

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A 26th November 2017

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU. Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass

Monday	no Mass
Tuesday	5:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am
Thursday	9:30am
Friday	9:30am
Saturday	5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8:30am & 10:00am

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:15pm

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 6:30pm Mass

ROSARY is held **every Monday** at **7.30pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour.

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

Next First Friday: 1st December

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: 1st December

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON APOCRYPHA 5:12; 1:6

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 forever and ever.

FIRST READING EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15:17

Yes, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 22:1-3, 5-6, R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My

head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing/

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MARK 11:9, 10

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON PSALMS 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

St Bernard's (continued)

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is held on the **second Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **11:30am**.

Next Seniors' Mass: 8th December

Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE MASS

The Village, 5-7 Griffith Street, Maddingley Mass will be held on the **first Friday** of the month at **11:00am**.

Next Mass: 1st December

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

These programs are normally held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **11:15am**. 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: (to be advised)

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

Next Morning Tea: 3rd December

Host: Parish Pastoral Council

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

The **Saint Vincent de Paul Op Shop (The Shed)** is now closed. Most of the items are being relocated to the new Vinnies store in Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The new Vinnies store opened on **Thursday 23rd November 2017** and we are calling for more volunteers for the new store. If you would like more information, please ring **0417 525 617**.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS

The **Seniors' last Mass** for 2017 will be celebrated on **Friday 8th December 2017** at **11:30am** in the **Parish Centre**. This will be our **Christmas Mass** and will be followed by the usual **Christmas Luncheon**. Parishioners are warmly invited to join the Seniors in celebration of the Eucharist, and to stay on for lunch after Mass.

Luncheon bookings, needed for catering purposes, may be made by contacting either Elizabeth Lummis 5310 6320 or Mary Flanagan 5367 3309. **Cost \$20.00**.

MINISTRIES 25th & 26th November 2017

Mass Times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Vikki Benson	Jan Carragher / Allan Comrie	Diane Corro
Min/s Eucharist	Stuart Robertson	Colm Carragher	James Waters
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	25th November 26th November	Margot Short Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #4	Gerard Harrington, Chris Eggleston Brendan Harrison, Dianne Shelly		

CatholicCare

Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry invites you to the World AIDS Day **Vigil Mass** to **remember** those who have died from AIDS, to **celebrate** the great inroads in treatment of HIV, and to **hope** for a cure.

St Francis Church, corner Elizabeth & Lonsdale Streets, Melbourne at **5:30pm** on **Thursday 30th November 2017**.

ST BERNARD'S SUMMERTIME TWILIGHT FETE

St Bernard's School

Friday 1st December 2017, 3:30pm – 8:00pm

Raffle tickets are on sale in the church foyer after weekend Masses, or during the week in the Parish Office - **\$2.00 each**. Books of 10 tickets are also available. Please support your parish by taking a few raffle books to buy/sell to family, friends and work colleagues.

Volunteers needed to set up before the event and on the day, please.

Also, **"home made" donations** for the **cake stall** would be greatly appreciated (please collect and complete *Cake Stall information sheet* in church foyer). For more details, contact **Natalie** on **0418 340 217**.

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need.

When you choose a **Global Gift card** to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Order **Global Gift cards** online at: www.globalgifts.org.au

or call **1800 024 413**

MINISTRIES 2nd & 3rd December 2017

Mass Times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Maureen Zahra	Mira Foxford	Sr Mary
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Brendan Harrison	Jenny Kearney
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	2nd December 3rd December	Trish Davine Carol Ryder	
Counters #5	Pat O'Leary, Jo Cowan, Peter Lafranchi, Frank Pomeroy, Stuart Robertson		
Church Grounds December	Front Garden: Volunteer Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts Back Paddock: Colm Carragher		
Church Flowers Fri 1 st December	Tup Shea	POF December	Dolores Turcsan

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Prayers for the Sick & Frail

(please let us know when your loved one is no longer required on this list)

John Anderson, Noah Barlow, Michael Barrett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Teresa Darlington-Canty, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Ian Dominquez, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Andree Greenwood, Onnie Greenwood, Joe Gristi, Brian Harrison, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Michael Larkin, 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, Jessica Yue.

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.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

airs **Sunday 3rd December 2017**

The first Sunday of Advent reflects on the Gospel of Matthew and encourages us to be alert and on guard!

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Summer School

Did you know when you register in a group of 4 (with at least 3 new participants), you can receive a group discount of \$100? Register now at <http://summerschool.org.au> or contact Berna for more information on 0467 092 091 or melbourne@summerschool.org.au

Majellan Christmas Cards

Now in stock in the Piety Stall
\$7.50 pack of 10

2018 Columban Calendars

Now available from the Piety Stall – **\$9.00** each

Melbourne Catholic, November 2017

Now 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.

HOLY SOULS

Offering Envelopes for the month of November are available in the church foyer. Please collect and complete details of your relatives' and friends' names and return with an offering and place on the collection plate. These names will then be entered in our **Parish Remembrance Book** which will be on display for the month of November.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE

Holy Land & Holy Places in **Italy** (17 days) for \$5,555 from **3rd September 2018**; and 7 days Optional Extension to **Egypt & Jordan**.

Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv Dimobi and Fr Jude CSSp.

Contact for itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417 999 553, (08) 9341 3079, (08) 9341 3131;
or: jude.agorchuksw@cam.org.au, 0400 759 391, (03) 9789 9672

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018

Dear Parents, we would like to bring to your attention changes to our enrolment process for 2018 for children who attend either government or other private schools.

Preparation and active participation in these Sacraments is very important for the development of the spiritual journey of your child. Therefore, for the benefit of your child, it is crucial for you to make it a priority to enrol your child in the Parish Sacramental Program.

If you haven't already done so, please arrange a meeting time as soon as possible with **Naim Chdid**, our new **Sacramental Coordinator**, through the Parish Office to enrol your child. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting.

Heaven is Fullness of Communion with God

Heaven as the fullness of communion with God was the theme of John Paul II's catechesis at the General Audience of 21 July 1999. Heaven "is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit," the Late Pope said.

1. When the form of this world has passed away, those who have welcomed God into their lives and have sincerely opened themselves to his love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human life. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed is called 'heaven'. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (n.1024).

Today we will try to understand the biblical meaning of "heaven", in order to have a better understanding of the reality to which this expression refers.

2. In biblical language, "heaven", when it is joined to the "earth", indicates part of the universe. Scripture says about creation: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gn 1:1).

Heaven is the transcendent dwelling-place of the living God

Metaphorically speaking, heaven is understood as the dwelling-place of God, who is thus distinguished from human beings (cf. Ps 104:2f.; 115:16; Is 66:1). He sees and judges from the heights of heaven (cf. Ps 113:4-9) and comes down when he is called upon (cf. Ps 18:9, 10; 144:5). However the biblical metaphor makes it clear that God does not identify himself with heaven, nor can he be contained in it (cf. 1 Kgs 8:27); and this is true, even though in some passages of the First Book of the Maccabees "Heaven" is simply one of God's names (1 Mc 3:18, 19, 50, 60; 4:24, 55).

The depiction of heaven as the transcendent dwelling-place of the living God is joined with that of the place to which believers, through grace, can also ascend, as we see in the Old Testament accounts of Enoch (cf. Gn 5:24) and Elijah (cf. 2 Kgs 2:11). Thus heaven becomes an image of life in God. In this sense Jesus speaks of a "reward in heaven" (Mt 5:12) and urges people to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (ibid., 6:20; cf. 19:21).

3. The New Testament amplifies the idea of heaven in relation to the mystery of Christ. To show that the Redeemer's sacrifice acquires perfect and definitive value, the Letter to the Hebrews says that Jesus "passed through the heavens" (Heb 4:14), and "entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself" (ibid., 9:24). Since believers are loved in a special way by the Father, they are raised with Christ and made citizens of heaven. It is worthwhile listening to what the Apostle Paul tells us about this in a very powerful text: "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Eph 2:4-7). The fatherhood of God, who is rich in mercy, is experienced by creatures through the love of God's crucified and risen Son, who sits in heaven on the right hand of the Father as Lord.

4. After the course of our earthly life, participation in complete intimacy with the Father thus comes through our insertion into Christ's paschal mystery. St Paul emphasises our meeting with Christ in heaven at the end of time with a vivid spatial image: "Then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thes 4:17-18).

Sacramental life is anticipation of heaven

In the context of Revelation, we know that the "heaven" or "happiness" in which we will find ourselves is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit.

It is always necessary to maintain a certain restraint in describing these "ultimate realities" since their depiction is always unsatisfactory. Today, personalist language is better suited to describing the state of happiness and peace we will enjoy in our definitive communion with God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church sums up the Church's teaching on this truth: "By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has 'opened' heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ" (n. 1026).

5. This final state, however, can be anticipated in some way today in sacramental life, whose centre is the Eucharist, and in the gift of self through fraternal charity. If we are able to enjoy properly the good things that the Lord showers upon us every day, we will already have begun to experience that joy and peace which one day will be completely ours. We know that on this earth everything is subject to limits, but the thought of the "ultimate" realities helps us to live better the "penultimate" realities. We know that as we pass through this world we are called to seek "the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1), in order to be with him in the eschatological fulfilment, when the Spirit will fully reconcile with the Father "all things, whether on earth or in heaven" (Col 1:20).