

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 22nd October 2017

SERVING GOD THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ALREADY PRESENT IN OUR WORLD. IT IS HERE THAT WE PRACTISE THE KINGDOM VALUES OF JUSTICE, HONESTY, LOVE AND COMPASSION. IT IS HERE THAT WE SHOW OUR FAITH IN ACTION, WORK FOR LOVE AND PERSEVERE IN HOPE. WHEN WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF CIVIL SOCIETY, WE ARE PROMOTING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass

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

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday	4:15pm
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Our Lady Help of Christians

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 First Friday: 3rd November

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: 3rd November

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON CF. PSALMS 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, R. v. 7

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: "God is king". He will judge the peoples in fairness.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PHILIPPIANS 2:15-16

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON CF. PSALMS 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

St Bernard's (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: Parents & Friends

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is held on the **third Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **10:30am**.

Next Seniors' Mass: 17th November

Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE AGED CARE

9 Griffith Street, off Grant Street

Mass will be held on the **second Friday** of each month at **11:00am**.

Next Mass: 10th November

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

St Vincent de Paul

The Saint Vincent de Paul Op Shop (**The Shed**) is now closed. Most of the items are being relocated to the new Vinnies store in Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh.

The new Vinnies store will open sometime in **November**. We are calling for more volunteers for the new store.

If you would like more information, please ring **0417 525 617**.

Summertime Twilight Fete

Friday 1st December 2017

3:15pm – 8:00pm

St Bernard's School Oval

Volunteers needed before the event and on the day. Also, donations for cake stall, please.

MINISTRIES 21st & 22nd October 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	Jennifer Taylor / Carmel Shea
Min/s Eucharist	Stuart Robertson	Brendan Harrison	Roy Ryder
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	21st October 22nd October	Margot Short Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #9	Roy & Carole Ryder Henry & Chris Gasior		

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 22ND OCTOBER 2017

"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give, will never thirst again"

John 4-14

This appeal invites parishioners to reach out through their financial gifts and prayers to provide for the ongoing work of **Catholic Mission in Vietnam**. Each gift will support the important work of Sister Mary Hoaian and the missionary **Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** in their work to bring hope and health to the 12 million forgotten farming families located in the coastal mountain regions. The Sisters continue to persevere at a time of limited religious freedoms to ensure the local villagers of Xuan Son can access clean filtered drinking water, medical services, education and nutritious food.

Please give generously.

CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOPS

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

Sunday 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.

MINISTRIES 28th & 29th October 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Volunteer	Gerard Harrington / Jenny Hooper	Cathy Belcher / Diane Craig
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	James Waters
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	28th October 29th October	Trish Davine Carole Ryder	
Counters #10	Kath Connell, Val Dickson, Michael Duffy, Mary Delahey		
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 27 th October	Jan Carragher	POF October	Dolores Turcsan

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Mary Knight, Denny Bayliss,
Connie Gleeson, John Rovetto.

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.

HOPETOUN CATHOLIC CEMETERY PRESERVATION GROUP WORKING BEE

Our small group would love some help with the painting of the wrought iron around the tombstones. They need to be painted with Fishoilene to prevent further deterioration from rust. These tombstones belong to the founders of our parish. If you have ancestors buried there or would like to assist, please come along with a medium sized brush on **Saturday 28th October from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.** With this job, the old adage 'many hands make light work' is surely true.

Majellan Christmas Cards

Now in stock in the Piety Stall
\$7.50 pack of 10

2018 Columban Calendars

Now available from the Piety Stall – **\$9.00** each

Melbourne Catholic, October 2017

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.

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

Becoming a Catholic

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation?

We will be offering an opportunity to enter more fully into the life of the church through the RCIA programme. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church, who God is, and how we respond with the aim of preparing candidates to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your own faith experience. Fr John-Paul and Fr Patrick will be assisted by parishioners in welcoming you into The Church. Meetings will be held at the **Parish Centre** beginning at **10:30am on Saturdays from 11th November 2017.** For information, please contact the Parish office, or speak with one of the priests.

All Saints, All Souls and Purgatory

All Saints Day, 1st November

This feast day was instituted to honour all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to Pope Urban IV (1261-64), to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.

In the early days Christians were accustomed to solemnise the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighbouring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast; as is shown by the invitation of St Basil of Caesarea (397 AD) to the bishops of the province of Pontus.

In the persecution of Diocletian (d. 305) the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in a homily of St John Chrysostom (407).

As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a Commemoratio Confessorum on the Friday after Easter.

In the West Pope Boniface IV on 13 May, 609 or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Pope Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for 1 November. Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration on 1 November to the entire Church. The vigil seems to have been held as early as the feast itself.

All Souls' Day, 2nd November

The theological basis for this feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms deeds and by having Masses said for them. Since the works of mercy must meet all our needs as human beings, we generally divide them into two kinds: corporal and spiritual.

Purgatory

The Catechism speaks of Purgatory as follows:

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire (1 Corinthians 3: 15, 1 Peter 1:7):

"As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come (Matthew 12:31)," wrote Pope Gregory the Great.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:46).

From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. As St John Chrysostom wrote:

"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

Communion of Saints

It can be seen that the practice of prayers and alms for the dead, meaning the souls in Purgatory, is a natural consequence of the doctrine of the communion of saints.

The communion of saints is the spiritual solidarity which binds together the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven in the organic unity of the same mystical body under Christ its head, and in a constant interchange of supernatural offices. The participants in that solidarity are called saints by reason of their destination and of their partaking of the fruits of the Redemption (1 Corinthians 1:2). The damned thus do not belong to the communion of saints. The living, even if they do not belong to the body of the true Church, share in it according to the measure of their union with Christ and with the soul of the Church.

The solidarity itself implies a variety of inter-relations: within the Church Militant, not only the participation in the same faith, sacraments, and government, but also a mutual exchange of examples, prayers, merits, and satisfactions; between the Church on earth on the one hand, and Purgatory and Heaven on the other, suffrages, invocation, intercession, veneration.

The first outline of the communion of saints is found in the "kingdom of God" of the Gospels (Matthew 13:31), which embraces in the bonds of charity (Matthew 22:39) all the children of God (Matthew 19:28; Luke 20:36) on earth and in heaven (Matthew 6:20). One cannot read the parables of the kingdom (Matthew 13) without perceiving its corporate nature and the continuity which links the kingdom in our midst to the kingdom to come.

The nature of that communion, called by St John a fellowship with one another (1 John 1:3) because it is a fellowship with the Father, and with his Son, and compared by him to the organic and vital union of the vine and its branches (John 15), stands out in bold relief in the Pauline conception of the mystical body.

Repeatedly St Paul speaks of the one body whose head is Christ (Colossians 1:18), whose energising principle is charity (Ephesians 4:16), whose members are the saints, not only of this world, but also of the world to come (Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 12:22). In that communion there is no loss of individuality, yet such an interdependence that the saints are "members one of another" (Romans 12:5), not only sharing the same blessings (1 Corinthians 12:13) and exchanging good offices (1 Corinthians 12:25) and prayers (Ephesians 6:18), but also partaking of the same corporate life, for "the whole body ... by every joint ... upbuilds itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16).