

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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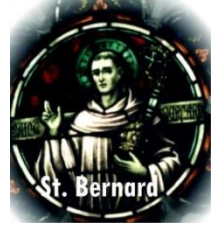
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The Ascension of the Lord – Year B

13th May 2018

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

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

Monday 14 th	no Mass
Tuesday 15 th	5:30pm
Wednesday 16 th	9:30am
Thursday 17 th	9:30am
Friday 18 th	10:30am Seniors' Mass in the Parish Centre
Saturday 19 th	5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 20 th	8:30am 10:00am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 19th 6:30pm

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:30pm St Bernard's
Saturday 4:45pm St Anthony's

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

ROSARY is usually 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: 1st June 2018

CAUTION

**Heater Bar under Pews
may be hot**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

St Bernard's (continued)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is usually 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: 1st June 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: 8th June 2018

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is usually 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: 18th May 2018

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

is usually held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **11:15am**.

Next Program: 27th May 2018

Coordinators: Steve & Geraldine Vereker

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

Next Morning Tea: 3rd June 2018

Host: St Vincent de Paul Society

Parish Centre Bookings

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

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

RECENTLY DECEASED

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Hannah Abraham, Kath Coburn, Frances Coleman, Ernest Cosgrove, Anthony Deuart, Maureen Girtin, Henrietta Harrison, Kevin Heap, Fr Herb Steele, and Timothy Vallenge.

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, Peter Bennett, 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, **Desmond McRae**, Marcus Meno, 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 – 12th & 13th May 2018

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Sandra Ibrahim	Moira Ross	Cathy Belcher, Baddeley's
Eucharist Ministers	Vikki Benson	Brendan Harrison	Jennifer Taylor
Altar Servers	as per Roster in Sacristy		
Piety	12th May 13th May	Jan Farmelo Carmel Shea	
Counters #8	Colm Carragher, Maggie Carragher, Jill Braithwaite, Marj Tung		

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 – 19th & 20th May 2018

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	John Thorne	Carole Ryder Marj Tung	Sr Mary Fermio
Eucharist Ministers	Colin Remedios	Peter Lafranchi	Jenny Kearney
Altar Servers	as per Roster in Sacristy		
Piety	19th May 20th May	Margo Short Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #9	Roy & Carole Ryder Henry & Chris Gasior		
Church Grounds May	Front Garden: Stuart Roberton Back/Side Garden: Hugh Miller Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers Friday 18 th May	Frances McDaid	POF May	Dolores Turcsan
Readings Pentecost Sunday	First Reading Acts 2:1-11	Resp. Psalm Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30	Second Reading Gal 5:16-25

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,

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm & Sat-Sun 10am-4pm.

Extra volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Volunteers – The Vinnies Store still needs more volunteers. The work is easy and it is a very friendly environment. If you are available for a couple of hours a week, drop in and see the manager.

Electrical Tagging – The Vinnies stores are not permitted to sell electrical goods unless they have been tagged. If you know an electrician who would tag for us, please ring Snez on either 0455 112 504 or 8199 4208.

Knights of the Southern Cross

KSC Racing Game is starting again soon. To enter, ring John Tung on 5367 2025 or Hugh Miller on 5368 2796. It costs \$26 for the 26 weeks of the game.

Ring now to be in it.

KSC Meeting

To be held this **Monday 14th May 2018**
at **8:00pm** in the **Parish Centre**.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Mass Count 2018

Parishioners and visitors to St Bernard's Parish please note, to maintain an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, a Mass count will be held over the four weekends in May.

PARISH RECORDS UPDATE

If you are a **new parishioner** and have not yet completed a **parish census card**, would you please do so. They are available in the church foyer and can be placed on the collection plate or sent to the parish office.

Similarly, if an existing parishioner has changed any contact details, would you please either complete a new census card, or contact Dolores in the parish office to update your details.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

airs this Sunday 13th May 2018

This week on **The Journey** Catholic Radio, our Gospel is from Mark 16:15-20, proclaiming "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel". The Wisdom from the Abbey comes to us from Sr Hilda, Pete Gilmore talks to us about tuning in the radio in his Living the Gospel God spot, and Frances Pirolas reminds us of Gratitude in her Smart Loving segment. With the support of our amazing musicians, we create a show about faith, hope, love and life.

Just a reminder that all **Journey** Catholic Radio information is always a week in advance.

Go to www.jcr.org.au, or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Senior Parishioners' Mass Group

The Group's monthly Mass will be celebrated next **Friday 18th May 2018** at **10:30am** in the **Parish Centre**. All parishioners are warmly welcomed so come along and join the Seniors in celebration of the Eucharist, and share a "cuppa" afterwards.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL

Sunday 20th May 2018

Next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund conducts a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains.

Our focus for 2018 is Prison Chaplaincy. The relationship and collaboration between prisoners and Chaplains whilst they are in prison is vital to restoring them back onto the road again to re-join society with dignity and self-respect, with a sense of hope and responsibility for new pathways, with a sense of personal power and control over their own life, and hopefully with new skill sets and options.

You are invited and encouraged to take home the envelopes in the church foyer this weekend and bring back next weekend with your considered donation. Donations raised each year are directed towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- People in custody in prison
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- Seafarers.

If you would like further information, please contact the Office of Philanthropy on 9926 5731 or visit the Chaplaincy Sunday webpage www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy.

Give hope by giving generously.

ST BERNARD'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of St Bernard's Parish will be held on the evening of **Saturday 26th May 2018** at **6:15pm** in the **Parish Centre**.

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

His only Son (2)

You see, theologians will tell you that the greatness of an offence is measured by the dignity of the person against whom the offence is committed; whereas when it comes to making reparation for an offence, the greatness of the reparation is measured by the dignity of the person who is making it.

That isn't really as difficult as it sounds. You see, if you put out your tongue at the girl who sits next to you in class, it isn't a gentlemanly thing to do, but it doesn't matter all that much.

But if you should so forget yourself, which I hope you never will, as to put out your tongue at Mother Margaret, that would be a dreadful thing to do. And what is the reason of the difference? Why, that Mother Margaret is a very much more important person than the girl who sits next you in class. The offence is measured by the dignity of the person against whom it is committed.

Now, apply that principle to the question of man's sin, and the atonement for man's sin. Whom did man's sin offend? God. Then the offence of man's sin must be measured by God's dignity. How great is God's dignity? Infinite. Therefore the reparation made for man's sin will have to be infinite.

But if man makes that reparation, it will have to be measured by man's dignity. How great is man's dignity? Finite. Therefore, you see, the sum won't work out. If all the human beings that have ever existed were to make all the reparation in their power, that reparation would still be finite. And finite reparation cannot make up, in full, for an offence that is infinite.

Who is there that can offer infinite reparation? Only he whose dignity is infinite; only God. God knew that and he said: "Very well, I will send my only Son. He shall make reparation." God's only Son is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who himself is God. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself."

So, God became man. He became man in order to suffer; you can't make atonement for sin without suffering. And God's nature is incapable of suffering. So, if the Son of God was to atone for us, he had to become man.

What do we mean when we say, "God became man"? Do we mean that he took upon himself the appearance of a man? Do we mean that when the shepherds worshipped at Bethlehem there wasn't really any baby in the manger, it was only a sort of phantom, and God made our Lady and the shepherds and everybody think there was a real baby there?

No, that won't do, because, where does the suffering come in? When that baby cried, it was because he really felt hungry; just as, 33 years later, he was really thirsty when he cried out on the Cross: "I thirst." No, if Jesus Christ is to atone for us, Jesus Christ must be really man, suffering as we men suffer.

What do we mean, then? Do we mean that our Lady gave birth to a man, Jesus, just a man and nothing more? And that afterwards God came and took up his abode in this man's soul, as he does in yours and mine when we receive him in Holy Communion? Only in this man he took up his abode so fully, so specially, that it was possible to call this man the Son of God?

No, that won't do either. The man, however much God might dwell in him, wouldn't be God. And if he was only man, not God, then, however much he might suffer, the merits of his sufferings would be finite. And we need infinite satisfaction to atone for the offence of man's sin.

Jesus Christ, the Baby born at Bethlehem, has to be man, or he couldn't suffer. And he has to be God, or the value of his sufferings for us wouldn't be infinite.

That is why we have to say: "Jesus Christ was both God and man."

By Fr Ronald Knox

