

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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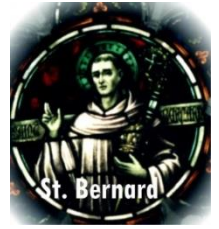
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Tues–Thu 9:00am–1:00pm, Fri 10:00am–2:00pm



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

1st October 2017

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE CANNOT SPEND ALL OF OUR LIVES BLAMING OTHERS FOR WHAT HAS HAPPED TO US. AT A CERTAIN STAGE WE MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN LIVES AND DEEDS. SOMETIMES WE NEED TO ADMIT, "I HAVE DONE WRONG. I AM SORRY. GOD, HELP ME TO DO RIGHT IN FUTURE." CHANGE IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE. IF WE HAVE THE DESIRE, GOD WILL GUIDE US IN THE RIGHT PATH.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

Please note changes for this week.

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass

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| Monday | no Mass |
| Tuesday | 5:30pm |
| Wednesday | no Mass |
| Thursday | no Mass |
| Friday | 9:30am |
| Saturday | 5:00pm (Vigil) |
| Sunday | 8:30am & 10:00am |

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

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| Saturday | 4:15pm |
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Our Lady Help of Christians

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| Saturday | 6:30pm Mass |
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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 Rosary: 6th October

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held on the **first Friday** of the month from **10.00am to 4:00pm**. All are welcome to come along and spend some time with the Lord.

Next Adoration: 6th October

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING EZEKIEL 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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. Do not remember the sins of my youth. 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. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JN 10:27

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

St Bernard's Church (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: Baptismal Prep Team

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

9 Griffith Street, off Grant Street
Mass will be held on the **second Friday** of each month at **11:00am**.
Next Mass: 13th October

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**.

2018 Columban Calendars

are now available from the Piety Stall
\$9.00 each

MINISTRIES 30th Sept & 1st Oct 2017

| Mass times | 5pm Sat Vigil | 8:30am Sun | 10:00am Sun |
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| Min/s of the Word | Sandra Ibrahim | Moira Ross | Cathy Belcher / Diane Craig |
| Min/s Eucharist | Vikki Benson | Mira Foxford | Jennifer Taylor |
| Gifts Procession | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Altar Servers | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Piety | 30th September 1st October | Sean Giani Marj Tung | |
| Counters #6 | Gerard Shelly, Jill Geurts, Kate Maurer, Michael Larkin, Ron Geurts | | |

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

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

Regional Day for the Western group will be in St Bernard's Parish Hall, Bacchus Marsh, on **Saturday 7th October** beginning at **10:00am** and concluding about 3:00pm. BYO Lunch
The day is one of reflection on the life and stories of **Mary MacKillop**. Parishioners are welcome to attend and discover how being a Josephite Associate can enable you to share in the spirit of the Josephite family.

MINISTRIES 7th & 8th October 2017

| Mass times | 5pm Sat Vigil | 8:30am Sun | 10:00am Sun |
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| Min/s of the Word | Maureen Zahra | Carole Ryder / Marj Tung | Sr Mary / T Taylor |
| Min/s Eucharist | Colin Remedios | Peter Lafranchi | Jenny Kearney |
| Gifts Procession | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Altar Servers | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Piety | 7th October 8th October | Mandy Harrington Jan & Colm Carragher | |
| Counters #7 | Denis Everard, Bernard Coburn, Mary Flanagan, Patrick Flanagan | | |
| 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 6 th October | Shirley Long | POF October | Dolores Turcsan |

RECENTLY DECEASED

Zvonko Benac, Bernard Lenaghan.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Benac, Margaret Card, Margery Faithfull, Victor Faithfull, Walter Bruce McGinnity, Henk de Jong, John Brook, Marjorie Taylor, Robert Flower, Peter Collins.

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

Family, Food and Faith:

Enhancing the aroma and flavour of your family life.

New video and print resources highlighting the place of family means as a rich source of social, spiritual and physical nourishment have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office.

Print copies of the booklet are now available.

The accompanying videos can be viewed online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily.

We encourage you to read, watch and share these free resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.

Aladdin Bus Trip

The bus for Aladdin will depart from the Parish Centre carpark at **12:15pm** on **Saturday 14th October 2017**.

Melbourne Catholic, October 2017 issue is 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.

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.

25th Annual Feast in Honour of The Hearts of Jesus & Mary

Saturday 14th October 2017

Josefina Maria's Two Hearts Chapel
274 La Cote Road, Greendale

11:00am - Holy Rosary

11:30am – Holy Mass

Eucharistic Procession with the Two Hearts Statues and the Maltese Brass Band, or Benediction and Adoration as per the weather on the day.

Followed by light lunch in the hall.

Main Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop Peter Connors

For further information, contact:

Jacinta **0424 381 835** or Clare **0415 806 217**

or email: twoheartscentre@bigpond.com

CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOPS

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

Saturday 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.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy – VII

Pray for the Living and the Dead

Our Lord assures us: “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened” (Luke 11:9-10). This is especially true of the power of intercessory prayer.

Jesus and Mary intercede for us

In his humanity, Jesus is our high priest before the Father. This means that he is a mediator between the Father and all mankind. His role is to intercede for us in prayer. He presents our needs to the Father and pleads for mercy for us. We must imitate this example of our Lord and be ready to pray for others, even those who cause us difficulties or who may even wish to harm us.

A powerful example of Jesus’ intercessory prayer is found in the Last Supper account. Jesus turned to Peter whom he had made the leader among the Apostles, and said to him, “Simon, Simon, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren” (Luke 22:31-32).

The Lord prayed for strength for Peter both for himself and for the other Apostles. Do we imitate Jesus’ prayer by praying for others in their special needs? We may learn of someone going through a trial; through our prayers we can support them to have courage and go on. We may learn of someone who is tempted to give up his faith or to fall into a sinful situation. In the face of the weakness of the flesh, our prayers can be a source of moral strength for others.

Our Lady was no doubt the closest imitator of Jesus. Just as he prayed for others, we find evidence of Mary bringing the needs of others to her Divine Son. For example, at the wedding feast of Cana, our Lady makes known to Jesus the need of the young couple whose celebration they were attending. She was not asked to do something; she spontaneously saw the need and offered her words of intercession. They were very powerful because they moved Jesus to work his first miracle. And this happened despite the fact that he had indicated that it was not the time for him to reveal himself: “My hour has not yet come” (John 2:4).

Our prayers of intercession imitate the example Mary gives us in praying for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In a special way we should pray often for the many needs of the Church in our times. Do we pray for vocations? Or for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted? Or for the message of the Gospel to be spread by zealous missionaries in our time?

The power of prayer

As an old saying puts it: “There are more things wrought by the power of prayer than this world imagines!” And people who pray know this power.

The intentions we need to pray for are almost endless. We should pray for the needs of the Church. This means, first of all, to pray for our Holy Father, the Pope, because he carries enormous burdens as the Supreme Shepherd of our Church. We should also pray for our bishops, for their burden is not an easy one. They are often criticised for difficult and painful decisions they must make.

We should also pray for all the priests who minister to us as well as the religious women and men who work for our spiritual good. Jesus himself said we should pray for more religious and priestly vocations in the Church when he told us to ask our Heavenly Father, the Lord of the harvest, to send more labourers to gather in the harvest.

Then there are the needs of the world. First and foremost, we should pray for the end of the culture of death, namely the end of abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, infanticide, and all those other attacks on the sanctity of life. We pray for world peace. We should pray for world leaders that they be guided by principles of justice and peace. And we remember those who are victims of tragedies and poverty and all forms of human suffering.

Finally, we pray for the spiritual needs of people. Primary among them is the prayer for the conversion of sinners and especially for the dying, that God will grant the grace of a happy death and a merciful judgement. We must often persevere in heartfelt prayer for the conversions of those we love. We can pray for the spread of Eucharistic devotion, for the work of evangelisation, and for the renewal of Catholic piety, especially the renewal of the sacrament of Confession, which has been neglected in our time.

Praying for our own needs

Some people have the mistaken notion that they should not pray for themselves. This is a false idea. After all, Jesus taught us: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). If we pray for the needs of our neighbours because we love them, must we not pray also for our own needs because we have a proper love of ourselves? Jesus assumes that we have this proper love of ourselves in order to properly love our neighbour.

When Jesus gave his disciples the Lord’s Prayer, he taught us petitions that are directed at our own personal needs: “Give us this day our daily bread”; “forgive us our trespasses”; “lead us not into temptation”; “deliver us from evil” (Matthew 6:11-13). The saints assure us that we must pray to God daily for the graces needed for our salvation. A favourite saying of many saints is: “Pray as if it all depends on God; work as if it all depends on you.”

Praying for others

The spiritual work of mercy to pray for the living and the dead reminds us that we have a mission to pray for others. Since each one of us is a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, each of us has a responsibility to pray for the good of the whole Church as well as for those whose lives we personally touch.

Some people feel that it is wrong to ask the prayers of the saints or even the prayers of the faithful on earth. They believe we should always go ‘directly to God’ and not through others. They argue that God loves all of us, and will listen to each of us when we pray directly to him.

This is true only to a certain extent. God does love us, but we also have our sins, and he does not love our sins. So, the power of our prayers is limited. But the saints are very close to God and very pleasing to him for they no longer have sin in them. We can apply to the intercession of the saints what often applies in the business world: “It’s not what you know but who you know.” The saints can get right through where we may stumble. After all, they enjoy God’s deepest love and friendship. The saints, in their great love for us, would desire nothing more than to assist us by their prayers so that someday those of us who are still on earth as well as the souls in Purgatory will be with them praising God forever in Heaven.