

# Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING.** We human beings need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink, we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the Scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly, our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in glory.

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### MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

#### St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass

Monday	no Mass
Tuesday	5:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am
Thursday	9:30am
Friday	10:30am Seniors
Saturday	5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8:30am & 10:00am

#### RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:15pm

#### Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 6:30pm Mass

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**ROSARY** is held **each Monday at 7.30pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour.

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

**Next First Friday: 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held every **Sunday during 10:00am Mass**.

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#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** CF. PSALMS 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.

#### **FIRST READING** WISDOM 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** PSALMS 62:2-8, R. v. 2

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

#### **SECOND READING** 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** MATTHEW 22:42, 44, R. v. 2

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

**Alleluia!**

#### **GOSPEL** MATTHEW 25:1-13

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON** CF. LUKE 24:35

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

**St Bernard's** (continued)

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS** is held on the **third Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **10:30am**.

**Next Seniors' Mass: 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.

**PROVIDENCE AGED CARE**

9 Griffith Street, off Grant Street

Mass will be held on the **second Friday** of each month at **11:00am**.

**Next Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

**26<sup>th</sup> November** at **11:15am** in the Parish Centre. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website:

[www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh](http://www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh).

Bring completed Registration Form with a copy of Birth Certificate to the program.

**Please note: Both parents are required to attend the program.**

Coordinators: Steve & Geraldine

**MORNING TEA** is held on the **first**

**Sunday** of each month (except January) in the Parish Centre **after 10:00am Mass**.

**Next Morning Tea: 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Host: Parish Pastoral Council**

**Parish Centre Bookings**

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

**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

**St Vincent de Paul**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Op Shop (**The Shed**) is now closed. Most of the items are being relocated to the new Vinnies store in Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The new Vinnies store will open on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017** and we are calling for more volunteers for the new store. If you would like more information, please ring **0417 525 617**.

**Summertime Twilight Fete**

St Bernard's School

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

3:30pm – 8:00pm

**Volunteers** needed to set up before the event and on the day, please. Also, **"home made" donations** for the **cake stall** would be greatly appreciated (please collect and complete **Cake Stall information sheet** in church foyer). For more details, contact Natalie on **0418 340 217**.

**MINISTRIES 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>5pm Sat Vigil</b>	<b>8:30am Sun</b>	<b>10:00am Sun</b>
<b>Min/s of the Word</b>	Maureen Zahra	Moira Ross	Carole Ryder / Mira Foxford
<b>Min/s Eucharist</b>	Colin Remedios	Brendan Harrison	Roy Ryder
<b>Gifts Procession</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Piety</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Jan & Colm Carragher Mandy Harrington	
<b>Counters #2</b>	John Tung, Lucille Wheelahan, Jennifer Taylor		

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS**

This month's Mass will be celebrated next **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017** at **10:30am** in the **Parish Centre**. All welcome.

The Seniors' last Mass for the year will be celebrated on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 11:30am in the Parish Centre. This will be the Group's Christmas Mass and will be followed by our Christmas Luncheon. Further details later.

**MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE – OPEN DAY**

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne, will be open on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017** from **10:00am – 4:00pm**, to enable visitors to prepare for the Christmas season with a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum & Chapel.

A special morning/afternoon tea with Christmas cake and mince pies will be available and a guided **Mary MacKillop Walking Tour** will take place at **11:00am**.

Religious Christmas gifts, cards, books and decorations, including Peruvian items, will be available in the gift shop.

For further information, call 9926 0300 or email [admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au)

**JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES** will have their final gathering on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017** at **11:30am**. Venue is the **Woodend Neighbourhood Centre** in Forest Street (off High Street). Light lunch will be provided and Sharon Simpson will talk about her book which relates the story of Jack, her son, cured of MS and Hodgkin's Lymphoma by St Mary MacKillop about 18 years ago. Anyone needing transport, contact Sr Mary on 5367 2078.

**MINISTRIES 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>5pm Sat Vigil</b>	<b>8:30am Sun</b>	<b>10:00am Sun</b>
<b>Min/s of the Word</b>	Trish Davine	Marj Tung	Cathy Belcher
<b>Min/s Eucharist</b>	Mary Beaton	Peter Lafranchi	Mira Foxford
<b>Gifts Procession</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Piety</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Jan Farmelo Carmel Shea	
<b>Counters #3</b>	Cheryl Rogers, Lyn Shea, Graham Hooper, Michael Love, Sean Giani, Margaret Love		
<b>Church Grounds</b> November	<b>Front Garden:</b> Stuart Robertson <b>Back/Side Garden:</b> Hugh Miller <b>Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines:</b> Michael Wale <b>Back Paddock:</b> Henry Gasior		
<b>Church Flowers</b> Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Shirley Long	<b>POF</b> November	Dolores Turcsan

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Verna Walsh

*Rosary and Funeral Mass for **Verna Walsh** will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017** at **11:00am**.*

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Maria Bellegante, Ray Coghlan, Kevin Lawrence Condon, Peter Gallagher, Jack Glasheen, Daryl Hine, Margaret Porter.

## **Prayers for the Sick & Frail**

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

John Anderson, Noah Barlow, Michael Barrett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Teresa Darlington-Canty, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Ian Dominquez, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Andree Greenwood, Onnie Greenwood, Joe Gristi, Brian Harrison, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Michael Larkin, 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, Jessica Yue.

### **HOLY SOULS**

**Offering Envelopes** for the month of November are available in the church foyer. Please collect and complete details of your relatives' and friends' names and return with an offering and place on the collection plate. These names will then be entered in our **Parish Remembrance Book** which will be on display for the whole month of November.

### **Knights of the Southern Cross**

KSC Meeting this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 will commence at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre

### **Majellan Christmas Cards**

Now in stock in the Piety Stall  
**\$7.50** pack of 10

### **2018 Columban Calendars**

Now available from the Piety Stall – **\$9.00** each

### **Melbourne Catholic, November 2017**

Now available from the Piety Stall – **\$4.00** each

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

## **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.

### **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018**

Dear Parents, we would like to bring to your attention changes to our enrolment process for 2018 for children who attend either government or other private schools.

Preparation and active participation in these Sacraments is very important for the development of the spiritual journey of your child. Therefore, for the benefit of your child, it is crucial for you to make it a priority to enrol your child in the Parish Sacramental Program.

Please arrange a meeting time with **Naim Chdid**, our new **Sacramental Coordinator**, through the Parish Office during the month of November 2017 to enrol your child. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November between 2:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November between 10:00am – 3:00pm**

### **ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE CATHOLIC DEAF**

Each year, the **John Pierce Centre for the Deaf** makes a special appeal at selected parishes. This weekend is the Annual Appeal for the Catholic deaf and hearing impaired.

There will be a special collection taken up at each Mass.

**Please give generously.**

### **CATHOLIC MUSEUM**

Open Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
between 12noon and 3:00pm  
**Strawberry & Cherry Weekend**

enter via Convent Lane  
88 Main Street West, Bacchus Marsh  
opposite the Fire Station

# Purgatory Is Necessary Purification

**Before we enter into full communion with God, every trace of sin within us must be eliminated and every imperfection in our soul must be corrected.**

At the General Audience of Wednesday, 4 August 1999, the late John Paul II reflected on Purgatory. He explained that physical integrity is necessary to enter into perfect communion with God therefore "the term purgatory does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence", where Christ "removes ... the remnants of imperfection".

1. As we have seen in the previous two catecheses, on the basis of the definitive option for or against God, the human being finds he faces one of these alternatives: either to live with the Lord in eternal beatitude, or to remain far from his presence. For those who find themselves in a condition of being open to God, but still imperfectly, the journey towards full beatitude requires a purification, which the faith of the Church illustrates in the doctrine of "Purgatory" (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 1030-1032).

## **To share in divine life we must be totally purified**

2. In Sacred Scripture, we can grasp certain elements that help us to understand the meaning of this doctrine, even if it is not formally described. They express the belief that we cannot approach God without undergoing some kind of purification. According to Old Testament religious law, what is destined for God must be perfect. As a result, physical integrity is also specifically required for the realities which come into contact with God at the sacrificial level such as, for example, *sacrificial* animals (cf. Lv 22: 22) or at the *institutional* level, as in the case of priests or ministers of worship (cf. Lv 21: 17-23). Total dedication to the God of the Covenant, along the lines of the great teachings found in Deuteronomy (cf. 6: 5), and which must correspond to this physical integrity, is required of individuals and society as a whole (cf. 1 Kgs 8: 61). It is a matter of loving God with all one's being, with purity of heart and the witness of deeds (cf. *ibid.*, 10: 12f.). The need for integrity obviously becomes necessary after death, for entering into perfect and complete communion with God. Those who do not possess this integrity must undergo purification. This is suggested by a text of St Paul. The Apostle speaks of the value of each person's work which will be revealed on the day of judgement and says: "If the work which any man has built on the foundation [which is Christ] survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3: 14-15).

3. At times, to reach a state of perfect integrity a person's intercession or mediation is needed. For example, Moses obtains pardon for the people with a prayer in which he recalls the saving work done by God in the past, and prays for God's fidelity to the oath made to his ancestors (cf. Ex 32: 30, 11-13). The figure of the Servant of the Lord, outlined in the Book of Isaiah, is also portrayed by his role of intercession and expiation for many; at the end of his suffering he "will see the light" and "will justify many", bearing their iniquities (cf. Is 52: 13-53, 12, especially vv. 53: 11). Psalm 51 can be considered, according to the perspective of the Old Testament, as a synthesis of the process of reintegration: the sinner confesses and recognizes his guilt (v. 3), asking insistently to be purified or "cleansed" (vv. 2, 9, 10, 17) so as to proclaim the divine praise (v. 15).

## **Purgatory is not a place but a condition of existence**

4. In the New Testament Christ is presented as the intercessor who assumes the functions of high priest on the day of expiation (cf. Heb 5: 7; 7: 25). But in him the priesthood is presented in a new and definitive form. He enters the heavenly shrine once and for all, to intercede with God on our behalf (cf. Heb 9: 23-26, especially, v. 24). He is both priest and "victim of expiation" for the sins of the whole world (cf. 1 Jn 2: 2). Jesus, as the great intercessor who atones for us, will fully reveal himself at the end of our life when he will express himself with the offer of mercy, but also with the inevitable judgement for those who refuse the Father's love and forgiveness. This offer of mercy does not exclude the duty to present ourselves to God, pure and whole, rich in that love which Paul calls a "[bond] of perfect harmony" (Col 3: 14).

5. In following the Gospel exhortation to be perfect like the heavenly Father (cf. Mt 5: 48) during our earthly life, we are called to grow in love, to be sound and flawless before God the Father "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints" (1 Thes 3: 12f.). Moreover, we are invited to "cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit" (2 Cor 7: 1; cf. 1 Jn 3: 3), because the encounter with God requires absolute purity. Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what is meant by the Church's teaching on *purgatory*. The term does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence. Those who, after death, exist in a state of purification, are already in the love of Christ who removes from them the remnants of imperfection (cf. *Decretum de purgatorio*: DS 1820). It is necessary to explain that the state of purification is not a prolongation of the earthly condition, almost as if after death one were given another possibility to change one's destiny. The Church's teaching in this regard is unequivocal and was reaffirmed by the Second Vatican Council which teaches: "Since we know neither the day nor the hour, we should follow the advice of the Lord and watch constantly so that, when the *single course of our earthly life* is completed (cf. Heb 9: 27), we may merit to enter with him into the marriage feast and be numbered among the blessed, and not, like the wicked and slothful servants, be ordered to depart into the eternal fire, into the outer darkness where "men will weep and gnash their teeth" (Mt 22: 13 and 25: 30)" (*Lumen gentium*, n. 48).

6. One last important aspect which the Church's tradition has always pointed out should be re-proposed today: the *dimension of "communio"*. Those, in fact, who find themselves in the state of purification are united both with the blessed who already enjoy the fullness of eternal life, and with us on this earth on our way towards the Father's house (cf. CCC, n. 1032). Just as in their earthly life believers are united in the one Mystical Body, so after death those who live in a state of purification experience the same ecclesial solidarity which works through prayer, prayers for suffrage and love for their other brothers and sisters in the faith. Purification is lived in the essential bond created between those who live in this world and those who enjoy eternal beatitude.