

# Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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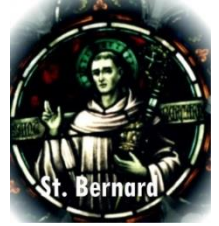


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**Parish Office Hours:** Tues–Thu 9:00am–1:00pm, Fri 10:00am–2:00pm



## Second Sunday of Lent – Year B 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

“Here I am!” he answered.” – Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord”, when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, “Here I am, Lord”, when a neighbour needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times, we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy; most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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### MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

#### St Bernard's

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

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	no Mass
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm 6:15pm Lenten Talk in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am 10:00am

#### Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm Mass

#### RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:15pm St Bernard's  
Saturday 4:45pm St Anthony's

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**ROSARY** is 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### FIRST READING GENESIS 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
I trusted, even when I said, “I am sorely afflicted”. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord’s name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

### SECOND READING ROMANS 8:31-34

*God did not spare his own Son.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### GOSPEL MARK 9:2-10

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS** is 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: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**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: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

is held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.  
**Next Program: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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.

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

**Next Morning Tea: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Host: Parents & Friends**

**Parish Centre Bookings**

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm  
 Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Karen Gilbert** (nee Lennox) in South Australia,  
**Laurie Lees** (St Gerard's Catholic Church, Warrandyte).

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Lily Freeman, Mia Geurts, Bishop Barry Jones NZ, Sr Bernadette Joseph FC, Brooke Lovel, Stan McGonegal, Anton Mijic, Rosie O'Donoghue, Carmela Pinti (De Bortoli), Nell Shelly, George Townsend.

**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, 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, Tess Mercieca, 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 & Michael Walsh, Carol Wells, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young, Hannah Young.

MINISTRIES 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2018			
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>5:00pm Sat Vigil</b>	<b>8:30am Sun</b>	<b>10:00am Sun</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Sandra Ibrahim	Gerard Harrington / Jenny Hooper	Sr Mary Fermio
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Vikki Benson	Colm Carragher	Carole Ryder
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Baddeley	Shea	Vereker
<b>Piety</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Jan & Colm Carragher Mandy Harrington	
<b>Counters #7</b>	Denis Everard, Bernard Coburn, Mary Flanagan, Patrick Flanagan		

**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 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2018			
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>5:00pm Sat Vigil</b>	<b>8:30am Sun</b>	<b>10:00am Sun</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Eleanor Tabone	Jan Carragher / Allan Comrie	Jennifer Taylor / Carmel Shea
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Mary Beaton	Carole Ryder	Brendan Harrison
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Baddeley	Lidgett-Egan	
<b>Piety</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Jan Farmelo Carmel Shea	
<b>Counters #8</b>	Colm Carragher, Maggie Carragher, Jill Braithwaite, Marj Tung		
<b>Church Grounds March</b>	<b>Front Garden:</b> Stuart Robertson <b>Back/Side Garden:</b> Chris Eggleston <b>Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines:</b> Ron Geurts <b>Back Paddock:</b> Colm Carragher		
<b>Church Flowers</b> Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Frances McDaid	<b>POF</b> March	Sr Mary Fermio
<b>Readings</b>	<b>First Reading</b> Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	<b>Resp. Psalm</b> Ps 115:10, 15-19 R. 114:9	<b>Second Reading</b> Rom 8:31-34

## 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.

We are calling for more volunteers.

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

## 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)

## HOME COMMUNION

Home communion is available in the Parish on the **first Friday** of each month for the housebound and those who are ill. If you know of anyone who would like to avail themselves of this service, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance with the details, or speak to Father after Mass.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC MISSION

What a great effort for the greater good – **\$489.25** was raised from **World Mission Sunday** in October 2017 by the generous contribution of the parishioners of St Bernard's! Your support will progress plans to boost the health and education services provided for the children of **Nha Trang in Vietnam**. Catholic Mission thanks you for making a difference...to have life and to the full.

**Thank you.**

## Melbourne Catholic – February 2018

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.

## LENTEN TALKS

are held each **Tuesday at 6:15pm** in the **Parish Centre**  
until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

There will be an extra collection this weekend for the children of Suriname. The **Republic of Suriname** on the north-east coast of South America is the focus of **World Day of Prayer** which we the parishioners of St Bernard's are the host on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2:00pm**.

The children of Suriname are particularly vulnerable, experiencing family violence, abuse and neglect. Child labour in the form of street selling is rife, whilst many are labouring in the gold mines of Suriname.

All donations will be gratefully received, and we thank you for your generosity.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

**Republic of Suriname**

**"All God's Creation is Very Good!" – Genesis 1: 1-31**

St Bernard's is hosting the World Day of Prayer on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at 2:00pm**.

We would welcome all parishioners to join in prayerful support along with Christians worldwide for our sisters and brothers who suffer through family violence, child abuse, human trafficking and other forms of injustice.

After the prayer service, all are welcome to join in socialising at afternoon tea in the **Parish Centre** with the parishioners of our sister churches.

This day used to be Women Only, but now men are welcome to join in.

Here's hoping for a good show from St Bernard's parishioners!

## MERCY IN THE CITY 2018

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7:00pm**

**Sts Peter and Paul's, corner Dorcas and Montague Streets, South Melbourne**

Mercy in the City 2018 is a night of Adoration, prayer, music, food and festivities. If you were at the event in 2016 or 2017, you will know that it is an unmissable night celebrating the faith shared by young people from all across Melbourne as together we draw nearer to the heart of Christ in the middle of this Lenten season. The night will include a special time of Eucharistic Adoration, with the opportunity for confession. An evening festival, complete with great food and live music showcasing local talent, will follow. Ages 16 to 35.

Cost: **Free entry**; food will be available for purchase. Donations welcome.

Details: Fr Dean on 9690 5895

Download flyer at this link:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2018/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU5/MercyInTheCity.JPG>

## menALIVE WEEKEND

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:00am-9:00pm**  
**and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 8:30am-1:30pm**

menALIVE is a national Catholic ministry for men. The experience of men gathering together at a menALIVE weekend is dynamic and powerful. Many men are inspired, encouraged and feel that they have a new sense of purpose and mission.

Come along and discover what it means to be fully alive.

Cost: \$50 includes workshops, morning tea, BBQ dinner on Saturday

Where: St Joseph's School Hall, 362 Station Street, Chelsea

Details and RSVP: Mike Shaw 0418 122 966 or [mandmshaw@bigpond.com](mailto:mandmshaw@bigpond.com)

by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

More menALIVE weekends to be held in May (Keysborough), June (Airport West) and August (Aspendale).

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2018/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU4/MenAliveChelseaWeekend.pdf>

## ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH – SENIOR'S LUNCH

Church Hall, 12 Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh

**Every Monday (except public holidays) from 12:00noon**

Lunch and activities are available for the elderly and lonely. All welcome.

This is an opportunity to meet other people and make new friends.

For further information or transport, contact St Andrew's church office on 5367 2543.

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

## I believe in God (3)

When Adam and Eve first sinned in Paradise, it was their instinct to avoid the presence of their Creator. It's not easy, and I don't think it's very important, to decide how much the details in that story are to be taken literally, and how much are a poetic description of what happened. But what we are told is that they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the afternoon air, and they were afraid; so, they hid themselves among the trees of the garden.

If we find it difficult to be certain how literally we ought to take the details of the story, we are not tempted to doubt, for a moment, that the story is true. For this story of the Fall is a story we live through, most of us, not once but many times in the course of our lives. It is a drama in which we ourselves are the actors, and the story repeats itself. When we have sinned, the thought of God makes us feel uncomfortable, and we try to forget it. And the human race, which is always sinning, is always trying to forget God. Man tries to shut himself up, hide himself away, in this forest of created things which God has given us for our enjoyment; he tries to pretend to himself that God doesn't exist. But, as he looks out through the long avenues of the tree trunks, first down one, then down another, he sees at the end of each vista the same sight – it is the face of God. He cannot get away from God even when he wants to.

What I mean is that, even if no revelation had come to us through Jesus Christ, we should still have to admit, if we would be honest with ourselves, the existence of God — however unwelcome that thought might be. The creatures that surround us, and our own life in this world of creatures, lead us to the acknowledgement that God exists. If we take any favourite train of thought and follow it out far enough, it spreads away into the distance like some forest ride, and we see, very far off, God at the end of it.

It's an inveterate habit of man to ask, "Why?" I remember once travelling in the train with a small boy who pointed to the clock in Banbury station and asked, "What does that clock say?" And the mother said, "It's a quarter to two." And the small boy said, "Why is it a quarter to two?" A child like that grows up into a scientist, and spends his whole life asking "why". All our science comes from the human habit of asking for the reason of everything, our ineradicable belief that every event must have a cause.

And when we've pushed that habit as far as it will go, all we have done is to weave long chains of causes, each one depending on the next. Why did you twist your ankle? Because the low gate into the garden was shut when you didn't expect it to be. Why was it shut? To keep the little pigs out. Why were the little pigs running loose? Because there wasn't enough feed for them if they were put in a sty. Why wasn't there enough feed for them? Because it hasn't rained? And so on. The series of causes stretches back and back, and you never get to the end of it. But, you see, it can't really be infinite. Because an infinite series of causes all depending on one another wouldn't be a sufficient explanation of anything. Somewhere, at the end of that chain, there must be a First Cause which is not caused by anything which went before it. And that First Cause is God. His face looks down at us, as we try to run away from him, looks down this long avenue of causality, and reminds us that he made us; we did not make ourselves.

"All right," says the scientist, "we won't talk about causes and effects, if it has these uncomfortable consequences. We will content ourselves with observing the pattern of things as we find it in our experience; the wonderful order there is in nature, and so on." But, you see, that doesn't make them any better off. Order can only be the expression of a mind; and who was it that put that order into nature, which we discover with our scientific instruments?

If you take a razorblade, and a blade of grass, and put them under a powerful microscope, you'll find that the edge of a razorblade isn't really straight at all; it's all hopelessly jagged and uneven, so that you can't imagine why your father doesn't cut himself shaving every morning instead of just some mornings. But the blade of grass is still absolutely even all along, not a dent in it. Now, who did that? Not you or I. The more we try to map out the pattern of nature, the more are we driven to the conclusion that it exhibits the working of a mind greater than any human mind. And this creative mind we have to call God. We have looked along a fresh avenue of experience, and still we see his face looking down at us through the trees.

That's the story we read in the world around us. If we look, instead, at ourselves, at the place we human beings occupy in the universe, it's the same thing. Man asks himself, "What am I here for? The cow is here to give me milk, the sheep are here to give me wool, the bees are here to give me honey — I am here, to give who what?" Have you ever asked yourself, "What am I for? What is the use of my existing?"

Perhaps you'll say, "Oh, I exist to keep my mother happy; she'd be so upset if anything happened to me." Yes, but then, what does she exist for? Don't say, "She exists to keep me happy"; that gets us back into a circle, like that silly game where a dozen people all sit on one another's knees, number 12 sitting on the knees of number one, and then one falls down and you all fall down. If, on the other hand, you say that your mother exists to keep your father happy, then we shall have to ask what he exists for, and so on and on. In the last resort there must be Somebody for whom, to serve whose purposes, everything else exists; and that Somebody must be God. His face looking at us again, down this new avenue in the forest.

*By Fr Ronald Knox*