

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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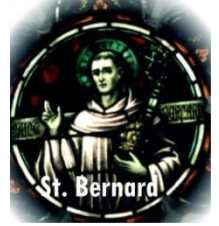


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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year B

11th March 2018

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” – John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

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

Monday 12 th	no Mass	
Tuesday 13 th	5:30pm	
	6:15pm	Lenten Talk in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 14 th	9:30am	
Thursday 15 th	9:30am	
Friday 16 th	10:30am	Seniors' Mass in the Parish Centre

Please note, Year 5 & 6 students and their families from St Bernard's School will be attending all Masses next weekend for **Confirmation Commitment**.

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: 6th April 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: 6th April 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING 2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23
The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 136. R. v. 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us", they said, "one of Zion's songs".

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 2:4-10
When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL JOHN 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.

St Bernard's (continued)

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 March 2018

PROVIDENCE MASS

The Village, 5-7 Griffith Street, Maddingley
Mass is usually held on the **second Friday** of the month at 11:00am.
Next Mass: 13th April 2018

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

is held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.
Next Program: 25th March 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: 6th May 2018
Host: Rosary & Prayer Group

Parish Centre Bookings

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Carabott, Rachael and Thomas McKnight, Vera and John Ross, Fr Thomas Sheeran, and Mark Sims.

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 Gagliarbi, 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 10th & 11th March 2018

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Maureen Zahra	Gerard Harrington / Jenny Hooper	Diane Craig / Allan Comrie
Eucharist Ministers	Stuart Robertson	Brendan Harrison	Jennifer Taylor
Altar Servers	Byham	Farrell	Vereker
Piety	10th March 11th March	Margot Short Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #9	Roy & Carole Ryder Henry & Chris Gasior		

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 17th & 18th March 2018

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Trish Davine	Peter Lafranchi / Margaret Love	James Waters / Dianne Craig
Eucharist Ministers	Colin Remedios	Mira Foxford	James Waters
Altar Servers		Shea	Baddeley
Piety	17th March 18th March	Trish Davine Carol Ryder	
Counters #10	Kath Connell, Val Dickson, Michael Duffy, Mary Delahey		
Church Grounds March	Front Garden: Stuart Robertson Back/Side Garden: Chris Eggleston Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts Back Paddock: Colm Carragher		
Church Flowers Friday		POF March	Sr Mary Fermio
Readings	First Reading Jer 31:31-34	Resp. Psalm Ps 50:3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12	Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

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

Between 10:00am and 3:00pm weekdays

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

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 the vale of tears.

Turn then most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us.

And after this, our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

P: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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

Knights of the Southern Cross

KSC Meeting this **Monday 12th March 2018**
at **8:00pm** in the **Parish Centre**.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS

The Seniors' monthly Mass will be celebrated next
Friday, 16th March 2018 at **10:30am** in the **Parish Centre**. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along and join in celebration of the Eucharist.

CLAN McKENNA GATHERING

Saturday 17th March 2018, 12:00pm-5:00pm at
St Brigid's Hall, 376 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy.
BYO drinks and lunch (mains and dessert to share).
Tickets – \$5 per person to cover costs.
Contact 0439327301 or clanmckennagathering@gmail.com
Facebook link is:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/657719511285288/>

Melbourne Catholic – March 2018

Now available from the Piety Stall – **\$4.00** each
Due to lack of sales, the Piety Stall will no longer stock the
Melbourne Catholics magazine. The magazine can be ordered
directly from Media and Communications Office Catholic
Archdiocese of Melbourne on 03 9926 5758.

LENTEN TALKS

each **Tuesday at 6:15pm** in the **Parish Centre**
until Tuesday 20th March 2018.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

PALM SUNDAY – 25th March 2018

- 1:00pm Prayer Service**
St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
- 2:00pm Annual Walk for Justice for Refugees**
State Library of Victoria
cnr Swanston & La Trobe Streets, Melbourne

For further information, contact mcmro@cam.org.au or 9926 5720.

YOUNG MEN OF GOD : MOVIE FUNDRAISER

The Young Men of God extend an invitation to all to attend a private screening of
the new film, "**Paul, Apostle of Christ**".

- Date:** **Saturday 31st March 2018** (Holy Saturday), 12:00-3:00pm
Cost: \$20
Where: Hoyts Highpoint, Highpoint Shopping Centre, Rosamond Road, Maribyrnong
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/TXNB>
or on the day at the front of Hoyts, near the Lux Bar
Details: Lewy Berchy on 9287 5568 or llewy.berchy@cam.org.au

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST Retreat for Young Catholic Women

The Year of Youth 2018

YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

We invite young women (ages 18-35) from all walks of life to come, take some time
out from the "busyness" of life to a silent retreat led by the **Dominican Sisters of St
Cecilia**. Includes Mass, Adoration, Confession and Spiritual Direction.

- When:** **Friday 6th April 2018, 7:00pm – Sunday 8th April 2018, 2:00pm**
Where: Pallotti College, 80 McNamara Road, Wesburn VIC 3799
Cost: \$130 (includes 2 nights' accommodation and all food)
Register: www.trybooking.com/UIYX
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/158912014818678/>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 8th April 2018

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

67-77 Exford Road (cnr Wilson Road), Melton South

Main Celebrant – Rev. Fr Fabian Smith

- 2:00pm** Confessions, Adoration, Holy Rosary, Litany and Meditations
3:00pm 3 o'clock Prayer, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction,
Holy Mass and Blessing of Private Divine Mercy Images

For enquiries, please contact Godwin Barton on 0425 734 449.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

Saturday 28th April 2018 to Saturday 19th May 2018

Strong and happy marriages don't happen by chance; they take effort and
commitment. Topics to be covered include: love and friendship, differences
between men and women, practical ways to improve communication, conflict
resolution, changing our behaviours, love in action, doing things together and goal
setting. The course will help you to: gain a deeper understanding of each other's
needs, learn practical and effective communication skills, develop strategies to deal
with conflict, deepen your friendship and keep married love alive.

- Venue:** Hawthorn Library, 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn
Cost: \$250 (early bird \$210 by 8th April)
Morning and afternoon tea provided
Contact: Rachel Poh 0411 185 711
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/UDWZ

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

The Almighty Father (1)

Upon my word, I believe this is the most difficult clause in the whole of the Credo. Not theoretically; in theory it slips off your tongue, doesn't it, without giving you a moment's pause. Our Father, Almighty — of course God is that; when you have said that, you have hardly done more than give a definition of what you mean by "God".

Yes, but in real life, what is the thing that most of all tempts people to give up their religion? Why, misfortune, especially when it comes upon them suddenly; or when it comes upon them just when they think they have been behaving well, so that God ought to be in a good temper with them; or when it comes upon them from every side, so that it looks as if Providence had singled them out specially for its frowns. At such times, people are more swayed by the feelings of the heart than by the reasonings of the mind.

A young wife, for example, who has suddenly lost her husband, will say to herself, "Could God have prevented this? If not, he is not Almighty. Did God, then, want this to happen? If so, he is no Father of mine. Father if you will, but if so, he is powerless to help those who trust in him. Almighty if you will, but if so, he is cruel. One or the other, but not both; an Almighty Father would not treat me like that."

So, first of all, we must see what we mean by saying God is Almighty, and then to see what we mean by calling him our Father, and then to consider how misfortune comes to us, all the same.

God is Almighty in the sense that no limits can be imposed on him by anything outside himself. That follows from his being the cause of everything, all movement originates from him; nothing, therefore, can happen unless in some sense he wills it. If there are any limits to his activities, they must be limits imposed by himself, not by somebody or something else.

Therefore, whatever solution we try to find for the mystery of suffering, there is one answer which evidently gets no marks at all. You mustn't represent God as powerless to prevent human suffering; you mustn't think of him as a kind of amiable official up in heaven who is really very sorry about it, but he's afraid nothing can be done. If you were determined to commit suicide, and (after taking poison) you covered yourself with petrol and set your clothes alight and then jumped from a fourth-storey window, God could quite easily save your life if he chose to. I don't suppose for a moment he would want to, so it's not a safe thing to try; but if he chose to, he could.

When we say that God is Almighty, we mean that he can do anything which is not against reason. God couldn't create two equal-sized things one of which was larger than the other. But that isn't to say that he is being hampered by something outside himself. The laws of reason are part of the truth, and the truth is part of himself, or rather is himself; God is truth. God could bring a dead man to life; but, without doing that, he couldn't prevent a dead man's wife being a widow. Unless she married again, of course. God can't do things which contradict themselves.

And at the same time, God is our Father. "Doubtless thou art our Father", the Jews used to say, "though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not". St Paul goes so far as to tell us that all earthly fatherhood takes its name from the fatherhood of God; without him there would be no fatherhood at all.

The heathen, although they represented their gods as pretty useless sort of people, used to call them "father"; the word "Jupiter" means "father up in the sky". But the notion we have of God's Fatherhood comes chiefly from the teaching of our Lord; "your Father who is in heaven" is a phrase constantly on his lips, and you only need to remember a few familiar verses in order to realise what he means by it. God is our Father in the sense that he knows us intimately; "thy Father who sees what is done in secret". He is interested in everything he has made; a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his will. He cares for his creatures independently of whether they care for him; he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, sends his rain on the just and on the unjust. And his purpose is a beneficent purpose; we cannot always see how, but we must take it on faith. One of the strongest notes in our Lord's teaching is this emphasis on the way in which we ought to trust God as our Father. The whole of Christianity is built on it.

By Fr Ronald Knox