

# Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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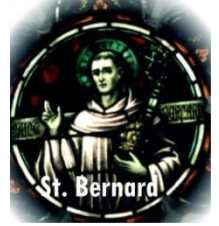


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**Assistant Priests:** Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr John Paul Mount  
**Parish Office Staff:** Dolores Turcsan & Naim Chdid  
**Parish Office Hours:** Tues–Thu 9:00am–1:00pm, Fri 10:00am–2:00pm



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year B 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

*“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call King of the Jews?’  
And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – Mark 15:12-13*

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me”. Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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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  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30am  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm **Evening Mass of  
the Lord's Supper**  
Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00am **Ecumenical  
Way of the Cross**  
3:00pm **Celebration of the  
Passion of the Lord**

#### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm **Easter Vigil**  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am  
10:00am

#### Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> no Mass  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> no Mass

#### RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-7:30pm St Bernard's  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-8:00pm St Anthony's

**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: 6<sup>th</sup> April 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: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

### FIRST READING

 ISAIAH 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

 PSALMS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

#### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
“He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.”

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet, I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. “You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.”

#### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

### SECOND READING

 PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

 PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

#### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

#### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### GOSPEL

 MARK 15:1-39

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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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: 20<sup>th</sup> April 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: 13<sup>th</sup> April 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> March 2018**  
**Coordinators: Kate & Danny Conroy**

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: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**Host: Rosary & Prayer Group**

**Parish Centre Bookings**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Phillip Bath

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Lillian Crowe, Elena Down, Bob Fitt, Mary Gaidzkar, Elizabeth Lang, Audrey Lorkin, Brice & Marise Lummis, Jack Papworth, Harvey Proulx, John Maurice Sherry.

**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, 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> March 2018**

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Vikki Benson	Annette Marum Judith James	Carole Ryder Marj Tung
Eucharist Ministers	Mary Beaton	Peter Lafranchi	Roy Ryder
Altar Servers		Farrell	Lindorff / Vereker
Piety	24 <sup>th</sup> March 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Sean Giani Marj Tung	
Counters #1	Allan Comrie, Jim Scott Peter Mooney, Margot Short		

**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 – 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

Mass Times	7:30pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	John Thorne + volunteers (3)	Moira Ross Mira Foxford	Volunteers (2)
Eucharist Ministers	Volunteers (2)	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	31 <sup>st</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Mandy Harrington Jan & Colm Carragher	
Counters #2	John Tung, Lucille Wheelahan, Jennifer Taylor		
Church Grounds April	<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		
Church Flowers Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Volunteers	POF April	Dolores Turcsan
Readings	<b>First Reading</b> <b>Sunday Mass</b> Acts 10:34, 37-43	<b>Resp. Psalm</b> Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	<b>Second Reading</b> <b>Sunday Mass</b> Col 3:1-4

## 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)

## 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.

## VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

### ALTAR OF REPOSE

Volunteers are required on **Holy Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**, to help set up the Altar of Repose. Also, if you can help, please bring flowers to the Parish Office by 11:00am.

### EASTER MINISTRIES

#### Readers and Eucharist Ministers

If you are available, please sign up for ministries to assist with the Easter services.

Clipboards are available in the Gathering Space.

## "The Journey" Catholic Radio Program

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au)

where you can listen anytime

and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

## Melbourne Catholic – March 2018

Now available from the Piety Stall – **\$4.00** each  
Due to lack of sales, the Piety Stall will no longer stock the Melbourne Catholic magazine. The magazine can be ordered directly from Media and Communications Office Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne on 03 9926 5758.

## HOLY WEEK / EASTER CELEBRATIONS

### St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

6:30pm-7:30pm

#### Reconciliation – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite Confession

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

7:30pm-10:30pm

#### Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Adoration and Night Prayer

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

11:00am

#### Good Friday – Ecumenical Way of the Cross

A re-enactment of Christ's Passion and Death will take place by way of a street-side procession, starting in the carpark rear of Foodworks Supermarket, and joined by other church groups.

3:00pm

#### Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

7:30pm

#### Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

8:30am

#### Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

& 10:00am

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION

### GOOD FRIDAY – 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

The **annual collection** for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.35 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. The **Holy Land Commissariat** and the **Franciscan Friars** who minister in the Holy Land thank you for your generosity.

Donations can also be made directly to: **Commissary of the Holy Land**,  
47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024. Tel. (02) 9369 9300

*Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the "Prince of Peace".*

## ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

### Retreat for Young Catholic Men

#### The Year of Youth 2018

YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

We invite young men (ages 18-35) from all walks of life to come, take some time out from the "busyness" of life to a silent retreat led by **Robert Falzon, co-founder of MENAlive**. Includes Mass, Adoration, Confession and Spiritual Direction.

**When:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7:00pm – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 2:00pm

**Where:** Pallotti College, 80 McNamara Road, Wesburn VIC 3799

**Cost:** \$130 (includes 2 nights' accommodation and all food)

**Register:** [www.trybooking.com/UIY2G](http://www.trybooking.com/UIY2G)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/412463635874587/>

## MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The **Life, Marriage & Family Office** warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to the **Mass for Expectant Mothers**. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 11:00am**.

Registrations can be made online at [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily), or alternatively by contacting **9287 5587**, or emailing [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au). Please note that registration closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

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

## The Almighty Father (3)

Suffering is a debt which we owe to God in satisfaction for our sins, as the punishment of our sins. He has made us moral beings; and a moral being is distinguished, not merely by having free will, so that he can choose between right and wrong; he is held responsible for the choice, and has to atone for it by punishment if he chooses wrong.

God could have heaved you and me up into heaven like so many sacks of coal, but he wasn't going to do that. It would have been unworthy of our dignity as human beings. No, you and I are to settle our score with him, before we get to heaven, by undergoing suffering either in this world or in Purgatory beyond.

"You are my child," he says, "and because you are my child, I am not going to treat you as a dumb thing, to be pushed about unwillingly this way and that. Your will is to be made one with mine; and in order that this may happen, your will must accept, from me, the punishment which your sins have deserved. So, when I promote you to the happiness of heaven, there will be no ugly gap between your will and mine, no discrepancy between us that has to be smoothed away. As a punished sinner, you will fit in naturally in an order of things where my will is perfectly obeyed — not otherwise."

It isn't easy for us, perhaps, to understand that; but that, I think, is how the Saints would explain it to us.

The Saints, indeed, would tell us more than that. They would tell us that Jesus Christ suffered, and therefore it is an honour for his servants to be allowed to suffer, and unite their sufferings with his, like our Lady standing at the foot of the Cross.

They would tell us why it is that it is so often the best people we know, not the most wicked or the most selfish people we know, that have most in the way of hardships to bear. It is because the good people want to suffer, want to be like Christ.

I am afraid you and I are very far from feeling like that, and whenever we are afflicted with a slight bilious headache we complain that we are being very badly treated. And we think afterwards: "How awful it would be if I had to suffer really cruel pain, through long illness or ill-treatment, when I put up such a poor show over a slight setback like this!"

I hope we may comfort ourselves with this thought: people who have experience in such matters, doctors and nurses and so on, will tell you that on the whole, as a general thing, people who have a great deal to suffer are very good about it; very brave, very unwilling to complain, resigned, more than you would think possible, to the lot which Providence has chosen for them. Let us hope that it will be so with you and me, when the time comes.

God is Almighty, but he couldn't make a world in which people were free to kill one another without making it a world in which people are liable to get killed; that would be inconceivable.

God is our Father, but because we are fallen children he disciplines us to prevent us becoming spoilt children; punishes us to make us his children more than ever, because if we accept our punishment we associate ourselves with the atonement which Jesus Christ made for us; more his children than ever, because we win the right to say, when heaven opens for us, "See, Father, I have performed my task of reparation, and here I am."

*By Fr Ronald Knox*

