

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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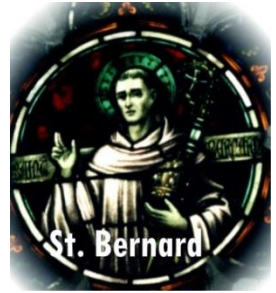
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20th Sunday in Ordinary time

20th August 2017

WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH! The Canaanite woman in today's gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.

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 – 9:00am

Thursday – 9:30am

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: 21st August

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 : 1st September 2017

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

Next Children's Liturgy 3rd September

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 56: 1, 6-7

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING ROMANS 11: 13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL MATTHEW 15: 21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

With the lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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: 3rd September

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: 15th September

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 9th September

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM
27 August 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: Peter & Rosemary

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

**FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
ON SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER.**

**ALL FATHERS ARE INVITED FOR
SPECIAL MASS AT 7:15 AM
FOLLOWED BY A BREAKFAST IN THE
PARISH CENTRE. GUEST SPEAKER
FR BRENDAN HAYES, THE PARISH
PRIEST OF TOORAK AND
ARMIDALE.**

MINISTRIES 19th/20th August 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Volunteer	Carole Ryder/ Marj Tung	Volunteer
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	Roy Ryder
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	19 August Trish Davine 20 August Carol Ryder		
Counters #10	John Hannah, Michael Duffy, Mary Delahey, Kath Connell		

Catholic Regional College Melton - Year 7 2019

Enrolments Valuing God, Nurturing the Individual, Excelling in Education Applications for Year 7 2019 are now open and close on Thursday 24th August 2017. Enrolment Application forms is available from the College office.



Altar Servers

The St. Bernard's parish invites all existing altar servers and interested children who are in grade 4 or older, to join the Parish Altar Servers team.

First information session for children and parents to be held on 31st August, 2017 at 4pm, at St. Bernard's Church.

All enquiries to Fr. Patrick or altar servers co-ordinator Bernadette, mob: 0407 510 303.

"...the closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer..." (Pope Francis, Address to Altar Servers, 4 August 2015)

MINISTRIES 26th/27th August 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Sandra Ibrahim	Moira Ross	Sr Mary
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Carole Ryder	Jenny Kearney
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	26 August Sean Giani 27 August Marj Tung		
Counters #1	Alan Comrie, Jim Scott, Peter Mooney, Margot Short, Jennifer Taylor		
Church Grounds August	Front Garden: Pat O'leary Back/Side: Pat O'leary Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers	Shirley Long	POF for August	Mary Flanagan

Recently deceased

Leonard Condon

ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Cooper, Maddalena Carli, Dale Mullins, Norma Stevens, Matthew Mallia, Lena Miller, James Symmons, Olwyn Uren, John Klenkowski, Shane Allen

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.

Please note that the Mass on Wednesday 23rd of August will be changed from 9:30 to 9 am, so all the Priests can attend the child protection seminar in the city.

Are you a former student of Assumption College Kilmore? If so, Development Officer Maria Cleve would love to hear from you. ACK will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2018 and there are many events being planned for former students. Please phone Maria Cleve in our Alumni office on 03 57835 343 or email her: maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

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 Neighbour's Place (Emergency Food Bank)

Garage sale held will be held on Saturday 9th September between 8:30- 2.00 pm at the Uniting Church, Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh. If you would like to donate any items towards the sale please drop off the items on Friday 8th September at the uniting Church Hall, between 3pm and 4 pm. If you need further information please contact the neighbour's place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9 am and 3 pm on 53676222

If you wish to vote for the Plebiscite you need to update your details with Australian Electoral Commission before 24th August 2017. If you are currently on the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey. You can check your enrolment status at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/> or by calling the ABS on 1800 572 113 If you are enrolled but have recently moved you can update your details online.

The First Spiritual Work of Mercy — Part C

Instruct the ignorant

The proper formation of Christian teachers. One way to remedy the problem of ignorance and the even more pressing problems of error and falsehood among Catholic believers today is to form those who will instruct the people in the truths of the Faith. Perhaps we can learn something from the very first catechetical school of the early Church, which was located in Alexandria, Egypt. One of those who headed the school was a Scripture exegete named Origen. He demanded three things of his students: prayer, the “rule of faith”, and use of the resources available. Let us look at each of these.

Prayer. It is said that the environment of Origen’s school was almost that of a monastic setting. Origen stressed the importance of prayer as necessary to gain the wisdom, understanding, and knowledge of the Holy Spirit that help us to penetrate more deeply into the truths of our Faith and to grasp them more easily so that we can, in turn, teach them clearly to others. Discernment requires the light of the Holy Spirit to help us to distinguish what is truth—what is part of God’s revelation and the authentic teaching of the Church, and what is not. Prayer provides an atmosphere that gives us this clarity to understand the truth. Second, prayer is needed to live the truth. Archbishop Sheen used to say: “If you do not live what you believe, you will end up believing what you live.” It is important that persons live the truth because it then becomes part of them. As a consequence, when they talk about these truths to others, they will speak with the force of personal conviction. Furthermore, prayer helps us to preserve a clear conscience. This is necessary so that we can grasp the things of the Spirit. St Paul says that the “unspiritual man” cannot grasp the things of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:6-16). Why not? He cannot understand spiritual values because he has no appreciation and no attraction for spiritual things. He will therefore remain in a kind of spiritual darkness that will cloud his mind from grasping these truths, not only in their intellectual content, but also as regards the importance of their meaning in his life. Prayer is, therefore, a necessary practice for the true formation of those who will teach the truths of the Faith to others. It was said of many of the early Fathers of the Church that they studied their theology on their knees. They approached theology with reverence, faith, and the desire to receive and share the treasures of the truth contained in these teachings.

The Rule of Faith. The second rule that Origen required was that the theology his students studied had to follow the “Rule of Faith” or in Latin, *Regula Fidei*. This meant that what was taught and what was learned had to be in conformity with true Church teaching. Let me illustrate: If a person were doing simple math, like, two plus two, or two times two, or four ones, or one and three, or three and one, and they arrived at any answer other than four, then this would be a mistake. There would be an error, and if it were deliberate, it would be a falsehood. The same principle applies to what we study and teach to others. This must coincide with what is the actual teaching of the Catholic Church. People have a right to hear the truth, and those who instruct them have a responsibility to teach the truth. We must teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for this is the “good news” of salvation. We must not teach what we individually prefer, because this would end up being “bad news” for anyone who depended on it to work out their salvation. Today a lot of people mistake opinion for truth. Popular opinion does not guarantee the truth of an idea, but merely its popularity. Personal opinion reflects what a person feels about a particular issue. Many people today are ready to share their religious opinions without any solid background in, or understanding of, the Faith. Back in the late 1960s, in a seminary classroom one of the students asked his professor, “Can’t we dialogue about these aspects of theology?” The professor answered the student, “If I dialogue with you who haven’t studied this material, that would be shared ignorance!” So there is an important distinction between opinion and truth; they should not be mistaken for each other. When we seek the grace of the Holy Spirit, he will give us a gift called the “sense of the faithful”. This is a light of the Holy Spirit that helps a person seeking the truth to recognise what is in conformity with Catholic teaching and what is not. Sometimes people have referred to this particular gift of the Holy Spirit in rather humorous ways. St Clement Mary Hofbauer used to say: “I have a Catholic nose! I can smell when things aren’t the way they should be.” In other words, a person well grounded in the Faith is instinctively disturbed at hearing questionable opinions. This insight from the Holy Spirit helps us remain faithful to the authentic teachings of the Church.

Use good resources. Origen’s third requirement for his students was that they use the best resources available to gain a deeper understanding of what was being taught, especially Scripture. At the time of Origen this would have included philology, which studies the roots of words and languages as well as the history and customs of the period covered in Sacred Scripture. Origen is credited as being the first teacher in Church history to produce a theological manual or textbook. Today, with so much information available, we still have to seek out the best books, media, videos, internet resources and other modern means of communication and instruction to prepare those who will teach the Gospel message to others. We also need to form teachers in the field of apologetics, which means explaining the Faith to those who have no knowledge of it as well as defending it against those who attack our teachings in any way. There is great dignity and reward for those who carry out this work of mercy. In the Old Testament we read: “And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever” (Daniel 12:3). In the New Testament, our Lord reiterates this teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. Speaking about God’s law and commandments, he said that they will not be done away with until they are all fulfilled: “Whoever . . . does [these commandments] and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19). **From What To Do When Jesus Is Hungry: A Practical Guide to the Works of Mercy by Fr Andrew Apostoli, CFR. Ignatius Press, Used with permission.**