

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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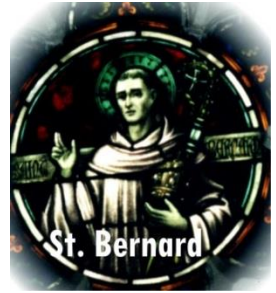
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Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:30am—3pm



16th Sunday in Ordinary time

23rd July 2017

Wheat among the weeds. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

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 – 9:30

Thursday – 9:30

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: 24th July

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 : 4th August 2017

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held on 1st Sunday of each month during 10am Mass. **Next Children's Liturgy 6th August**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of Love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING ROMANS 8: 26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that never be put into words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL MATTHEW 13: 24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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: 6th August

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: 18th August
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 11th August

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

A Journey of Faith Feast of Tabernacles Tour with Fr Fabian Smith & Fr John Paul Mount From 1 to 14 October 2017

Cost of Tour \$5,365.00 per person For Further Information: speak to Fr Fabian

MINISTRIES 22th/23th July 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Eleanor Tabone	Jan Carragher/ Allan Comrie	Jennifer Taylor/ Carmel Shea
Min/s Eucharist	Mary Beaton	Carole Ryder	Brendon Harrison
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	22nd July Sean Giani 23rd Marj Tung		
Counters #6	Gerard Shelly, Jill Geruts, Kate Maurer		

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.

In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop

The sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, Travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. Cost EX Melbourne: 2,990.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals.) For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 8912 4845 or Sr Amie Bond 02 8912 4818 or at MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au

MINISTRIES 29th/30th July 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Maureen Zahra	Gerard Harrington Jenny Hooper	Diane Craig Allan Comrie
Min/s Eucharist	Stuart Robertson	Brendon Harrison	Jennifer Taylor
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	29th July Mandy Harrington 30th July Jan & Colm		
Counters #7	Denis Everard, Bernard Coburn, Mary Flanagan		
Church Grounds	Front Garden: Volunteer Back/Side: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: John Tung Back Paddock: Ron Geurts		
Church Flowers	Tup Shea	POF for July	Naim Chdid

Recently deceased **ANNIVERSARIES**

Lawrence Roberts, Norma Stevens, Matthew Mallia, Lena Miller and James Symmons, Fr Paul Dalton, Helen Waters, Brian Lyons, Donald J McDonald, Mario Scalzo.

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.

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.

Dominican Friars Vocations discernment Day

The Dominican Friars invite young men to a vocations discernment day to be held at St Dominic's, Camberwell. Learn more about vocations discernment, religious life, and the Dominican charism. The day will commence with Holy Mass at 9am in the Church. It will also include Eucharistic adoration, half hourly talks on various topics, a tour of the Church, Priory and Library, Q&A, lunch, videos and more. Cost is free though we do ask you to RSVP by July 25th to let us know you are coming and any dietary requirements.

In this year the **100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions** why not welcome the parish statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" into your home for week or two. All those interested contact Colm Carragher. PH: 53673445 M: 0413223400

ST ANTHONY'S MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES.

St Anthony's will be conducting the highly recommended 'Beloved' series of DVD talks for married and engaged couples to strengthen and enrich their relationship. This is a great opportunity to think deeply about Marriage, get to know ourselves and our loved one better, to strive to be a better spouse, father or mother, and to come closer to God. The program will be starting Sunday 30th July at 5pm, same time each Sunday for 8 weeks, concluding on Sunday 17th September. Enquiries please see Father John Paul.

The Sixth Corporal Work of Mercy — Part XIV

Visit the Imprisoned. Jesus himself experienced imprisonment. It is traditionally believed that after his arrest Jesus was held prisoner in a detention cell in the house of Caiaphas, the high priest. Our Lord no doubt submitted to this injustice and indignity to set us free with the freedom of the children of God. He was the Messiah, the Suffering Servant, who had come to “proclaim release to the captives ... to set at liberty those who are oppressed.” **Many saints suffered imprisonment.** The Apostles likewise endured imprisonment and punishment for refusing to stop proclaiming Jesus as the Risen Lord. St Peter made a miraculous escape from prison. King Herod had seized Peter and put him in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church. An angel appeared and led St Peter out to freedom under the very noses of the men set to guard him. The chains that miraculously fell from the hands and feet of St Peter as he escaped are still today displayed in the church of St Peter in Chains in Rome. St Paul also was imprisoned for the sake of proclaiming Christ and his message of salvation. Like St Peter, St Paul and his companion Silas underwent persecution and a wondrous rescue while in the city of Philippi. Through these experiences, the Apostles not only shared in the suffering of Christ imprisoned, but also the foretaste of his promise of liberty to the captives.

Imprisonment: Curse or Blessing. Imprisonment can be one of the most difficult of all crosses to bear. It involves the loss of personal freedom as well as the stigmatising of the individual with shame for the wrongdoing for which he was incarcerated. It usually means an extended separation from family and friends and in a number of cases, abandonment altogether by loved ones. There is grave danger of exposure to further bad influences from other inmates, and a sense of hopelessness that can lead to despair of God’s mercy and the grace to amend their lives. Yet, despite all these dangers and difficulties, imprisonment has been a “blessing in disguise” for many men and women who have experienced the grace of God and profound conversion in their prison cells. To realise this blessing, they need the support of others who love them and care about them. After all, that person in prison could easily have been anyone of us: “There but for the grace of God go I!” Before I made my first visit to a prison, I had a negative attitude toward prisoners and prison life. Having had no previous contact with prisoners and not thinking much about their situation, I believed prisoners were people who got caught doing wrong, and are now paying their debt to society. But that first visit opened my eyes. The prisoners I met were simply ordinary people who had made their mistakes but were now trying to better themselves. I remember making a visit to a prison to show a film on St Padre Pio and give a talk about him. The hosting group was a Holy Name Society within the prison which was well-organised and even printed their own newsletter. These prisoners were openly enthusiastic about the saintly priest who bore the wounds of Jesus. Their response was the same as most other people who had seen the film and heard the talk. Though they lived a far different life from those in a parish group, for example, these were not fundamentally different people or evil people but rather, ordinary people. I would venture to presume that, like most other groups of ordinary people, there were good and bad among them. I recently said Mass in a youth correctional facility where lay people carry on a program of spiritual assistance to young men ages 18 to 30. Those young men who were Catholics already were learning about their faith and receiving the sacraments regularly. Others were receiving instruction on the Catholic faith leading to baptism. There was genuine piety among them. They prayed together, especially the Rosary, with a noticeable fervour. They actively participated at Mass. They sincerely went to confession, too! These spiritual benefits probably would have been missing from the lives of these individuals if they were not in prison. We know that God permits all kinds of evil that he might draw good out of it. At the same time, these spiritual benefits would not have been there were there not concerned and loving Christians who arranged for religious services, gave instruction on the faith, and provided the rosaries and spiritual reading materials. Above all, these volunteers are bringing their love and concern to people separated from family and friends, and who are often discouraged by guilt and, in some instances, lifelong rejection. **What can you do to help the imprisoned?** There are special challenges to visiting the imprisoned. Jails may be located at a distance; they have strict regulations; no one can simply walk into a jail and demand to spend time with any of the inmates. There are security checks both for the individual visitors as well as the items they want to bring along. One way a person may approach this work of mercy is to find out if there are any groups and see if one is qualified to join them. The Archdiocese’s Catholic Prison Ministry is always in need of volunteers. Even if a person were not actually able to go into the prison and deal directly with the prisoners, there are different ways you can make a “visit”. One way is to provide religious books, magazines and materials such as rosaries. Another way is to write to a prisoner, especially one who has no family. This must be done carefully because prisoners can become emotionally attached. When they leave prison they may expect the individual who has written to them to provide for them or maintain a contact, which may present serious difficulties. Therefore, letter writing should only be done with prudence and caution. Before attempting to write to a prisoner, a person should talk to someone, such as the prison chaplain, who can provide him with the name of someone who would benefit from such correspondence. The chaplain could even offer some helpful advice on what this particular individual may need. One should always observe a sense of confidentiality and respect for the privacy of the individual prisoner with whom one is corresponding. Finally, we can always “visit” by our prayers. We may hear about someone going to jail, or read about it in the newspaper, and be moved to pray for that individual. This can be extremely important. St Therese of Lisieux, at age 14, prayed for a hardened prisoner who was condemned to death for murder, but refused to see a priest. She prayed for him intensely, offered sacrifices for his conversion, and even had Mass offered for his conversion. Moments before he was executed for his crimes, this prisoner reached up and kissed a crucifix that was in front of him. One can only imagine how many prisoners, even on death row, were converted to God through the hidden prayers and sacrifices of others! **From What To Do When Jesus Is Hungry. By Fr Andrew Apostoli CFR. Ignatius Press. Used with permission.**