

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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First Sunday of Lent – Year B 18th February 2018

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.” – Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming? It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfil His plan for us.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

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

Monday 19 th	no Mass
Tuesday 20 th	5:30pm 6:15pm Lenten Talk in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 21 st	9:30am
Thursday 22 nd	9:30am
Friday 23 rd	9:30am
Saturday 24 th	5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 25 th	8:30am 10:00am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 24th 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:15pm St Bernard's
Saturday 4:45pm St Anthony's

ROSARY is 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: 2nd March 2018

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: 2nd March 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING GENESIS 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 24:4-9. R. CF. V. 10

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING 1 PETER 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL MARK 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is 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: 16th March 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: 9th March 2018

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

is held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.
Next Program: 25th February 2018

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

Next Morning Tea: 4th March 2018
Host: Parents & Friends

Parish Centre Bookings

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm
Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

RECENTLY DECEASED

Erwin Krowe

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph, Jim and Josephine Camilleri, Sr Patricia Coolahan rsj, Ron Ford, Ray Hodgson, Diana Kervin and Frederick Lazarus.

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, 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, 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.

MINISTRIES 17th & 18th February 2018

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Vikki Benson	Moira Ross	Dianne Craig / Mira Foxford
Eucharist Ministers	Mary Beaton	Peter Lafranchi	Roy Ryder
Altar Servers	Byham / Baddeley	Lidgett-Egan	Lindorff
Piety	17th February	Sean Giani	
	18th February	Marj Tung	
Counters #6	Gerard Shelly, Jill Geurts, Kate Maurer, Michael Larkin, Ron Geurts.		

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 24th & 25th February 2018

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Sandra Ibrahim	Gerard Harrington / Jenny Hooper	Sr Mary Fermio
Eucharist Ministers	Vikki Benson	Colm Carragher	Carole Ryder
Altar Servers	Baddeley	Shea	Vereker
Piety	24th February	Jan & Colm Carragher	
	25th February	Mandy Harrington	
Counters #7	Denis Everard, Bernard Coburn, Mary Flanagan, Patrick Flanagan		
Church Grounds February	Front Garden: Stephen Millington Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers Friday 23rd February	Jan Carragher	POF February	Mary Flanagan
Readings	First Reading Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	Resp. Psalm Ps 115:10, 15-19 R. 114:9	Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

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.

We are calling for more volunteers.

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

HOME COMMUNION

Home communion is available in the Parish on the **first Friday** of each month for the housebound and those who are ill. If you know of anyone who would like to avail themselves of this service, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance with the details, or speak to Father after Mass.

THE 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 this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us.

And after this our exile show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

○ clement, ○ loving,

○ sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us,

○ holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises
of Christ.

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Available from the Piety Stall – \$4.00 each

Columban Calendars 2018

Available from the Piety Stall – \$9.00 each

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

LENTEN TALKS

will be held each **Tuesday at 6:15pm** in the **Parish Centre**
from 20th February until 20th March 2018.

Let us take into our Lenten hearts a desire to understand more deeply and to enter more fully into the cycle of the paschal mystery as it plays itself out in our lives and in the world; hearts that look for the meaning behind the truth. Hearts that allow themselves to be broken, invite God in and seek healing. Hearts that are not distracted by too much; hearts that hear. Hearts that are ready to come back to God where our restless spirits can once again come home. So let us pray (Psalm 51):

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

EMBRACING YOUR GREATNESS: WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

Friday 23rd February 2018

9:30am – 2:15pm

Join international speaker and author Christina King and the **Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (LIHM)** sisters for an inspiring and spiritually enriching day. Crèche available upon request. For more details and registration, go to <http://tinyurl.com/CKRetreat>.

Cost: \$30 (morning tea provided, BYO lunch)

Where: LIHM Convent, 29 Barellan Close, St Albans

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS

Melbourne 40 Days of Prayer Gathering

Sunday 25th February 2018

Join the young and young at heart (all ages) at a local prayer and worship gathering.

When: 7:00pm

Where: Oaktree Anglican Church, 281 Glen Eira Road, Caulfield

SPECIAL COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

24th & 25th February 2018

There will be an extra collection next weekend for the children of Suriname. The **Republic of Suriname** on the north-east coast of South America is the focus of **World Day of Prayer** which we the parishioners of St Bernard's are the hosts on **Friday 2nd March at 2:00pm**.

The children of Suriname are particularly vulnerable, experiencing family violence, abuse and neglect. Child labour in the form of street selling is rife, whilst many are labouring in the gold mines of Suriname.

All donations will be gratefully received, and we thank you for your generosity.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

Republic of Suriname

"All God's Creation is Very Good!" – Genesis 1: 1-31

St Bernard's is hosting the World Day of Prayer on **Friday 2nd March 2018 at 2:00pm**.

We would welcome all parishioners to join in prayerful support along with Christians worldwide for our sisters and brothers who suffer through family violence, child abuse, human trafficking and other forms of injustice.

After the prayer service, all are welcome to join in socialising at afternoon tea in the **Parish Centre** with the parishioners of our sister churches.

This day used to be Women Only, but now men are welcome to join in.

Here's hoping for a good show from St Bernard's parishioners!

menALIVE WEEKEND

Saturday 3rd March 2018, 9:00am-9:00pm
and Sunday 4th March 2018, 8:30am-1:30pm

menALIVE is a national Catholic ministry for men.

Come along and discover what it means to be fully alive.

Cost: \$50 includes workshops, morning tea, BBQ dinner on Saturday

Where: St Joseph's School Hall, 362 Station Street, Chelsea

Details and RSVP: Mike Shaw 0418 122 966 or mandmshaw@bigpond.com
by Monday 26th February 2018

More menALIVE weekends to be held in May (Keysborough), June (Airport West) and August (Aspendale).

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

I believe in God (2)

Just as the existence of God does not depend on the authority of the Church, the statement that Jesus Christ was crucified under Pontius Pilate isn't a belief that depends on the authority of the Church. All sorts of authorities, ancient Jewish historian Josephus, for example, who wasn't a Christian, assure us that a man called Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea under the Emperor Tiberius. And there's nothing at all improbable about a particular Galilean being crucified about that time. Some 30 years before, 2,000 Galileans were crucified by the orders of the Roman governor by one edict. It's simply a matter of history, and there is no reason to doubt it.

"But," you say, "if these things are obviously true; as a matter of philosophy or as a matter of history, why should I have to get up and assert my belief that they are true? Surely everybody, Christian or not, must believe in them."

Well, that's the curious thing; there are a lot of perfectly intelligent people going about who don't really believe in these things. If you ask them whether they believe God exists, they will say, "Oh, yes, I suppose so". If you ask them whether Jesus Christ was crucified under Pontius Pilate, they will say, "Yes, the evidence for that seems quite conclusive". But, there the thing stops; they don't do anything about it. They are unable to deny these truths, but these truths don't form part of the framework of their minds.

To believe a thing, in any sense worth the name, means something much more than merely not denying it. It means focusing your mind on it, letting it into your imagination, caring, and caring desperately, whether it is true or not. If somebody says to you, "Of course, your own country's role in Iraq is every bit as brutal as ISIS", you don't reply, "Oh, really? I dare say it is". You care furiously about a statement like that. You may not have the facts at your fingers' ends, but you are not going to let a statement like that pass without examination. It would alter your whole idea of what the world is like if you thought a statement like that could be true. And it has, or it ought to have, the same sort of effect, if somebody tells you that some article of the Christian Creed isn't true.

Because it wouldn't merely alter your whole idea of what the world was like; it would alter your whole idea about this world and the next, about what life means and why we human beings have been put into the world at all. If you really believe a thing, it becomes part of the make-up of your mind; it lends coherence to your thought, colour to your imagination, leverage to your will. It matters enormously; to lose your belief would dislocate your whole life.

But at the same time, we mustn't for a moment imagine that we haven't got to think about our faith, that we have done our duty as Catholics if we simply shout about the faith, instead of thinking about it. That is a notion which is widely current outside the Church. You will come across non-Catholics who will say, "How nice it must be to be a Catholic, and not have to think about one's religion! To have the whole thing done for one, just be told by the Church what one is to believe and what one isn't to believe, and no more worry about it"!

The odd thing is that people who talk like that are sincere about it; they do genuinely think that is the Catholic attitude, and in a way they rather envy us. Everybody likes avoiding a job of work, and especially of intellectual work. And, you know, there is a temptation for us Catholics to play up to that lead, and to sham stupid, as it were. You might find yourself, for example, among a set of people who are discussing whether there is life beyond the grave. Your simplest plan, if somebody turns to you and asks what you think about it, is to say, "Well, you see, I'm a Catholic, and the Catholic Church teaches me that there is a future life, so of course I've got to believe it".

And that's true; but it's not the whole truth. There are perfectly good grounds on which you can tackle a person who says the soul is destroyed at death; not perhaps so as to convince him of the contrary, but at least to show him that he can't prove his case. And those grounds you, as a Catholic, ought to know; not for your own sake so much as for the sake of other people. You want to be able to help them in their difficulties, not just sit by with a superior air and congratulate yourself on being better off than they.

I know you think all this sounds very improbable, but it won't seem like that if, for example, you fall in love with somebody who isn't a Catholic and want to marry him (or her). If it does happen, you will want the young man to get converted. And he will want to get converted, because he will think you are rather a nice kind of person, and it must have been a rather nice religion that produced a person like that.

Now, if he gets the impression that your faith is merely a matter of shutting your eyes and believing things are true just because you want them to be true, it will have a bad effect on him. Either it will put him off the Church, because that way of going about it doesn't seem to him to be honest. Or he will go and get instructed by a priest, and say "Splendid! That's absolutely all right by me" to everything the priest tells him, without really finding out what it's all about and digesting what he's told; and that means another half-baked convert.

Whereas, if he gets the idea that you mean what you say when you say (for example) "I believe in God", that you have really formed your mind on the subject and faced the difficulties and made the doctrine your own, then he will have more respect for your religion and, in the long run, more respect for you.