



St Anthony's Parish



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of the Universe Year B 25th November 2018

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

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Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.00am—4.00pm

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Stephen Fernandes	0439 743 533
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EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Damien Schuster Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Cathy Belcher	0431 082 886
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Peter Farren	0418 594 501
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EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Emilio Scalzo

CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449)

Officers: Aloysious Dacunha, Karina Dunne & Lorraine Tellis

Please contact Judy Johnson for any Parish news you would like published in the Newsletter

Articles must be received by midday Tuesdays. Email: judyparishnews@gmail.com

For appointments with Father Fabian please call Judy on 0414 007 009

For urgent matters call 0414 007 009

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RETREAT

St Anthony's and St Bernard's Parishes will be holding a retreat for men, women and children on the 14th-16th December. Flyers are available with all the details.

CHRISTMAS BBQ AND NATIVITY PLAY

Organised by the Spirit of the Two Hearts Youth Group **Sunday 9th December 2018** St. Joseph's Hall at the Two Hearts Centre 274 La Cote Road, Greendale, Vic 3341. 12:30pm BBQ Lunch 1:30pm Nativity Play and Christmas Carols followed by Dessert. Cost: Free RSVP: Monday 3rd December Contact: Sister Clare Mobile: [0415 806 217](tel:0415806217) or Email: twoheartscentre@bigpond.com Coordinated by the Missionaries of Love and Peace of the Most Blessed Trinity

DAWN CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

The Parish of Melton invites you to join 'Simbang Gabi sa Melton' (The nine dawn Christmas Novena Masses). To be held 16th December—24th December 2018. Starts 5.00am at St Catherine of Siena Church, 107 Bulmans Road, Melton West. All welcome.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

MEMORIAL BOOK ENTRY - WITHOUT DATES

There have been a few requests from family members for names of their loved ones who have passed away prior to the last entry, to be entered into the memorial book. Since the pages are printed in chronological order (27/11/1951 to 04/01/2017) we are unable to insert names into the existing pages. It has been suggested that a new page with only names (without dates) be printed, as is on the first page of the memorial book.

Anyone who wants to have their loved ones in the memorial book, please contact Godwin on [0425 734 449](tel:0425734449).

PLENARY COUNCIL CONVERSATIONS 2020

Facilitator: Fr Patrick Date: 2nd Dec Time 5.00pm
Venue: Holy Family Room

Facilitator: Rose Ma'ae Date 3rd Dec
Time: After 7.30pm Mass Venue: Holy Family Room

Facilitator: Fr Fabian Date: 10th Dec Time 8.00pm
Venue: Holy Family Room

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC —SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

CCCM's aim is to supply free food to help people in our local community in need. We will have a special collection this weekend to support them. Please give generously.

PRIME TIMERS

There will be NO outing this November as our Christmas Lunch will be Tuesday 4th December at 12 o'clock. Wallace Hotel, 741 Bungaree - Wallace Rd, Wallace. There will be a two course meal for \$25.00.

Pick up from St Anthony's Church car park at 11.15am. Please RSVP by Thursday 29th November for catering purposes as the venue will be open just for us Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com.

Also please note that as of next year there will no longer be a clip board for names in the church. Thanks everyone, hope to see you there.

ST BERNARD'S

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS GROUP

The December Mass will be the Seniors last for this year and will be celebrated on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, at 11.30 a.m.

In St. Bernard's Parish Centre. All parishioners are warmly invited to join with the Seniors at this – our Christmas Mass. Following Mass, traditional Christmas Luncheon will be served. Do come along and join in this Parish Celebration. Luncheon bookings are essential and may be made by contacting ELIZABETH LUMMIS (5310 6320) or MARY FLANAGAN (5367 3309). For Catering reasons, numbers are required by FRIDAY, December 7. Luncheon cost is \$ 20.00. The Seniors would like to wish our Priests – Fr. Fabian, Fr. Patrick and Fr. Joseph, and all parishioners a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and safe, healthy and happy New Year.

PLENARY COUNCIL CONVERSATIONS 2020

Facilitator : Sr Mary Date: 27th Nov Time: 10.30am
Venue: St Joseph's Convent 68 Lerderderg St Bacchus Marsh

Facilitator: Natalia Klenkowski Date: 3rd Dec Time: 7.00pm
Venue: St Joseph's Hall Two Hearts 274 LaCote Rd Greendale

Facilitator: Fr Patrick Date: 4th Dec Time : After 5.30pm Mass
Venue: Parish Centre

Facilitator: Dominican Sisters Date: 11th Dec
Time: After 5.30pm Mass
Venue: Parish Centre

MISSION SUNDAY

The Mission Sunday collection last weekend totalled \$710.00. Thank you for your generosity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

We are again seeking food donations for our Christmas Hampers. If you are able to assist, please take labels from the Giving Tree which is located in the Gathering Space.

Please return your donations by Sunday December 8.
(If further information is required please contact Margot 0419 507 438)

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019 (for students who attend non-Catholic schools)

To enrol your child in the program, please arrange a meeting time with Naim Chdid, our Sacramental Coordinator, through the Parish Office (5367 2069). The last enrolment meeting will be held this Friday. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting.

WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 1st & 2nd December

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.30pm: Stephen Fernandes
8.30am: Kim Nguyen
10.30am: Rita Harinos

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm : Mila Little (P) & Gavin Pereira
8.30am : Ineke Allen (P) , Edwina La Rose
& *Volunteer Please*
10.30am: Dolores Turcsan (P) & John Scerri

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact the emergency minister on the roster. Thank you.

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Carmen Vella & Dolores Turcsan
8.30am: Ken Dumandan & Lina Calleja
10.30am: Godwin Barton & Josephine German

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Kieran Grech & Mason Azzopardi
8.30am: Nixon, Thytus & Aaron Ben
10.30am: Nick Taunuu & Ethan Porter

If you are unavailable please contact Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 1st & 2nd December

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm: Trish Davine
8.30am: Moira Ross & Marj Tung
10.00am: Sr Mary Fermio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Colin Remedios
8.30am: Carole Ryder
10.00am: James Waters

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

December: Diane Corro

ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm:
8.30am: Shea x 2
10.00am: Vereker & Farrell

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:
Martin Giordmaina, Mother Anna Grace Neenan,
Lorenz Sapulovic, Damina Sciberras & Peter Quinn

Please pray for the Sick: Jean Barnett, Nickolia &
Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana,
Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Veronica Michael,
Wanda Novak, John Osborne, Irene Rahilly,
Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts,
Charlie Spiteri, Clint Abela Wadge, Michael Wright &
John Xuereb and all those who have requested our
prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO
LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in his everlasting wings;
Carried and kept safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ be
with you.
Amen



ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

SPIRITS OF THE TWO HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

Experience faith, friendship and fun.

Age group: 11years+ **When:** Every 4th Thursday of the
month 7.00pm-9.00pm **Where:** Two Hearts Centre,
274 La Cote Road, Greendale

Contact: Sister Clare 0415 806 217 or

Email : twoheartscentre@bigpond.com

'Coordinated by the Missionaries of Love and Peace of the Most
Blessed Trinity of the Pilgrimage of the Two Hearts'



We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

John Dodd, Brian & Peter Fanning, Peter Gallagher,
Fred Lazarus & Nora Martin.

Please pray for the Sick:

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, 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 ,Kevin O'Gorman, Arthur
Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Arabella Periera, Bev
Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Marian
Smith, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Hayden Tung,
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.

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REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 1st & 2nd December

PIETY STALLS VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Judy Van Hoos

8.30am: Pat Chiles

10.30am: John Scerri

CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: **This Weekend**

5.30pm: Emily Bonello & Kristina Scerri

8.30am: Joyce Stellini & Lina Calleja

10.30am: Charlie & Lina Vassalo



CHURCH FLOWERS

Doris Bonello &
Josephine German



CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY QUADRANT

Volunteers are required for the following groups:

Piety Stall, Social Committee, & Monthly Cuppa.

Contact:

Natalie Howard 0410478046,

Amy Honrade 0457042695

Lillian Christian 0400441257

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Room 10.00am.

New members most welcome, training provided.

Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' at the back of the Church. Thank you.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

CCCM's aim is to supply free food to help people in our local community in need and walk alongside them to reduce dependency through friendship and education.

Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

Hours: Mon- Thurs: 10.00am-3.00pm

Friday : 10.00am-12.15pm

School Holidays : 10.00am-12.30pm

ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND : 1st & 2nd December

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Jan & Colm

Sunday: Mandy Harrington

MORNING TEA

Is held on the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass.

Next Morning Tea: 2nd **December**

Host: Parish Pastoral Council



CHURCH FLOWERS

Deborah Hosking
(Reconciliation 1st Dec
fresh flowers not required)



COUNTING TEAM # 7

Denis Everard

Bernard Coburn

Mary Flanagan

Patrick Flanagan

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (December)

Front Garden: *Volunteer Please*

Back/Side Garden: *Volunteer Please*

Parish Centre: Ron Geurts

Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts

Back Paddock: Colm Carragher

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.

The Bacchus Marsh Conference meets once a month in the Parish Centre. New members are welcome and training is available. The contact number is 5310 6322.

The Vinnies Store is located at 8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The store is open 7 days a week. If you are able to volunteer and would like some more information, please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205. Presently, the store is looking for homewares and toys. However, all donations are gratefully accepted.

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre

Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-3.00pm

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

Contact: Jenny Kearney 0408 104 155

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427

Mon-Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Church 6.30pm-7.45pm.

Next preparation : **Thursday 24th Jan**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **Sunday 3rd & 17th February**

See details on Parish Homepage as listed on front page and download forms. Forms are also available from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass from Father. Both parents are required to attend these meetings. We kindly request adults only and a copy of the birth certificate.

Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

BAPTISM TEAM: Karina Dunne & Judy Johnson

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick or Fr Joseph .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held during Saturday evening Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY: 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm .

FATIMA STATUE

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: **Shane & Dolly Barrow** 0439 386 130

Group 2: **Anna Taunnu** 0406 503 363



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.

Next program: **Sunday 25th November**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **Sunday 2nd & 16th December**

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.

Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

COORDINATORS : Steve & Geraldine

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick or Fr Joseph.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held every Sunday during 10.00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



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 line]

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

WEEKLY PRAYERS & READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became
his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 92

Comm: The Lord is king he is robed in majesty.

All: The Lord is king he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

All: The Lord is king he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings,
priests to serve his God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16;
Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:12—4:2;
Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



2018 the Year of Youth:

Models of holiness VII: Jacinta Marto

Two years younger than Francisco, Jacinta charmed all who knew her. She was pretty and energetic, and had a natural grace of movement. She loved to dance, and was sorry when their priest condemned dancing in public.

Sometimes wilful, she would pout when she did not get her way. She took a special delight in flowers, gathering them by the armful and making garlands for Lucia. At a First Communion, she was among the little “angels” spreading petals before the Blessed Sacrament. She had a marked love for Our Lord, and at the age of five she melted in tears on hearing the account of His Passion, vowing that she would never sin or offend Him anymore.

She had many friends, but above all she loved her cousin Lucia, and was jealous of her time and attention. When Lucia, at the age of 10, became unavailable for play, being sent by her parents to pasture their sheep, Jacinta moped in loneliness until her mother gave in and allowed her, with Francisco, to take a few sheep to pasture with Lucia.

Her sheep too became her friends. She gave them names, held their little ones on her lap, and tried to carry a lamb home on her shoulders, as she had seen in pictures of the Good Shepherd.

Her days were playful and happy, delighting with her brother and cousin in the things of nature around her. They called the sun “Our Lady’s lamp”, and the stars “the Angels’ lanterns”, which they tried to count as it grew dark. They called out to hear their voices echo across the valley, and the name that returned most clearly was “Maria”.

They said the Rosary every day after lunch, but to make more time for play, they shortened it to the words “Our Father” at the beginning of each decade, followed by “Hail Mary” 10 times. This frivolity would soon change.

In the spring of 1916, as the children watched their sheep, an Angel appeared to them in an olive grove. He asked the children to pray with him. He appeared again in midsummer at a well in Lucia’s garden, urging them to offer sacrifice to God in reparation for sinners. In a final appearance, at the end of the summer, the Angel held a bleeding Host over a chalice, from which he communicated the children. This experience separated them from their playmates and prepared them for the apparitions to come.

As might be expected, the three were changed by the visitations of the Queen of Heaven. Jacinta, talkative sometimes to a fault, became quiet and

withdrawn. After the first apparition, Lucia had sworn her and her brother to secrecy. But Jacinta, bubbling over, had let slip all they had seen to her family, who then told the village. The news was received with skepticism by many, with mockery by some, and with anger by Lucia’s mother. Jacinta was so contrite, she promised never to reveal another secret.

Her reluctance to reveal anything more of their experiences was increased by the vision of hell given the children in the third apparition. This seems to have affected Jacinta the most. To rescue sinners from hell, she was in the forefront of the three in voluntary mortifications, whether it was in giving up their lunches (sometimes to their sheep), refusing to drink in the heat of the day, or wearing a knotted rope around their waists.

Involuntary penances included for her, as for her brother and cousin, the constant mockery of unbelievers, badgering by skeptical clergy, and needling by believers to reveal the Lady’s secret.

Following the Miracle of the Sun, Jacinta complied with many requests for her intercessions. On one occasion she seems to have bilocated, in order to help a wayward youth find his way home. Lost in a stormy wood, he had knelt and prayed, and Jacinta appeared and took him by the hand, while she was at home praying for him.

When she came down with influenza, she was removed from her family to a hospital a few miles away. She did not complain, because the Blessed Mother had forewarned her that she would go to two hospitals, not to be cured, but to suffer for the love of God and reparation for sinners. She stayed in the first hospital for two months, undergoing painful treatments, and then was returned home.

She developed tuberculosis and was sent to Lisbon, first to a Catholic orphanage. There she was able to attend Mass and see the Tabernacle, and she was happy. But her stay there was short. She was soon transferred to the second hospital prophesied by the Blessed Mother, where Jacinta was to make her final offering in dying alone.

Her body came to rest in the Sanctuary built at the Cova da Iria, where the Lady had appeared to her.

Jacinta Marto
(March 11, 1910 –
February 20, 1920)

