



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, KOROBET
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28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

14th October 2018

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Fabian Smith

ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr Joseph Panackal IV Dei

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

Parish Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.00am—4.00pm

Email: meltonsouth@cam.org.au

Website: stanthonysmeltonsouth.wordpress.com

St Anthony's School Principal: Damien Schuster
Wilson Road, Melton South 3338

Phone: 9743 1401

Email: principal@sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Regional College - Melton (Years 7-12)

Principal: Mr Mark Sheehan **Phone:** 8099 6000

Website: www.crcmelton.com.au

ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

Sacramental Coordinator/ Bookkeeper:

Naim Chdid Fri 10.00am—3.00pm

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St Bernard's School Principal: Emilio Scalzo
19a Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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| Sue Alexander | 0400 171 843 |
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| Amy Honrade | 03 9747 0078 |
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EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Damien Schuster Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

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| Cathy Belcher | 0431 082 886 |
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| Emillio Scalzo | 5366 5800 |
| James Waters | 0403 974 960 |

EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Emilio Scalzo

CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449)

Officers: Aloysious Dacunha, Karina Dunne & Lorraine Tellis

Please contact Judy Johnson for any Parish news you would like published in the Newsletter

Articles must be received by midday Tuesdays. Email: judyparishnews@gmail.com

For appointments with Father Fabian please call Judy on 0414 007 009

For urgent matters only please call Fr Fabian on 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 15/10/18-21/10/18

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| Monday : | No Mass | |
| Tuesday morning: | 9.15am | FJP |
| Tuesday evening: | 6.30pm | FJP |
| Wednesday: | 9.15am | FJP |
| Thursday: | 9.15am | FJP |
| Friday: | 9.15am | FJP |
| Saturday Vigil : | 5.30pm | FJP |
| Prep Family Mass | | |
| Sunday : | 8.30am | FPB |
| | 10.30am | FJP |

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.

ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

ADORATION:

30 minutes before and 30 minutes after every weekday Mass.



During School Term Mass on Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri at CRC Melton Chapel: 8.00am

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIMES :

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| Saturday: | 6.30pm Mass | FFS |
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ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 15/10/18- 21/10/18

All weekday Masses (except Thursday) will be held in the Chapel

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| Monday : | No Mass | |
| Tuesday : | 5.30pm | FPB |
| Wednesday : | 9.30am | FPB |
| Thursday : | 9.30am | FPB |
| Youth Mass | 7.30pm | FFS |
| Friday : | 9.30am | FPB |
| Senior's Mass (Parish Centre) | 10.30am | FPB |
| Saturday Vigil : | 5:00pm | FPB |
| Prep Family Mass | | |
| Sunday : | 8:30am | FFS |
| | 10:00am | FFS |

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass

ROSARY:

Prayed 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 Date : **2nd November**

ADORATION:

1 hour before every weekday Mass.

PROVIDENCE MASS

Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am The Village 5-7 Griffin St, Maddingley.

Next Mass: **9th November**

SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS

Is held on the third Friday of the month in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome not just the seniors. Next Senior's Mass: **19th October**



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 14 October 2018

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

This week on The Journey, we reflect on the Gospel of Mark, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with “The unexpected Gift”, The Peaceful Parent, Marilyn Rodrigues reminds us to have “Realistic Expectations of Ourselves”, and we are encouraged by Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy of the importance of “Deeper Prayer”. Our music this week is a gentle reminder of the amazing Christian music artists we are lucky to have on our program and it is where faith, hope, love and life come together in the Journey. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

KERALA FLOODS—SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you to all our Parishioners who donated to the special collection for Father Joseph's sister and her young family who are affected by the floods in Kerala, India. We raised a total of \$3205, a very generous amount. The Parish will add \$295 to round it up to \$3,500.

THANK YOU—FROM FATHER JOSEPH

Thank you Father Fabian for initiating this special collection and to everyone who donated so generously to help my sister and her family, it is very much appreciated. Thank you and God Bless.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Next weekend we will be having a special collection to support World Mission Sunday. Catholic Mission is the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. Compelled by the message, life and love of Jesus Christ, Catholic Mission forms Australians for mission and raises funds for mission—in Australia and around the world.

HOUSE VISITS

If Parishioners would like a house visit/blessing from one of our Priests please contact Judy 0414 007 009 or email judyparishnews@gmail.com.

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RETREAT

St Anthony's and St Bernard's Parishes will be holding a retreat for men, women and children on the 14th-16th December. Times and venues will be confirmed. The retreat will finish with a family Mass at St Anthony's at 10.30am on Sunday the 16th December. Participants will be invited to bring a plate and enjoy Christmas carols in the Padua Hall after Mass.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH FETE

Please come along and join us on Friday, 19th October from 3.30pm-7.30pm. There will be a number of food stalls and lots of activities for children. Raffle tickets are sold this weekend after all Masses at St Anthony's and are also available at the Fete.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The PPC met on Thursday 4th October some of the items discussed were:

- RCIC children 7 years and over will receive formal preparation before Baptism at St Bernard's Parish
- RCIA for adults who wish to receive their sacraments will attend formal preparation over 8 sessions beginning 30th September at St Anthony's Parish

The PPC minutes dated 9th August are available for collection and are on display at the rear of the Church.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE—ROSTER

The roster for hosting our Lady of Fatima Statue will be compiled in the 1st week of December. Any new families who wish to go on the roster please put your name, address and phone number on the list at the back of the Church.

QUADRANT AWARENESS

A member of our Faith Formation Quadrant will be speaking at Masses this weekend.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The Columban Art Calendars are available from the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. Ideal Christmas gift!

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

(for students who attend non-Catholic schools)

Preparation and active participation in the Sacraments is very important for the development of the spiritual journey of your child. To enrol your child in the program, please attend one of the 5.30pm Saturday evening Masses, during the first 3 Saturdays of November and speak to the Sacramental Coordinator after Mass. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment.

ST BERNARD'S

SING AUSTRALIA BALLARAT

Come and enjoy this entertaining and joyous choir.

Wednesday 24th October 2018

St Bernard's Church Hall at 2pm.

Light afternoon tea supplied.

Tickets - \$10.00

Concession - \$5.00 children and carers

Tickets available from Anglican Church Bacchus Marsh

10am-12pm, and from

The Neighbours Place 9.30am-2.30pm Mon Wed Fri, or at the door on the day.

For further information please call Carolyn on

0419 553 993 or The Neighbours Place 5367 6222

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ROSTERS

New rosters are now available for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers and the Counting Teams. Please collect them from the sacristy or the parish office. Thank you.

WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 20th & 21st October

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.30pm: Stephen Fernandes
8.30am: Romeo Sacris
10.30am: Leonia Jessop

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm : Anne Peramuna (P) & Ann Tennakoon
8.30am : Geoff Sutton (P) , Lillian Christian
& Anthea Scerri
10.30am: John Scerri (P) & Ron Howard

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact the emergency minister on the roster. Thank you.

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Carmen Vella & Dolores Turcsan
8.30am: Indika Silva & Lina Calleja
10.30am: Godwin Barton & Josephine German

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Kieran Grech & Josh Djie-Spiteri
8.30am: Andre Oqueli
10.30am: Gavin Maitre & Nick Taunuu
If you are unavailable please contact Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 20th & 21st October

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm: Maureen Zahra
8.30am: Gerard Harrington & Jenny Hooper
10.00am: Cathy Belcher

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Mary Beaton
8.30am: Brendan Harrison
10.00am: Jenny Kearney

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

October: Sr Ellie Taffe

ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm:
8.30am: Roster Pending
10.00am:

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

John Montgomery

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Donald Abela, Cachia Family, Paul Calleja Anthony D'Cruz, Darcy D'Cruz, Francis D'Cruz, Jorris D'Cruz, Philip D'Cruz, Wilfredo de Guzman, Barry Finn, Bridget Gomez, Joseph Gomez, Rosa Gomez, Beryl Lloyd, Giovanni Madafferi, Michelina Madafferi, Rio Manion, Salvador Pereira, Kathleen Pinto & Tanti Family

Please pray for the Sick: Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, John Osborne, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Clint Abela Wadge, Michael Wright & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in his everlasting wings;
Carried and kept safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ be
with you.
Amen



ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

SPIRITS OF THE TWO HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

Experience faith, friendship and fun.

Age group: 11years+ **When:** Every 4th Thursday of the month 7.00pm-9.00pm **Where:** Two Hearts Centre, 274 La Cote Road, Greendale **Contact:** Sister Clare 0415 806 217 or **Email :** twoheartscentre@bigpond.com

'Coordinated by the Missionaries of Love and Peace of the Most Blessed Trinity of the Pilgrimage of the Two Hearts'

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Ted McLaughlin, John Coleman, Brian Dobson, Frank Geurts, Margaret Scott, John Trask, and Peggy Van Grondelle.

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Margaret Bolger, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, 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, Nancy (Girlie) Massey, Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Kevin O'Gorman, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Arabella Periera, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Julie Scott, Ken Shaw, Marian Smith, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Mitchell Tung, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Carol Wells, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young, Hannah Young.

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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 20th & 21st October

PIETY STALLS VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Indika Silva

CUPPA ROSTER

Next Cuppa Weekend: **27th & 28th October**

5.30pm: Mary Drew & Michelle Dachuna
8.30am: Chris Fitzgerald &
Regina Traczynski
10.30am: Angelo & Rita Harinos



CHURCH FLOWERS

Ana Tannu &
Roperta Mavaega



CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Room 10.00am.

New members most welcome, training provided.

Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' at the back of the Church. Thank you.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

CCCM's aim is to supply free food to help people in our local community in need and walk alongside them to reduce dependency through friendship and education.

Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

Hours: Mon- Thurs: 10.00am—3.00pm

Friday : 10.00am—12.15pm

School Holidays : 10.00am—12.30pm

FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL COMMITTEE DATES

19th Oct: Parish & School Fete

31st December: New Year's Eve Dance
Aspendale Gardens
Fundraiser for New Chapel

ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND : 20th & 21st October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Sean Giani
Sunday: Marj Tung

MORNING TEA

Is held on the the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass.

Next Morning Tea: **4th November**

Host: Parents & Friends



CHURCH FLOWERS

Francis McDaid



COUNTING TEAM # 1

Allan Comrie
Jim Scott
Peter Mooney
Margot Short

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (October)

Front Garden: Colm Carragher
Back/Side Garden: John Tung
Parish Centre: Volunteer Please
Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Please
Back Paddock: Ron Geurts

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Vinnies Store is located at 8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. We are calling for more volunteers. If you would like more information please ring 5310 6322.

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre

Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-3.00pm

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

Our committee consists of two representatives from each of the participating churches who normally are nominated and appointed at our Annual General Meeting which was held in May. Currently we only have one representative from the Catholic church and we are calling for a volunteer from St Bernard's Parish to take up this position on The Neighbour's Place Committee of Management. We only meet once a month and it provides two-way communication of information, ideas and opinions on our outreach work.

Contact: Fr Fabian 5367 2069

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

Contact: Jenny Kearney 0408 104 155

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427

Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Church 6.30pm-7.45pm.

Next preparation : **Thursday 25th Oct**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **Sunday 4th & 18th November.**

See details on Parish Homepage as listed on front page and download forms. Forms are also available from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass from Father. Both parents are required to attend these meetings. We kindly request adults only and a copy of the birth certificate.

Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

BAPTISM TEAM: Karina Dunne & Judy Johnson

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick or Fr Joseph .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held during Saturday evening Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY: 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm .

FATIMA STATUE

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: **Robert & Angela Iacono 0424 801 928**

Group 2: **Naim Chdid 0437 004 790**



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.

Next program: **Sunday 28th October**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **Sunday 4th & 18th November**

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website 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.

Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

COORDINATORS : Kate & Danny

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held every Sunday during 10.00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Amen.

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 line]

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

WEEKLY PRAYERS & READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 89

Comm: Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

All: Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your works to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

All: Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Is 53:10-11;

Second Reading: Heb 4:14-16;

Gospel: Mk 10:35-45



2018 the Year of Youth:

Models of holiness II: Carlo Acutis and Nunzio Sulprizio

“Young people of every continent, do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium!” Pope St John Paul II exhorted youth for World Youth Day 2000.

Two teens proving that holiness can be embodied in youth are Venerable Carlo Acutis, who died at age 15, and Blessed Nunzio Sulprizio, who was 19 when he died. Acutis was named “Venerable” on July 5, and Blessed Nunzio will be canonised on October 14, in conjunction with the planned 2018 Synod on Young People.

In their short lifetimes, both displayed fervent virtue.

Soon after Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991, his Italian parents, Andrea and Antonia, returned to Milan. He spent his youth and mid-teens in his parents’ homeland, before dying of leukemia on October 12, 2006. His canonisation cause opened immediately after the mandatory five-year waiting period.

By 2016, Milan Cardinal Angelo Scola had presided over the close of the diocesan phase of his cause.

Buried in Assisi, where a memorial chapel will soon be dedicated to him, Carlo has various miracles attributed to his intercession. The holy young man was exceptionally devoted to Jesus in the Eucharist. In one online video interview, his mother recalled how, after his first Holy Communion, he never missed daily Mass and praying the Rosary, “followed by a moment of Eucharistic adoration”.

She said that “the centre of each day was his meeting with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament”.

During a homily containing his story, Father Joseph Wolfe of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word explained: “When he was only 11 years old, he wrote: ‘The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we’ll become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.’”

Young Carlo often said: “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.”

That is also the title of his biography, now being translated into English. Carlo asked his parents to take him to the places where Eucharistic miracles had happened, including Rimini, Italy, the site of a Eucharistic miracle that occurred in 1227. Since he wanted everyone to know of miracles to kindle greater love for the Eucharist in the faithful, he began putting together an exhibit that came to be named, “The Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World”.

His mother, who is a curator at the Vatican at the Pontifical Academy Cultorum Martyrum, has explained that Carlo did all of the research, including locating the necessary images and going on more trips with his parents to take photos, and designing the panels with graphics programs. Computers were his forte.

The Vatican website for Synod2018.va observes that “Carlo was very gifted with everything related to the world of computers so that both his friends and adults with computer engineering degrees considered him a genius”.

Finished in 2004 and encompassing the 140 officially recognised Eucharistic miracles, Carlo’s exhibition went on display worldwide. “Carlo used to catechise people with Eucharistic miracles,” his mother said in an online video.

“The exhibit expresses his devotion to the Eucharist,” explained Father Stanley Smolenski, director of the Shrine of Our Lady of South Carolina/Our Lady of Joyful Hope in Kingstree, South Carolina. The priest is a devotee of the devout young man. “He still is a Eucharistic evangeliser through it.”

Young Carlo next produced more exhibits for international use: “Angels and Demons” and “Paradise, Hell and Purgatory”. He was working on one about the Blessed Virgin Mary’s apparitions when he died (his mother completed that exhibit). The year he died he visited Fatima because of his devotion to Mary and Jesus.

He liked to say: “To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan. I’m happy to die because I’ve lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn’t have pleased God.”

Nunzio Sulprizio and Carlo Acutis lived 400 miles and 170 years apart, yet both were devoted to the Eucharist and the Rosary. Nunzio died in 1836, and 23 years later, Blessed Pius IX named him “Venerable”. In December 1963, before the bishops of the Vatican Council, Blessed Pope Paul VI beatified the holy young man.

Both Nunzio and Paul VI will be canonised the same day during the Synod of Bishops on Young People.

During the beatification Mass, Pope Paul VI said Blessed Nunzio teaches the faithful that “the period of youth should not be considered the age of free passions, of inevitable falls, of invincible crises, of decadent pessimism, of harmful selfishness. Rather, he will tell you how being young is a grace.”