

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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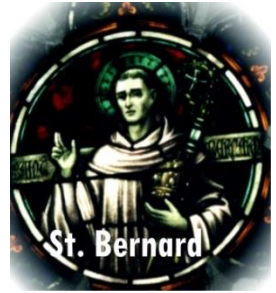
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15th Sunday in Ordinary time

16th July 2017

Listen, anyone who has ears. Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives, the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

St Bernard's Mass Times

WEEKEND

Saturday — 5pm (Vigil) New Time

Sunday — 8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation 1st Rite:

Saturday 4:15pm

WEEKDAY

Monday No Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – 9:30

Thursday – 9:30

Friday – 9.30am

1 hour Adoration before every week day Mass

Korobeit

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday at 6:30pm

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

Rosary is also held on 1st Friday each month following morning Mass.

Next Rosary date is: 17th July

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: is held on the 1st Friday of the month

from 10.00am to 7pm. You are welcome to come along and spend some time with the Lord.

Next Adoration : 4th August 2017

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held on 1st Sunday of each month during 10am Mass.

Next Children's Liturgy 6th August

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth give growth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

You river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes they sing.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING ROMANS 8: 18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL MATTHEW 13: 1-23

A sower went out to sow

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

St Bernard's Church *continued*

MORNING TEA is held on the **1st Sunday of each month** (except January) in the Parish Centre.

Next Morning Tea: 6th August

Hosts: Museum Committee & Josephite Associates

SENIOR PARISHIONERS MASS - is held on the **3rd Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **10:30am**

Next Seniors Mass: 21st July

Everybody is welcome not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE:

9 Griffith Street off Grant Street

Mass will be held on the **2nd Friday** of each month at 11am

Next Mass: Friday 11th August

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

23 July 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 copy of Birth Certificate to the program.

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

Coordinators: Steve & Geraldine

Parish Centre Bookings

T: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9am to 6pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

Hopetoun Catholic Cemetery

Bacchus Marsh Rd., Bacchus Marsh

Catholic Museum

88 Main St West

Convent Lane, Bacchus Marsh

St Vincent de Paul Society

Shed Hours: Mon, Thurs & Fri 9am-11:45am

Sat 9am-12.00 noon

Welfare Number 1800 305 330

Shed Enquiries: 0407 463 847

Knights of the Southern Cross

Bon Fire Night to celebrate the life

of **St John Baptist De La Salle**,

Saturday 22nd of July at 6pm.

Cost \$15 per adult and \$ 5 per

child under 12 years old **for two**

course meal

Address: 4099 Bacchus Marsh

Geelong Rd Parwan.

BYO: All drinks

RSVP: text message Mark on

0416251025

Money raised will be donated to

De La Salle mission PNG

MINISTRIES 15th/16th July 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Sandra Ibrahim	Gerard Harrington/ Jenny Hooper	Sr Mary
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Colm Carragher	Carole Ryder
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	15 July Trish Davine 16 July Carol Ryder		
Counters #5	Pat O'Leary, Jo Cowan, Peter Lafranchi, Frank Pomeroy, Stuart Robertson		

St Vincent De Paul

As the weather is getting cold, we are stocking up on extra doona, rugs, and blankets in our Bacchus Marsh shop for sale.

In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop

The sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, Travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017.

Cost EX Melbourne: 2,990.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals.)

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 8912 4845 or Sr Amie Bond 02 8912 4818 or at

MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au

MINISTRIES 22th/23th July 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Eleanor Tabone	Jan Carragher/ Allan Comrie	Jennifer Taylor/ Carmel Shea
Min/s Eucharist	Mary Beaton	Carole Ryder	Brendon Harrison
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	22nd July Sean Giani 23rd Marj Tung		
Counters #6	Gerard Shelly, Jill Geruts, Kate Maurer		
Church Grounds	Front Garden: Volunteer Back/Side: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: John Tung Back Paddock: Ron Geurts		
Church Flowers	Christine Condon & Bernadette Kearney	POF for July	Naim Chdid

Recently deceased

Sister Joan Westblade, Mark Millighton.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mercy Kumar, Carol Kempe. Bernadette Forer, John and Muriel Daly, Kieran Braithwaite, Helen Waters, Carmel Wittick, Neville Wittick, Fr Paul Dalton, Lucinda Axiak

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, Mabel McArdle, 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, Kath 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 Periera, Mitchell Prendergast, John Van Orsouw, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Jordanis Maryo, Justin Fernandez, Mary & Michael Walsh, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Belinda Sillis.

ST ANTHONY'S MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES.

St Anthony's will be conducting the highly recommended 'Beloved' series of DVD talks for married and engaged couples to strengthen and enrich their relationship. This is a great opportunity to think deeply about Marriage, get to know ourselves and our loved one better, to strive to be a better spouse, father or mother, and to come closer to God. The program will be starting Sunday 30th July at 5pm, same time each Sunday for 8 weeks, concluding on Sunday 17th September. **Enquiries please see Father John Paul.**

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.

The Seniors monthly Mass will be celebrated next Friday, July 21, at 10:30 am in the Parish Centre, everyone are welcome to join us in celebrating the Eucharist.

The Dominican sisters of St Cecilia

I am pleased to let you know that I recently received a letter from Stephen Elder Executive Director of Catholic education Melbourne, informing us of the assignment of four sisters who will be arriving in Bacchus Marsh in January next year to establish a community in the parish. Mother Ann Marie Karlovic OP Prioress General of the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia, has assigned Sister Mary Rachel Capets OP and Sister Anastasia Reeves OP to work at CRC Melton; and Sister Cecilia Rose Pham OP and sister Maria Joy Zeitoune OP to work at St Catherine in Melton. I am sure you will join with me in assuring the Sisters of our prayers as they prepare for their ministry and work in our region.

The Fifth Corporal Work of Mercy — Part XIII

Visit the sick. One of the most difficult of all human experiences is loneliness. When only Adam existed, God said: “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him” We can say, then, that by our very nature, we experience a need to be with others, to interact with them, to accept them and be accepted by them. The care, concern and love we receive from others makes us realise that we are somebody, that we count, that our presence is an important gift to others. Persons who minister this affective, affirming love to us are like friends who double our joys and divide our sorrows! The ill effects of loneliness are intensified when joined to further sufferings like sickness, infirmity or advanced age. To help someone deal with these painful experiences, then, is a great work of mercy. Those who offer their loving presence care and concern to the sick will certainly merit to hear the words of Jesus at the Last Judgement: “I was sick and you visited me” (Matthew 25:36). **Union with Christ.** Jesus is often referred to as “the Man of Sorrows”. Sorrow and suffering were unknown to our first parents before the fall, but as a result of Original Sin, they are part of the human condition and are used by God to purify us from our sinful attachments and draw us out of our self-centredness. In his great love for us, and in order to restore us to the fullness of life, Jesus shared the misery we had brought upon ourselves. He whom St John the Baptist called the “Lamb of God” offered himself as a victim to his Heavenly Father to atone for our sins. Our Blessed Lord now asks us to share in his redemptive Passion and death in various ways. Among the most important of these are sickness, infirmity and old age. Suffering in itself is not a good, but an evil. Thus Jesus healed the sick and restored them to wholeness. He gave them that integral peace—physical, emotional, and spiritual—which our first parents enjoyed before the fall. However, in the light of Jesus’ sufferings, those of the members of his Mystical Body, when joined to his own, have a precious redemptive value. St Paul expresses this when he writes: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church” Paul describes “co-redemptive suffering”, and it is very important in God’s plan for the salvation and sanctification of the world. Just as Jesus used the five loaves of bread and two fish given him by a young boy and fed five thousand people, so the Lord accepts our daily sufferings and sacrifices, no matter how insignificant they may seem to be, and joins them to his own for the world’s redemption. We may truly, then, look upon those who bear the cross of sickness, infirmity or advanced age, as sharing Jesus’ Cross in a more intimate way. **Human suffering can be difficult to accept.** Some people may not visit the sick because they feel uncomfortable in the presence of illness or infirmity they cannot remedy. They feel helpless. But we must remember that we are not expected to cure the sick when we visit them. But to stay away from them at a time they need us most is to deprive them of blessings we can bring, blessings that really do alleviate fear and loneliness. We can bring them the comfort of our company just by being at their bedside. We also may be able to bring the solace of our words and the encouragement to trust God through it all. Obviously, we need to direct our conversation towards lightening their load. **Praying with the sick.** Because prayer can open the soul to grace, when visiting the sick, always ask if you can pray with them. If they refuse, then ask if you can pray for them. If they even refuse that, then say a prayer quietly to yourself at their bedside. You can bring good literature for them to read, or even tapes to listen to while they are confined by illness or infirmity. How much precious time is wasted looking at trivial and often spiritually unsettling things on television. Instead, sickness can be an opportunity to learn more about God. St Bonaventure was known to say that adversity (sickness) prepares a person to receive the Holy Spirit. Perhaps our visits can help persons who are critically ill and near the end of life’s journey to make their peace with God by a good confession, especially if they have not received that sacrament of God’s mercy for some time. Alerting a priest, either connected with the hospital or nursing home, or from the local parish, can help to provide the sacraments that can prepare the terminally ill for eternal life. This can be the most important blessing we bring to the sick. **Redemptive suffering.** Earlier, we touched on co-redemptive suffering and its great value. One very important encouragement we can give to the sick is to unite their sufferings along with their prayers to the sufferings of Jesus. This gives their suffering a great spiritual power, capable of assisting in the conversion of sinners or obtaining graces needed by various members of the Church. Archbishop Fulton Sheen always sought the prayers of the suffering, knowing how powerful such prayers were because they were united to the Cross. But suffering can be wasted. If people see no good that could come out of their carrying the Cross with Jesus, it may well make them very angry and resentful. As an old saying goes: “Suffering can make you either better or bitter!” But if we point out to the sick that they are carrying the Cross with Jesus and that they can use the merits of their suffering to help others, it can lighten their burden. They may even come to find a certain “joy” in sharing the Cross with Jesus and in suffering for the members of his Mystical Body who need his blessing and mercy most. As the traditional exhortation used for many years at marriage ceremonies puts it: “Sacrifice is difficult and irksome, but love can make sacrifice easy and perfect love can make it a joy.” **Assisting the family of the sick person.** We also serve the Lord in reaching out to console, encourage, and help family members and friends of the sick and aged. Their need is often great. Those who are close to the sick person have to bear the cross of seeing a loved one in agony, or suffering great pain, or simply confined to a bed or wheelchair. Remembering when the sick person was in good health and spirits, they can become depressed by seeing their loved one in an apparently hopeless or terminal situation. They need the help of those who can encourage them and cheer them up, and even pray for them and with them. Visiting the sick and the aged is usually done on the basis of individual need, such as one person visiting another. However, we can also become part of a group—such as a parish outreach, hospice, Third Order, or hospital auxiliary. In this way, we can make this work of mercy a regular ministry. **From What To Do When Jesus Is Hungry. By Fr Andrew Apostoli CFR. Ignatius Press. Used with permission.**