

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh / Our Lady Help of Christians, Korobeit

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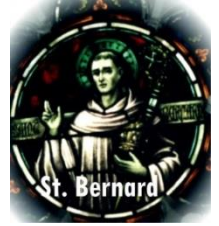


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 11th February 2018

*“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”
– 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride and ego, money and possessions, to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God, or for the glory of me?”

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

The repairs to St Bernard's Church have now been completed, and all Masses and Devotions will return to the church. Welcome back!

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass.

Monday 12 th	no Mass
Tuesday 13 th	5:30pm
Wednesday 14 th	9:30am Ash Wednesday Mass 11:00am Providence Mass 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 15 th	9:30am
Friday 16 th	9:30am
Saturday 17 th	5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 18 th	8:30am 10:00am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 17th 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:15pm St Bernard's
Saturday 4:45pm St Anthony's

ROSARY is held **every Monday at 7:30pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.

Rosary is also held on the **first Friday** of the month following morning Mass.

Next First Friday: 2nd March 2018

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held on the **first Friday** of the month from **10:00am to 7:00pm**. All are welcome to come along and spend some time with the Lord.

Next Adoration: 2nd March 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 31:1-2, 5, 11. R. v. 5

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said, “I will confess my offence in the Lord”. And you, Lord have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held every Sunday during 10:00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is held on the **third Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at 10:30am. Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.
Next Seniors' Mass: 16th February 2018

PROVIDENCE MASS

The Village, 5-7 Griffith Street, Maddingley
Mass is usually held on the **second Friday** of the month at 11:00am. In February this year, it will be held on **Ash Wednesday**.
Next Mass: Wednesday 14th February 2018

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

is held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.
Next Program: 25th February 2018

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website: <http://pol.org.au/bacchusmarsh>. Bring completed Registration Form with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate to the program.
Please note: Both parents and Godparents are required to attend the program.

MORNING TEA is held on the **first Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre after 10:00am Mass.

Next Morning Tea: 4th March 2018
Host: Parents & Friends

Parish Centre Bookings

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm
Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

RECENTLY DECEASED

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Mullane

Prayers for the Sick & Frail

(please let us know when your loved one is no longer required on this list)

John Anderson, Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Michael Barrett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Ian Dominquez, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliardi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Brian Harrison, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Maryo, Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Tess Mercieca, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Arabella Periera, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Julie Scott, Ken Shaw, Marian Smith, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Mitchell Tung, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary & Michael Walsh, Carol Wells, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young, Hannah Young.

MINISTRIES 10 th & 11 th February 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Trish Davine	Carole Ryder / Marj Tung	James Waters / Dianne Craig
Eucharist Ministers	Colin Remedios	Mira Foxford	Jenny Kearney
Altar Servers	Baddeley	Farrell	Byham / Vereker
Piety	10th February 11th February	Trish Davine Carol Ryder	
Counters #5	Pat O'Leary, Jo Cowan, Peter Lafranchi, Frank Pomeroy, Stuart Robertson		

NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, [bow during the next two lines] and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

MINISTRIES 17 th & 18 th February 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Vikki Benson	Moira Ross	Dianne Craig / Mira Foxford
Eucharist Ministers	Mary Beaton	Peter Lafranchi	Roy Ryder
Altar Servers	Byham / Baddeley	Lidgett-Egan	Lindorff
Piety	17th February 18th February	Sean Giani Marj Tung	
Counters #6	Gerard Shelly, Jill Geurts, Kate Maurer, Michael Larkin, Ron Geurts.		
Church Grounds February	Front Garden: Stephen Millington Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers Friday 16 th February	Tup Shea & Dianne Shelly	POF February	Mary Flanagan
Readings	First Reading Gen 9:8-15	Resp. Psalm Ps 24:4-9 R. cf. v. 10	Second Reading 1 Pet 3:18-22

Hopetoun Catholic Cemetery

Bacchus Marsh Road, Bacchus Marsh

Catholic Museum

88 Main Street West

Convent Lane, Bacchus Marsh

St Vincent de Paul Society

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The new Vinnies store is located at
8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh,
and is now open 7 days a week.

We are calling for more volunteers.

If you would like more information,
please ring **0417 525 617**.

The Neighbour's Place

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality Centre

Address: 77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:30am – 3:00pm

Tel: 5367 6222

Email: neighbourspl@inet.net.au

HOME COMMUNION

Home communion is available in the Parish on the **first Friday** of each month for the housebound and those who are ill. If you know of anyone who would like to avail themselves of this service, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance with the details, or speak to Father after Mass.

KSC Meeting

This **Monday 12th February 2018**.

Please note this month it is at Zyg's place at 6pm for **6:30pm** start.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS

Another year has begun and with it comes another year of activity for the Senior Parishioners' Mass group. As most parishioners are aware, the group has been in existence within the parish for many years; however, newcomers to St Bernard's may not know that the Seniors celebrate Mass on the **third Friday** of each month in the Parish Centre, followed by a friendly "cuppa and chat". Everyone is welcome – one doesn't have to be "a senior" – just come along. If transport is a problem, we may be able to help, by contacting either Elizabeth Lummis on 5310 6320 or Mary Flanagan on 5367 3309. The Seniors will be celebrating their first Eucharist for 2018 next **Friday 16th February** at **10:30am** in the **Parish Centre**. We look forward to seeing old friends and perhaps some new ones.

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Available from the Piety Stall – **\$4.00** each

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If you wish to receive the weekly Bulletin electronically, please leave your email address on the clipboard in the foyer of the church.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

In readiness for Ash Wednesday on 14th February 2018, parishioners are welcome to bring in their blessed palms from last year, which may be left in the box at the rear of the church.

They will be burnt this Monday 12th February at St Bernard's School at 11:00am.

LENTEN TALKS

will be held each Tuesday at **6:15pm** in the Parish Centre from 20th February until 20th March 2018

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018

For a Just Future

For over 50 years the Project Compassion appeals have been an important means by which the Australian church has shown its solidarity with those in need around the world, providing funds for development and emergency aid, and increasing our awareness of the work of Caritas Australia.

This year's campaign, "**For a Just Future**", relates to the **Year of Youth**. Pope Francis encourages us to challenge our young people when he writes "Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation". The stories highlighted in the campaign material are all of young people overcoming hardship and making a difference in their communities. As we all reach out to young people in our community this year, we can encourage them to think of their contemporaries around the world, open their hearts to those struggling materially, and work to "make poverty history".

Please give generously.

HEARING, HEALING, HOPE

21st-23rd February 2018

Parish leaders and parishioners are warmly invited to participate in **Hearing, Healing, Hope**, which is both the title and the theme of the 2018 National Catholic Social Services Conference.

This will be held in Melbourne from **Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd February**, at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

The conference website, www.css.org.au/HearingHealingHope, provides program and booking details.

Tickets are affordably priced, but parishes that would need a discount to participate can contact Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au. A discount is also offered to emerging and future leaders.

THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN [SALVE REGINA]

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy.
Hail, our life, our sweetness,
and our hope!

To thee do we cry, poor
banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up
our sighs, mourning and
weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us.
And after this our exile show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us,
O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises
of Christ.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

Friday 2nd March 2018

Republic of Suriname

"All God's Creation is Very Good!" – Genesis 1: 1-31

St Bernard's is hosting the World Day of Prayer on **Friday 2nd March** at **2:00pm**. We would welcome all parishioners to join in prayerful support along with Christians worldwide for our sisters and brothers who suffer through family violence, child abuse, human trafficking and other forms of injustice.

After the prayer service, all are welcome to join in socialising at afternoon tea in the **Parish Centre** with the parishioners of our sister churches.

This day used to be Women Only, but now men are welcome to join in. Here's hoping for a good show from St Bernard's parishioners!

2018 is the Year of Youth: The Creed in Slow Motion I

I believe in God (1)

I'm going to give you an exposition, clause by clause, of the Apostles' Creed; that is, the shorter Credo that we use with the Rosary, not the longer and more difficult one which is said at Mass.

Well, we are starting off with "I believe in God"; that ought to last us for the length of a whole sermon, even if we cut it down as much as we can. Let me direct your attention first of all to the use of the word "I". Surely that's curious, if you come to think of it? Surely saying the Credo ought to be a tremendous congregational act, uniting us in a common profession of faith, and surely at that rate it ought to start "We believe"?

But it doesn't, you see, ever take that form. Go out to Lourdes, and watch from the top of the slope tens of thousands of candles flickering there below, in the torch-light procession. So many of them, they don't look like separate candles; it is just a vast haze of light. And the people who carry them are singing *Credo; Credo* ("I believe"), not *Credimus* ("we believe").

And so it is at Mass. If you watch the Gloria, it is we all through, "We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you" (in Latin: *Laudamus te, Benedicimus te, Adoramus te, Glorificamus te*), and so on; we lose ourselves in a crowd when we are singing the Gloria. But when we sing the Credo, we are not meant to lose ourselves in a crowd. Every clause of it is the expression of my opinion, for which I am personally responsible.

Just so with the "I confess" (in Latin, the *Confiteor*); it is always "I confess" (*Confiteor*) we say, not "We confess" (*Confitemur*), even when we are saying it together. Why? Because my sins are my sins, and your sins are your sins; each of us is individually responsible. So it is with the Credo; each of us, in lonely isolation, makes himself or herself responsible for that tremendous statement, "I believe in God".

I expect you will think I have been making too much of that, and rather wasting time over a minor point. Believe me, it isn't so. The reason why I want to give you this course of sermons on the Credo is because I want each of you to say it intelligently, thinking what you are saying, meaning what you are saying, not just copying the boy or girl next you, not just reciting a rigmarole of words which must be all right, of course, or the Church wouldn't make you say it.

No, you are to say the Credo as an expression of your own individual point of view, giving it the full homage of your intellect, prepared to explain it to other people; if necessary, to argue it with other people.

"I believe". We have often been told that we ought to be proud of our faith. But there is a tendency and a temptation for us, on the contrary, to be ashamed of our faith when we are living among people who don't agree with us; we don't like the idea of believing so much more than they do. Because, after all, the person who is ready to believe anything you tell them — on the first of April, for example — is a person who doesn't command your respect.

But the difference between being a credulous person (or a mug) and being a sensible person isn't a question of how *many things* you believe; it's a question of whether you believe the *right* things; that is to say, whether you demand the right kind of evidence before you believe a thing or not.

Take a perfectly open question like the Loch Ness Monster: it is foolish to believe a story of that kind merely because you've seen an article in a newspaper about it, which would notoriously say anything. On the other hand, if you've been about in that part of the world and met various people whom you regard as sensible, truthful people, who say they've seen the thing, then it is foolish *not* to believe in it.

No, don't let's be got down just because we come across other people who haven't as much belief as we have. Very likely they haven't come across the evidences for the Christian religion as we have. Or perhaps they have come across them and not been able to estimate them at their true worth; in that case, it is they who are the mugs, not we.

Of all the silly things on which the modern world prides itself, the silliest, I think, is its habit of not believing in things. Nothing is easier than not believing in things.

Anyway, you believe. You believe, because you regard the Catholic Church as a trustworthy source of information. We shall get on to that subject, towards the end of the Credo, if we live long enough, so we won't stop over it here.

But it's worth observing that not all the articles in the Credo have to be believed on the authority of the Church. The very subject we shall discuss soon, the existence of God, isn't a belief that depends merely on the authority of the Church. The existence of God can be proved by the use of reason.

By Fr Ronald Knox