

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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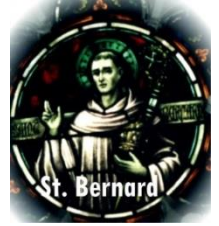


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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – Year B 1st April 2018

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” - Colossians 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia”. Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfil His salvation plan.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

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

Monday 2nd no Mass
Tuesday 3rd 5:30pm
Wednesday 4th 9:30am
Thursday 5th 9:30am
Friday 6th 9:30am

Saturday 7th 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 8th 8:30am
10:00am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 7th 6:30pm

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:30pm St Bernard's
Saturday 4:45pm St Anthony's

ROSARY is usually held **every Monday** at **7:30pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.

Please note: Rosary **will not** be held on **Easter Monday 2nd April 2018**.

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

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING ACTS 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say, “His love has no end”.

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right had raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

A gentle reminder to return your offerings and place them in the collection box in the Gathering Space. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ROSTERS FOR READERS AND EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

Updated rosters are now available and have been sent out by email. If you have not received a copy, please collect one from the Sacristy. A copy is also on the Noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

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: 22nd April 2018
Coordinators: Kate & Danny Conroy

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 usually held on the **first Sunday** of the month (except Easter Sunday) 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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Sheila Coburn, Thomas Dillon, Margaret Fanning, Ellen Flanagan, Marj Johnston, Ronald Kirwan, Brenden Neil Love, Angela Simon Minja, Len Missen, Lorna Nihill, Margaret Ryan, Frank Shanahan, Amy Vallenge, Ralph Willmott.

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 – 31st March & 1st April 2018

Mass Times	7:30pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	See Rosters in the Gathering Space		
Eucharist Ministers	See Rosters in the Gathering Space		
Altar Servers	Lindorff	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	31st March 1st April	Mandy Harrington Jan & Colm Carragher	
Counters #2	John Tung, Lucille Wheelahan, Jennifer Taylor		

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 – 7th & 8th April 2018

Mass Times	7:30pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Sandra Ibrahim	Gerard Harrington Jenny Hooper	Sr Mary Fermio Tracey Taylor
Eucharist Ministers	Vikki Benson	Carole Ryder	Jenny Kearney
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	7th April 8th April	Carmel Shea Jan Farmelo	
Counters #3	Cheryl Rogers, Lyn Shea, Graham Hooper, Michael Love, Sean Giani, Margaret Love		
Church Grounds April	Front Garden: Volunteer Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: John Tung Back Paddock: Ron Geurts		
Church Flowers Friday 6 th April	Jan Carragher	POF April	Dolores Turcsan
Readings Second Sunday of Easter	First Reading Acts 4:32-35	Resp. Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v. 1	Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

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.

Bus for **Priscilla Queen of the Desert**
will leave the Parish Centre carpark
at **12:30pm** on **Sunday 8th April 2018**.

PIETY STALL

Divine Mercy publications now in stock \$2.00 each:

- Novena to Saint Faustina in the Jubilee Year of Mercy Leaflet
- The Devotion to The Divine Mercy
- Just Remember
- Works of Mercy
- Come Holy Spirit
- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Laminated Chaplet/Novena Leaflet
- Laminated Divine Mercy Message and Devotion Leaflet

Melbourne Catholic – April 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.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY – 30th MARCH 2018

The **annual collection** for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.35 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. The **Holy Land Commissariat** and the **Franciscan Friars** who minister in the Holy Land thank you for your generosity.

Donations can also be made directly to: **Commissary of the Holy Land**,
47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024. Tel. (02) 9369 9300

*Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday.
Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the
birthplace of Jesus, the "Prince of Peace".*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 8th April 2018, from 2:00pm onwards

at Ta' Pinu Shrine
All Nations Marian Centre
15 Flanagans Drive, Bacchus Marsh

Divine Mercy at Ta' Pinu this year begins with the Psalms of Mercy and the Divine Mercy chaplet, followed by Mass and Benediction. Then there will be a procession through the grounds of the shrine, accompanied by live music. Principal celebrant will be Fr Tadeusz Bostworowski SJ. All welcome. Light refreshments served.

Details: infotapinu@optusnet.com.au

THE OZANAM CONVERSATION Bishop Vincent Long and Geraldine Doogue

Thursday 26th April 2018

The Ozanam Conversation (previously the Ozanam Lecture) is a **free annual event** in honour of the 20-year-old activist and founder of the **St Vincent de Paul Society, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**. Now in its 21st year, it invites us to reflect upon how relevant the Society's founding mission of 1833 is to today's world. For this year's Conversation, Bishop Vincent Long will be joined by journalist and broadcaster Geraldine Doogue for a conversation on the topic, 'What it means to be a Catholic welfare organisation in a post-Royal Commission world'. Drinks and canapes will be served for 30 minutes prior to the event. All welcome.

Time: 6:30pm–7:45pm

Where: Catholic Leadership Centre
576 Victoria Parade (corner Hoddle Street), East Melbourne

Details: Julie Fewster on 9895 5929

RSVP: by Friday 20th April to 9895 5935 or rsvp@svdpc-vic.org.au

THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES

Faith, Family & Football

Daniel Wells, current Collingwood champion, tells his story in an interview with John "Percy" Canavan.

The **Catholic Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of **menALIVE Australia**.

Date: Thursday 24th May 2018

Time: 7:00am – 9:00am

Venue: CQ Club, 113-123 Queen Street, Melbourne

Cost: \$45 per person

RSVP: by 17th May 2018

Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439 172 465,
michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

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

Maker of Heaven and Earth (1)

When we were discussing the clause, "I believe in God", I pointed out to you that the world must have been created by God; there was no other account you could give of it. When you turn that sentence the other way round, and say, "God created the world", you come up against one of the most unaccountable things that could possibly have happened. Why did God want to create the world?

From all eternity he lives in heaven, utterly self-sufficient; nothing outside himself could possibly contribute to the happiness and to the glory that is his. Why did he want there to be anything else? It's no good telling me that he must have been lonely with nobody to know, nobody to know him, with nobody to love, nobody to love him. Because, you see, the doctrine of the Holy Trinity knocks all that argument on the head.

From all eternity the Mind of God produced a Thought; a Thought equal to, and worthy of, itself. That is what we mean by the Divine Word, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. And in the same instant, between that Divine Mind and that Divine Thought, Love sprang into existence, a Love which flowed back and forth, in perfect measure, between those two. And so a third Person enriches the life of the Godhead, that eternal Love which we call the Holy Spirit. There is no loneliness in God's existence; the Divine Life would have full scope for its activities, even if there were nothing else.

No, there is no really satisfactory account of why Creation ever happened. We know that it did, because here we are. But the most the theologians can tell us is that it is the nature of goodness to diffuse itself, so that God uses Creation as a kind of reservoir for the overflow of his inexhaustible love. We can't, after all, form any real picture in our minds of what we mean by "creating". You and I never make anything; we only rearrange things that are there already. But when God made heaven and earth, there was nothing there before; God simply called them into existence.

Perhaps the nearest we can get to imagining what the act of creation means is to think of a person writing a poem, say, or a book. If you write poems, you will know what I mean. It isn't like taking a piece of French and turning it into a piece of English; or taking one set of figures and dividing them by another and getting a third set of figures and writing "Ans" after them. No, when you have written a poem, something, you feel, has come into existence; English literature is a little bit richer than it was before. When God creates, something which had only been a thought in his mind takes shape on the canvas of real existence.

And perhaps that comparison makes it a little easier for us to understand why God created anything. I mean, when you wrote your poem, it wasn't exactly that you wanted to write the poem; the poem (so to speak) wanted to be written. God can't have a craving for anything; but perhaps we may compare that overflowing of his goodness which resulted in creation to what happens when an author simply "has" to write.

Does heaven mean just the sky and the stars and so on? I don't think so. The Nicene Creed, the Credo we say at Mass, calls God "the Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible"; and I imagine that here, too, "heaven" means the supernatural order, the world which we can't see, even through a telescope.

You see, when we said "I believe in God", we were letting ourselves in for rather more than we bargained for. There had to be a God to explain our existence and the existence of the world we see around us. But when God revealed himself to us, he explained that this world we see around us isn't the whole of his creation. It's only a tiny corner of it, hardly worth mentioning. When you see an iceberg in the Atlantic it looks like a sort of mound of ice floating on the top of the water. But really there is much, much more of the iceberg floating under the water, which you don't see. So it is with creation; we see just the tip of it, as it were, a few million stars among which our planet is rather insignificant. Underneath all that and supporting all that is a supernatural world we can't see. We only know about it from revelation, and even so, very little.

God has just lifted up a corner of the curtain, and given us a peep behind it, very much as one gives a small child a peep into the room where the Christmas tree is, to satisfy its curiosity. We just know that there are angels, pure spirits with no body, who serve God day and night, and who are looking after us all the time; that there are fallen angels, God's enemies and ours; that there is a heaven for us to win, a hell for us to avoid, a Purgatory for us to get through. Having shown us that much, God lets the curtain fall again, and says, "You'll have plenty of time to look at all that later".

I say, we only know about these things by revelation. But of course our unaided reason might have guessed that there was something of the kind. If God was going to create, why should he create nothing except material things which you and I could see out of two holes in our face? If he was going to make you and me who have both souls and bodies, and guinea pigs that have bodies but no souls, wasn't it to be expected that he should make other beings that have souls (or rather spirits) but no bodies? That is what the angels are.

By Fr Ronald Knox