

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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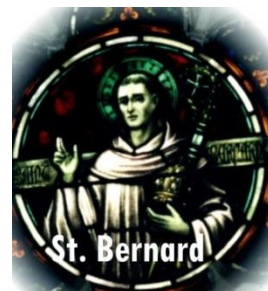


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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

24th September 2017

MY WAYS ARE ABOVE YOUR WAYS. THOSE WHO HAD LABOURED IN THE VINEYARD ALL DAY WERE ANGRY WHEN THE OWNER PAID THE LATECOMERS THE SAME WAGE. LIKE THE STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON, THIS PARABLE REMINDS US THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NOT CHARACTERISED BY OUR LIMITED CONCEPTS OF JUSTICE BUT BY A COMPASSION THAT KNOWS NO LIMITS. MAY WE NOT BE ENVIOUS AT THE GOOD FORTUNE OF OTHERS BUT REJOICE THAT WE TOO ARE LOVED DEEPLY BY GOD.

St Bernard's Mass Times

WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00pm (**Vigil**)
Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am

Reconciliation 1st Rite:

Saturday 4:15pm

WEEKDAY

Monday no Mass
Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday 9:30am
Thursday 9:30am
Friday 9:30am
every weekday before Mass, 1 hour Adoration

Our Lady Help of Christians

Korobeit

Saturday 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 the **first Friday** each month following morning Mass.

Next Rosary: 6th October

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 October

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name forever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACTS 16:14

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

St Bernard's Church (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: 1st October

Hosts: Baptismal Prep Team

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

Next Seniors Mass: 30th October

Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE

9 Griffith Street, off Grant Street

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

Next Mass: 13th October

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

Shed Enquiries: 0407 463 847

**Shed Hours: Mon Thu Fri 9:00am-11:45am
Sat 9:00am-12.00noon**

KSC Racing Game

Results at Week 13 of the 26 weeks

1st Carmel Welsh

– 66 points

2nd Terry Casey and Hugh Miller

– 44 points

3rd Stuart Robertson

– 39 points

2018 Columban Calendars

are now available from the Piety Stall

\$9.00 each

MINISTRIES 23rd & 24th September 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Volunteer	Peter Lafranchi /Margaret Love	Carole Ryder /Mira Foxford
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Colm Carragher	James Waters
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	23rd September 24th September	Trish Davine Carole Ryder	
Counters #5	Pat O'Leary, Jo Cowan, Peter Lafranchi, Frank Pomeroy, Stuart Robertson		

This Sunday, 24th September 2017, the Church is celebrating **Social Justice Sunday**.

In keeping with tradition, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) has released a Social Justice Statement. In 2016, the Statement was titled, **"A PLACE AT THE TABLE – Social Justice in an Ageing Society"**.

The 2017-18 Statement is titled, **"EVERYONE'S BUSINESS – Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy"**.

Due to health issues, **Pat O'Leary** is unable to continue maintaining the church grounds around the Presbytery, Parish Centre and carpark.

Thanks Pat for your dedication to keeping these areas neat and tidy for about 20 years.

We pray that your health improves.

MINISTRIES 30th Sept & 1st Oct 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Sandra Ibrahim	Moira Ross	Cathy Belcher /Diane Craig
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	Jennifer Taylor
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	30th September 1st October	Sean Giani Marj Tung	
Counters #6	Gerard Shelly, Jill Geurts, Kate Maurer, Michael Larkin, Ron Geurts		
Church Grounds October	Front Garden: Colm Carragher Back/Side Garden: John Tung Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Back Paddock: Ron Geurts		
Church Flowers Thu 28 th September	Deborah Hosking	POF October	Dolores Turcsan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Christa Gohler

ANNIVERSARIES

Cyril Brook, Sr Xavier Claire, Janet Demondston, Moses Abraham, Gino Dalleore.

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.

LADIES OF ST BERNARD'S SOIREE

The Ladies of St Bernard's will gather on **Sunday 22nd October at 2:00pm** onward for a relaxing afternoon to meet and mingle at the **Bacchus Marsh Lawn Tennis Club** in Tavener Street.

Bring a plate to share.
Drinks at bar prices, lucky door prizes, raffles & light-hearted fun.

If you wish to receive the weekly Bulletin electronically, please leave your email address on the clipboard in the church foyer.

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.

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

Regional Day for the Western group will be in St Bernard's Parish Hall, Bacchus Marsh, on **Saturday 7th October** beginning at **10:00am** and concluding about 3:00pm. BYO Lunch

The day is one of reflection on the life and stories of **Mary MacKillop**.

Parishioners are welcome to attend and discover how being a Josephite Associate can enable you to share in the spirit of the Josephite family.

Annual General Meeting

At the last AGM, there was a proposal put forward to not have an AGM next year. After discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council, it was decided that we will have an AGM next year. It was also decided that a brief of the Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be displayed in the foyer of the church.

The Sixth Spiritual Work of Mercy – Part B

Comfort the Sorrowful

Jesus, our Blessed Saviour, experienced both joy and sorrow in his lifetime. At the Last Supper, Jesus talked about both joy and sorrow to his disciples. He assured them, however, that ultimately joy will endure, joy will win out. “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:9-11).

How the disciples must have rejoiced to hear this message. But almost immediately, our Lord spoke of a profound sorrow that his Apostles would also experience: “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy” (John 16:20).

But what is remarkable in our Lord’s statement about suffering is his assertion that our very sorrow will become the ‘raw materials’, so to speak, from which our joy will come. He illustrated this with a wonderful example: “When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world” (John 16:21-22).

Causes, effects, and remedies

Not all sorrow is the same because it has different causes. As a result, not all sorrow can be comforted in the same way. Some forms of sorrow are bad because they result from a distorted self-centred love. These are healed by removing the negative roots that give rise to such sorrow. For example, there is ‘worldly sorrow’, which is the sorrow that results from material losses, whether money, popularity, possessions or even social status. For a Christian, the remedy for such a sorrow is to remember that our real treasures are not those we accumulate here on earth but those that await us in the Kingdom of Heaven. When the desire and the hope for ‘heavenly treasure’ begins, ‘worldly sorrow’ will end.

Another negative form of sorrow is despair, which is sorrow without hope. This is the sorrow that Judas experienced when he realised he had betrayed the Lord with a kiss. It led him to take his own life because he believed the Lord could never forgive him. The antidote to despair is God’s mercy, which is greater than any evil we could ever do.

Beneficial sorrow

Other forms of sorrow can be good and even the source of great consolation. One such sorrow is sorrow for one’s own sins. This can lead us to confess our sins and seek God’s forgiveness. This was the sorrow of St Peter, who after denying the Lord three times went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:62). It is said his sorrow was renewed every time he heard a rooster crow. This kind of sorrow often brings peace of mind and heart and the beginning of a new life.

Another form of sorrow that brings many blessings is the sorrow for the sins of others. It is one thing to offer prayers and tears for our own sins. But it can be even more fruitful when we sorrow for the conversion of sinners. St Monica shed many tears for the conversion of her wayward son who later became the great St Augustine. During her 16 long years of praying for his conversion, she would go twice a day, morning and evening, to pray in the church. It was said that wherever she knelt in prayer, the floor became wet from her many tears. A bishop once consoled her: “It is impossible that the son of so many tears could ever be lost.” Monica’s tears only ended when Augustine’s tears began!

A third beneficial sorrow is the sorrow of compassion, which leads us to comfort others in their suffering. This was the compassion that Jesus spontaneously showed the widow of Nain who had lost her only son (Luke 7:12-15). We see his compassion again in the raising of his friend Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44.).

Comfort comes through others

Though God can comfort us directly in our minds and hearts, we all experience times when we need the consolation of other human beings. When one member of a family is in difficulty or suffering, family members gather around to support and bring comfort. A spiritual director can ease the fears and doubts that often assail us on our spiritual journey. A brother or sister in Christ can be God’s instrument to reassure a little one troubled by daily problems. We can say that in these situations God sends his “earthly angels” to console us.

Here are some instances we have all experienced. When a person is disturbed by fears about their future or their ability to accomplish the tasks that face them, they can try to encourage themselves by ‘positive thinking’. This can be important and helpful to a certain extent. However, if we hear someone else, particularly someone we look up to or believe to be especially competent, tell us there is nothing to fear, our fears evaporate more quickly and more completely. Another comfort we draw from others is just being able to unburden our cares and worries to a listening heart. It can be a great relief to our minds that someone else knows and understands some of the trials and difficulties we are going through. That listening person becomes an “angel” ministering to us.

Ways to comfort the sorrowful

The person experiencing sorrow may be a relative, a parishioner, a neighbour, or someone in a nursing home or hospice care. Sometimes we can bring comfort just by offering a listening ear and a compassionate heart. People in their sorrow often need to talk, and that requires someone to be there to listen. If we hear someone is sick, a greeting card or a little note offering assurance of our prayers can be a comfort. Providing a person with an inspiring book to read or a helpful recording can bring peace of mind and heart. Going to visit someone who is sick, calling a distant friend, sending a sympathy card at the time of the loss of a loved one are all forms of comfort. Even going shopping for someone who is distraught or preparing a meal to bring to the home of such a person is a great help.

We can comfort but not necessarily heal

Many people are discouraged from reaching out to comfort others in their sorrow, especially at the loss of a loved one or in the case of a serious accident. Remember, any attempt to comfort in these situations does not mean we can take the sorrow away. But we can be there to express our compassion and to share in their sorrow. We can pray with them that they may find the comfort and strength to bear up in their pain. Only God can remove every sorrow. Usually it is time itself that he uses to heal suffering. But we can be his instruments to help one another here and now. We can do this through small acts of kindness, hope, and joy.