

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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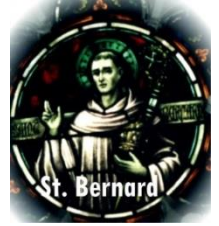


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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B 18th March 2018

“I will be their God and they shall be my people” – Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognise that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbours and the world, just as God cares 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	10:30am	

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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	4:30pm	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: 6th April 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: 6th April 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 50:3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion, blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God; put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners my return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING HEBREWS 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL JOHN 12:20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen, I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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: 20th April 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: 13th April 2018

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

is held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.
Next Program: 25th March 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: 6th May 2018
Host: Rosary & Prayer Group

Parish Centre Bookings

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ronald Robert Lebner

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Stan Batson, John Davies, Rex Dent, Zdenko Derma, Shirley Dias, Con Fanning, Eugene Folini, Malcolm Fraser, Friederich Goehler-Dockter, Marie Jacobs, Denis Johnstone, Christopher Mallia, Nell Rycks, Joan Shanahan, John Maurice Sherry, Peter Anthony Ward, Dan & Sheila Whelan, and Bernard Wilkie.

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, 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 17 th & 18 th March 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Trish Davine	Peter Lafranchi / Margaret Love	Lexie Brereton
Eucharist Ministers	Colin Remedios	Mira Foxford	James Waters
Altar Servers		Shea	Baddeley
Piety	17th March	Trish Davine	
	18th March	Carol Ryder	
Counters #10	Kath Connell, Val Dickson, Michael Duffy, Mary Delahey		

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 24 th & 25 th March 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Vikki Benson	Moira Ross Mira Foxford	Carole Ryder Marj Tung
Eucharist Ministers	Mary Beaton	Peter Lafranchi	Roy Ryder
Altar Servers		Farrell	Lindorff / Vereker
Piety	24th March	Sean Giani	
	25th March	Marj Tung	
Counters #1	Allan Comrie, Jim Scott Peter Mooney, Margot Short		
Church Grounds March	Front Garden: Stuart Robertson Back/Side Garden: Chris Eggleston Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts Back Paddock: Colm Carragher		
Church Flowers Friday		POF March	Sr Mary Fermio
Readings	First Reading Isa 50:4-7	Resp. Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2	Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Altar of Repose

Volunteers are required on **Holy Thursday, 29th March**, to help set up the Altar of Repose.

Also, if you can help, please bring flowers to the Parish Office by 11:00am.

Easter Ministries

Readers, Eucharist Ministers, Altar Servers

If you are available, please sign up for ministries to assist with the Easter services.

Clipboards are available in the Gathering Space.

"The Journey" Catholic Radio Program

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where you can listen anytime

and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Melbourne Catholic – March 2018

Now available from the Piety Stall – **\$4.00** each

Due to lack of sales, the Piety Stall will no longer stock the Melbourne Catholic magazine. The magazine can be ordered directly from Media and Communications Office Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne on 03 9926 5758.

LENTEN TALK

Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 6:15pm in the Parish Centre

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.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 27th March

4:30pm-7:30pm

Reconciliation – 1st Rite Confession

Thursday 29th March

7:30pm

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Adoration and Night Prayer to finish at 10:30pm.

Friday 30th March

11:00am

Good Friday – Ecumenical Way of the Cross

A re-enactment of Christ's Passion and Death will take place by way of a street-side procession, starting in the carpark rear of Foodworks supermarket, and will be joined by other church groups.

3:00pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 31st March

7:30pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil

Sunday 1st April

8:30am & 10:00am

8:30am

Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 8th April 2018

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

67-77 Exford Road (cnr Wilson Road), Melton South

Main Celebrant – Rev. Fr Fabian Smith

2:00pm

Confessions, Adoration, Holy Rosary, Litany and Meditations

3:00pm

3 o'clock Prayer, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, Holy Mass and Blessing of Private Divine Mercy Images

For enquiries, please contact Godwin Barton on 0425 734 449.

GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

Sunday 8th to Friday 13 April 2018

Hobart, Tasmania

"Grief to Grace: healing the wounds of abuse" is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse.

Details:

Request an application from Anne on 0407 704 539

or info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au

Website:

www.griefftoGrace.org

ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL FUN RUN

Sunday 15 April 2018, 9:30am

Princes Park, Royal Parade, Carlton North

As part of their 125th birthday celebrations, this year's St Vincent's Fun Run promises to be an exciting and rewarding family fun day.

Registration:

www.stvincentsfunrun.com.au

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

88th Annual Mission Concert

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on **Sunday 15th April 2018** at the **St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew**, commencing at **2:00pm**. Admission is **free**.

A collection for the missions will be taken up during the concert.

Proceeds will go to assist Sisters of St John the Baptist, in Dibrugarh, Assam, India. They are endeavouring to give an education for poor children.

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

The Almighty Father (2)

Fatherhood is not a simple term. Different ages, different periods of civilisation, have different ideas about what a father's duties are, what a father's rights are. In the old Roman law, *patria potestas*, the father's authority over his children was a very far-reaching thing; in certain circumstances a father had a right to put his children to death. Your father was somebody who had jolly well got to be obeyed.

Whereas nowadays we think of a father as a person whose job it is to devote his whole life to giving us treats. He has to throw a rug over us and come into the room pretending to be a bear, to amuse us when we are small. We are allowed to go into his bedroom and fiddle with his things when he is shaving. He is anxious to score good marks with his children, by sending them to the movies every week, and so on. You will see, then, that there is a good deal of difference between the ancient idea of a father and the modern idea of a father.

Now, which of these ideas ought we to have in mind when we call Almighty God our Father? I suppose we ought to strike a line somewhere in between the two estimates. After all, there is such a thing as spoiling a child. I know there is a modern theory of education that makes out that you should never say to a child, "Don't do that". But a father who never says "No" has, commonly, a spoilt child.

Think for a moment what that phrase, "a spoilt child", means. It doesn't just mean that the child grows up a nuisance to its parents. It means that the essential nature of the child is warped, is pushed out of its true pattern, is allowed to go bad, like fruit on a fruit-tree which is not picked in time. If your parents spoil you, you become something like those purple potatoes with holes in them, instead of those nice white or pink potatoes which you put into the basket.

It is the job of parents to train their children to alter their nature in the right direction. And God is training you and me. If he gave us absolutely everything we asked for; if you had only to kneel down and say, "Please, God, I want a holiday tomorrow", and he would always put it into your teachers' heads to give you a holiday next day, then it would not be long before you became a spoilt child. You would become very selfish, and unpleasantly conceited, and uncommonly lazy.

God is altering our natures all the time, is turning us into the kind of people he wants us to be; he wouldn't be our true Father otherwise. That alone would be enough to warn us that, in this imperfect world, we have to take the rough with the smooth.

I say, "in this imperfect world", because after all we are fallen creatures. Our nature, ever since the Fall, tends to go wrong, and if it is to be saved from going wrong it has to be saved by discipline, by coming up against unpleasant things in life as well as pleasant things.

But there is another reason why the Fall makes the world a more uncomfortable place for you and me than it was for Adam and Eve in Paradise. God has given us free will, and that means giving us the freedom to interfere with one another's lives. I daresay you know the old problem: What would happen if an irresistible ram met an immovable post? I don't mean a male sheep, I mean a battering ram. Well, the answer to that problem is that God couldn't make an irresistible ram and at the same time make an immovable post. It's one of the things which, as I said earlier, even God can't do, because it is a contradiction in terms. And in the same way, God can't give us the freedom to hurt one another without giving us, at the same time, the opportunity to be hurt.

He couldn't give free will to King Herod without putting the Holy Innocents in danger of being massacred. Of course, you may say that he might interfere at the last moment, by a miracle if necessary, to prevent the wickedness of certain human beings doing harm to other human beings. But obviously if he always did that, free will would become a farce. There is bound to be suffering in a fallen world where human beings have free will, because they will inflict suffering on one another. To that extent God does limit his own Almighty power.

"Yes," you say, "that's all very well, but you can't explain all the suffering in the world like that. When you come across a person who has to spend whole years of his or her life bearing the tortures of a painful disease, or when a flourishing town is suddenly turned into a heap of ruins by an earthquake, you can't blame human free will for that. Nobody can be held responsible for tragedies of that kind except the God who is all-powerful — therefore he could have prevented it — who is our Father — therefore he must have wanted to prevent it."

But it must be repeated — suffering can be good for us, because it is a discipline we need; it helps to turn us into the kind of people God wants us to be. He wants us to be detached from earthly things, and it would be difficult for us to be like that if we always had our own way. He wants us to learn patience — and how should we learn patience if we had nothing to endure? He wants us to be humble, and how should we cultivate humility if our plans always went right?

By Fr Ronald Knox