

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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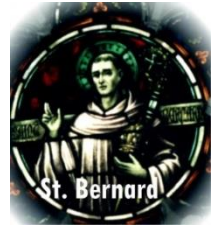


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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 15th October 2017

COME TO THE BANQUET. OUR GOD INVITES ALL PEOPLE TO THE BANQUET OF THE KINGDOM, A BANQUET CHARACTERISED BY JOY, INTEGRITY AND TRUE PEACE. SOMETIMES, HOWEVER, WE DECLINE THIS INVITATION, PREFERRING THE LESSER BANQUETS THAT WE KNOW. MAY GOD ENLIGHTEN THE EYES OF OUR HEART THAT WE MIGHT SEE HOW GREAT IS THE HOPE TO WHICH WE ARE CALLED.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

Please note changes for this week.

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass

Monday	no Mass
Tuesday	5:30pm
Wednesday	no Mass
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

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: 3rd November

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: 3rd November

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129:3-4

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

FIRST READING ISAIAH 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22. R. v. 6

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF. EPH 1:17, 18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON CF. 1 COR 10:17

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

St Bernard's (continued)

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

Next Morning Tea: 5th November

Hosts: Parents & Friends

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

Next Seniors' Mass: 20th October

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: 10th November

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

22nd October at **11:15am** in the Parish Centre. 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.

Coordinators: Kate & Danny

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

Shed Enquiries: 0407 463 847

Shed Hours: Mon Thu Fri 9:00am-11:45am
Sat 9:00am-12:00noon

St Vincent de Paul

The Saint Vincent de Paul Op Shop (The Shed) is closing. The last trading day is **Friday 20th October**. Most of the items will be relocated to the new Vinnies store, Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh.

The new Vinnies store will open **early November**. We are calling for more volunteers for the new store. If you would like more information, please ring **0417 525 617**.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS

The Seniors next monthly Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 20th October** at **10:30am** in the **Parish Centre**. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners to join in the celebration of the Eucharist.

MINISTRIES 14th & 15th October 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Trish Davine	Jan Carragher / Allan Comrie	Diane Craig
Min/s Eucharist	Mary Beaton	Colm Carragher	Jenny Kearney
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	14 th October 15 th October	Carmel Shea Jan Farmelo	
Counters #8	Colm Carragher, Maggie Carragher, Jill Braithwaite, Marj Tung		

WORKING BEE

We are looking for a few people to help at a working bee this **Tuesday 17th October** to regenerate the Presbytery front lawn.

Please bring a mattock or narrow shovel. **5:00pm start**.

For more details, call either Ron 0419 156 191
or John 0420 923 377.

Star of the Sea Residential Aged Care

Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH) cordially invites the parishioners of St Bernard's to attend their **Star of the Sea** official **Open Day** on **Saturday 21st October, 10:00am-1:00pm**, in Torquay.

As a Catholic organisation, the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church are observed and celebrated to enhance each individual's physical, social and spiritual wellbeing.

Where: **1290 Horseshoe Bend Road, Torquay**

RSVP: marketing@vmch.com.au

For more information, please call Pip Walker on 0418 317 901.

CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Volunteers are kindly requested to attend any **one** of the following Child Safety Workshops:

Sunday 29 October, 12:00pm – 2:30pm, St Anthony's

Saturday 11 November, 11:00am – 1:30pm, St Bernard's

To maintain our child safe environment, it is compulsory for **all volunteers** to attend a session.

Please **RSVP** on the clipboard in the foyer of the church.

MINISTRIES 21st & 22nd October 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	Jennifer Taylor / Carmel Shea
Min/s Eucharist	Stuart Robertson	Brendan Harrison	Roy Ryder
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	21 st October 22 nd October	Margot Short Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #9	Roy & Carole Ryder Henry & Chris Gasior		
Church Grounds October	Front Garden: Colm Carragher Back/Side Garden: John Tung Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Graham Hooper Back Paddock: Ron Geurts		
Church Flowers Fri 20 th October	Tup Shea & Dianne Shelly	POF October	Dolores Turcsan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ted McLaughlin, Brian Dobson, John Trask.

ANNIVERSARIES

William (Bill) Lang, John Coleman, Peggy Van Grondelle, Margaret Scott, Frank Geurts.

Prayers for the Sick & Frail

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

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

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.

Sienna Cordell, our lovely little St Bernard's girl with Cerebral Palsy, is participating in the **Melbourne Marathon** this **Sunday 15th October** and is walking the last 50 metres herself! If you would like to sponsor her in the walk, please contact **Jenny** on **0408 104 155**. All money raised will go towards Sienna's physio costs.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 22nd October 2017

A special collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses. Envelopes are available in the church foyer. This year's appeal features **Vietnam**.

2018 Columban Calendars

Now available from the Piety Stall
\$9.00 each

Melbourne Catholic, October 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.

HOPETOUN CATHOLIC CEMETERY PRESERVATION GROUP WORKING BEES

Our small group would love some help with the painting of the wrought iron around the tombstones. They need to be painted with Fishoilene to prevent further deterioration from rust. These tombstones belong to the founders of our parish. If you have ancestors buried there or would like to assist, please come along with a medium sized brush on, either: **Wednesday 18th October** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**, or: **Saturday 28th October** from **10:00am to 12:00 noon**. With this job, the old adage 'many hands make light work' is surely true.

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 3rd and 17th November between 2:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 10th and 24th November between 10:00am – 3:00pm

Christ the King and the Corporal Works of Mercy

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. We may be liable to miss the full import of this feast as it falls immediately before we begin a new year and go into Advent, which betokens our waiting for the arrival of the Messiah; which itself can get hidden under the intrusion of the wait for Santa.

Which is a little bit unfortunate, for we can miss an aspect of what the Feast of Christ the King represents: that is, the definitive establishment of the Kingdom and of Christ's reign as King. And a precursor to those facts will be the end of the world, and an end to cycle of years, even the cycle of liturgical years.

The liturgy we will all celebrate from then on will be the same one as the angels and saints even now celebrate in the very presence of God in his majesty and power and glory. And then we will realise clearly that what we have celebrated each Sunday here in this life when we attend Mass is that very same eternal liturgy. We will see then that the celebration of the Word and of the Sacrifice of the Altar is more than an anticipation of the heavenly worship, it is an actual participation in it. The big difference will be that once Christ's Kingdom is definitively established, we will be freed of the burden of our fallen natures, nothing will obstruct our sight and our celebration will be perfect.

But before that happens, of course, must come the end of this world, and the Last Judgement.

This year, the Gospel for Christ the King (John 18:33-37) recounts Jesus' conversation with Pilate, in which Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king and Jesus' reply is as kingly as it is mysterious — in the meaning of the word mysterious as referring to something 'being full of mysteries', not as being hard to understand. Jesus responds to Pilate's question but does not in fact answer it:

"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Pilate, as is well known, had rather a modern sceptic's take on truth ("what is truth?"), never realising that Truth indeed stood right before him (and illustrating that modern skepticism is not so modern after all).

Of perhaps even greater interest to us in terms of recapping the **Works of Mercy** is the Second Reading for this feast day, which comes from Revelation:

Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." (1:5-8)

This mighty one, the Alpha and the Omega, the 'all in all', is the same person, Jesus Christ, who is to be our judge on the last day, This person of might and majesty. St John indeed seems to revel in piling on the adjectives to describe this person in a bewildering and ecstatic richness as if in an attempt to describe the indescribable and in so doing make the perfect act of worship.

And what will that person do on that day, he who was pierced, he for whom every person on earth will lament. He will judge them and divide them into the sheep and the goats according to whether they have done unto others as they would have done unto them, on whether they have fulfilled the Works of Mercy. That is how important the works of mercy are; how we spend our eternity depends on whether we have done them or left them undone.

All of which suggests that the great Judge, he who dispenses justice, Jesus Christ, is at the same time the King of Mercy.

We can have a jaundiced or sentimental view of kingship, or monarchy as we term it these days. We see kingship in terms of pomp and ceremony instead of majesty and awe, or in terms of right and privilege and wealth instead of authority and responsibility. And worse, we see it in terms of inevitable corruption, of nepotism and interest. Christ's kingship is not like that. His kingship will indeed be one of majesty and awe, and all the adjectives St John brings to bear, and authority and responsibility, or rule simply. And, when it comes to interest, those whom the Alpha and the Omega will promote in his court are not those with wealth and power and beauty and the rest of this world's favoured categories; rather it will be those who have done the Works of Mercy:

When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. (Matthew 25:31-36)

Since the works of mercy must meet all our needs as human beings, we generally divide them into two kinds: corporal and spiritual.

Earlier this year we looked at the Corporal Works of Mercy:

Over the next few months, we will take a close look at the Spiritual Works of Mercy:

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- (1) **To feed the hungry**
- (2) **To give drink to the thirsty**
- (3) **To clothe the naked**
- (4) **To welcome the stranger**
- (5) **To visit the sick**
- (6) **To visit the imprisoned**
- (7) **To bury the dead**

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- (1) **To instruct the ignorant**
- (2) **To counsel the doubtful**
- (3) **To admonish sinners**
- (4) **To bear wrongs patiently**
- (5) **To forgive offences willingly**
- (6) **To comfort the afflicted**
- (7) **To pray for the living and the dead**