *Please RSVP.*

Scan the QR code for details & RSVP

Our Geelong Community...

Sat 24th April 1-3pm **PHNA Pamper day**

St Bernard's café. Fun, Fine Food, Massage & Music. Bookings essential Rod 0410 471 005

Our wider community...

21 -23 May 2021 **Marriage Encounter Weekend.**

Information/Bookings:

Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

or wwme.org.au



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Catholic Theological College - short sessions:

online via Zoom *Engaging Your Faith.*

Just \$20 per session, running 11th to 31st May.

Booking, payment and further information:

www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/

St Bernard's prayer & community...

Mill Market donation & Book Fair drop off :

Clairvaux Hall every **Saturday 10 -11am.**

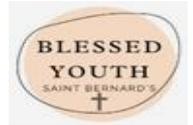
Playgroup is back in the Big Space :

Tuesday 9-10.30am (during school term)
Enter via glass doors Fryers Rd. All welcome

St Bernard's Youth Group

13-25 years.

Contact Jess , through the
Parish Office



Visit : www.stbernards.org.au
to book for all Masses at St Bernard's.

If you don't have a computer, or family or friends who can help, please ring the Office & we can make your booking.

To receive the link, to watch Mass at home, recorded by the Passionist Fathers, please **contact the Parish Office.**

Sunday Mass on TV :

Channel 10 6-6.30am

Channel 31 or 44 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday Mass on Radio :

7.00am Light FM 89.9

10.00am Pulse 94.7 FM (St Mary's)

Mass on line - view live:

Sunday - 11am ;

Week days - 1pm (Cathedral)

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Mass on line - view anytime :

(Fr K Dillon week days)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjIZo7MgGsdREDToBDzqxeQ/>

Mass in other languages :

<http://multiculturalcare.org.au/diversity/faith-online/>



To assist the Manny communities :

direct bank trf to :

BSB : **063 504** acc : **008 005 74**

Ref : Manny & surname

cheque : 'St Bernard's Church Manny acc'

Thank you

<https://mannyacoffee.or.ug/>

The food bank at the **Wesley Asylum Seeker Centre** has re-opened.

Non-perishable food can be left in front of the green noticeboard, church foyer.

(List of suitable groceries on noticeboard ledge)

Donations BSB 633 000 acc 160 305 066

Readings this week : Acts

4:8-12 ; Ps 117.1. 8

-9. 21-23 .26. 28-29. R.v.22 ;

1 Jn 3:1-2 ; Jn 10:11-18

Next week: Acts 9:26-31 ;

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R v.26 ;

1 Jn 3:18-24 ; Jn 15:1-8

