

# Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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## The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Year B

### 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

*“...Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”*  
– ACTS 13:25

Stewardship is a lifestyle; it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live “God-centred” lives, not “self-centred” lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God, or for the glory of your own name?

#### MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

##### St Bernard's

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

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>no Mass</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am 10:00am

##### Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

##### RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** *is usually held every Sunday during 10:00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.*

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

*Rosary is also held on the first Friday of the month following morning Mass.*

**Next First Friday: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**CAUTION**  
heater bars under pews  
may be **HOT**

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A man was sent from God, whose name was John.  
He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

#### FIRST READING

 ISAIAH 49:1-6

*Behold I will make you a light to the nations.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

 PSALMS 138:1-3, 13-15. R. v. 14

##### **R. I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you.

For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth.

##### **R. I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

#### SECOND READING

 ACTS 13:22-26

*Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John..*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

 LUKE 1:76

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

**Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL

 LUKE 1:57-66, 80

*John is his name.*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

## St Bernard's (continued)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is usually 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: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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## **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: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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## **SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS**

is usually 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: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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## **BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

is usually held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **11:15am**.

**Next Program: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Coordinators: Justin & Katie Lindorff**

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.

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**MORNING TEA** is usually held on the **first Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre after **10:00am Mass**.

**Next Morning Tea: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

**Host: Museum Committee & Josephite Associates**

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## **Parish Centre Bookings**

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm

**Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey**

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## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Thomas Blood, Brother Jason Duck, Mark Ingham, Ian Little, Shirley McDowall, Paul Murray, Dorothy Shelly, Rodney Tallent, Evelyn Walsh, Philip Walshe, Helen Waters. Noreen Wheelahan.

### **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, Peter Bennett, 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 Walsh, Carol Wells, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young, Hannah Young.

## **MINISTRIES – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>5:00pm Sat Vigil</b>	<b>8:30am Sun</b>	<b>10:00am Sun</b>
<b>Readers</b>	John Thorne	Moira Ross Marj Tung	Carole Ryder
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers</b>	Colin Remedios	Brendan Harrison	Jennifer Taylor
<b>Altar Servers</b>	as per Roster in Sacristy		
<b>Piety</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Margot Short Kay Lafranchi	
<b>Counters #4</b>	Gerard Harrington, Chris Eggleston, Brendan Harrison, Dianne Shelly		

## **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 – 30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>5:00pm Sat Vigil</b>	<b>8:30am Sun</b>	<b>10:00am Sun</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Maureen Zahra	Peter Lafranchi Margaret Love	Cathy Belcher Carmel Shea
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers</b>	Mary Beaton	Carole Ryder	<b>Volunteer</b> please
<b>Altar Servers</b>	as per Roster in Sacristy		
<b>Piety</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Trish Davine Carole Ryder	
<b>Counters #5</b>	Pat O'Leary, Jo Cowan, Peter Lafranchi, Frank Pomeroy, Stuart Robertson		
<b>Church Grounds July</b>	<b>Front Garden:</b> Volunteer <b>Back/Side Garden:</b> Volunteer <b>Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines:</b> John Tung <b>Back Paddock:</b> Ron Geurts		
<b>Church Flowers Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Tup Shea	<b>POF</b> July	Dolores Turcsan Judy Johnson
<b>Readings Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – B</b>	<b>First Reading</b> Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24	<b>Resp. Psalm</b> Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 R. V. 2	<b>Second Reading</b> 2 COR 8:7, 9, 13-15

## 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,

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm & Sat-Sun 10am-4pm.

Extra volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information,

please ring **5310 6322**.

## 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](mailto: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.

## NEW LOCKS & KEYS

Please note that new locks have been installed for the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre. New keys are now available for those who require them. Please contact the Parish Office to advise if you need a new key.

Also, new padlocks will soon be installed on the gates, and new keys will be made for all gates into the carpark. Gates will remain locked, and only opened for Mass or other celebrations.

## JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

Next meeting of the Josephite Associates will be held this

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 2:00pm**  
in the **Convent**.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The **Parish Pastoral Council** has a number of **vacancies** and we invite interested parishioners to fill in a nomination form. Alternatively, do you know someone in the parish that you could nominate or recommend as a Parish Pastoral Council Member?

If you would like to enquire about Council involvement, the role, duties and responsibilities of the Council, please contact Fr Fabian on 5367 2069.

**Nomination forms** are available at the main entrance to the Church and on our website. Completed nomination forms must bear the signature of both the Nominee and the Secunder, and should be sent to:

The Returning Officer, c/- St Bernard's Parish Office,  
61 Lerderberg Street, Bacchus Marsh.

**Nominations close this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 12noon.**

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Statements and new Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection from the church foyer. As the cost of postage is an expensive exercise for the Parish and, in an effort to save on postage, it would be a tremendous help if parishioners would pick up their Thanksgiving Envelopes, and perhaps even deliver a few to other parishioners.

## PETER'S PENCE – ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Next weekend, **30<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**, there will be a special collection for **Peter's Pence**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Please give generously to this collection as a witness of charity and to offer hope to those who suffer around the globe.

For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## Rejoice! Life can be Different!

Is there something you would like to change in your life? For many, it can seem very clear what is wrong; a marriage that isn't working, relationships that are broken, redundancy, sickness. For others, we may have everything the world suggests, and yet find our lives without any meaning.

The Church, faithful to the Gospel of Christ, has an answer. It does not matter whether you have faith or not, these talks can give added purpose and meaning to your life. Come and listen!

**When:** every Monday and Wednesday

**Time:** 7:30pm – 8:30pm

**Where:** St Anthony's Catholic Church (Padua Hall)  
67-75 Exford Road, Melton South

For babysitting or transport, please contact:  
Jeremy & Leanne Atkinson on 0416 052 018

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

## Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary (2)

When discussing these two clauses in the Credo, “Conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary”, we’ve got to think of our Lady not under any fancy title, but in terms of plain fact. Our Lord was born – that is to say, our Lady was really his Mother; his body was really built up from hers, just like the body of any other human being. His body wasn’t a phantom, wasn’t a special creation; it grew, before and after birth, as human bodies grow. So we do well to think of our Lady as the patroness of motherhood.

But at the same time, our Lady is a Virgin, and the patron of Virginité. When we pronounce the words “Blessed Mary ever-Virgin”, we are saying three separate things. The first is, that our Lady was still a Virgin when our Lord was conceived. She had not, like all other women who have achieved the dignity of motherhood, given herself to a man; our Lord had no father. The second is, that she was a Virgin when our Lord was born. Her child-bearing cost her none of that pain which child-bearing costs other women, and left, in her, no traces of its happening. And the third is – what we should expect – that she remained a Virgin the rest of her life.

Now, remember, all this seems quite obvious to you and me. I don’t say it seems quite natural, because clearly it isn’t natural; but it seems quite obvious. Granted that our Lord was what he was, we should expect him to come into the world in some supernatural way. If you are given a concertina by your father for a Christmas present, you like it to be all wrapped up in shiny paper with robins on it, and tied with gold string.

That’s what you expect. If your father is going to give you something really splendid and really expensive, you don’t expect him to take it out of a drawer and throw it across the room at you and say, “Hi, here’s a concertina”; the thing has got to be done properly.

And so it is, if we may compare very big things with very little things, in this matter of our Lord’s birth. God was giving us the most splendid present, the most expensive present, that anybody has ever given anybody. And you would expect that this present of his should be wrapped up in an air of supernatural mystery; that angels should come wandering into poor folks’ houses at Nazareth, and odd things going on up in the sky should worry the astronomers in Chaldea.

It all seems so obvious; surely anybody could understand that bit of the Credo, unless he didn’t believe in miracles at all.

But you know, it’s not quite so simple. You may find yourself arguing with somebody who isn’t a Catholic, isn’t even much of a Christian, but is prepared to regard miracles as possible; and still you may find that he doesn’t want to believe in this miracle of the Virgin Birth.

He will say something like this: “The Resurrection, yes, I understand that. And I can see that if it is possible for a man to rise again when he has been three days in the tomb, it is possible for a man to be born without a father. But I don’t quite see why anybody should have wanted the Virgin Birth to happen.

After all, you make a great point of it that in the Incarnation God really became man; it wasn’t just a phantom or an apparition, it was a real man of flesh and blood who was, all the time, Almighty God. Surely we should have felt much more certain of that if he had been born just like anybody else, if he had had a father as well as a mother? And you Catholics are always telling us that marriage is a high and holy vocation, that there’s nothing wrong about sex, sin only comes in when sex is used as it wasn’t meant to be used; surely we should have felt much more certain of that if the Blessed Virgin had been really married to St Joseph, and they had had a family just like other people?”

When it is put like that, the difficulty isn’t quite so easy to answer.

I think the right answer is this. The Resurrection, through which our Lord passed out of his mortal life, is meant to assure us that life is a bigger thing than death. The Virgin Birth, by which he entered into his mortal life, is meant to assure us that spirit is a bigger thing than body. Let me explain what I mean next week.