

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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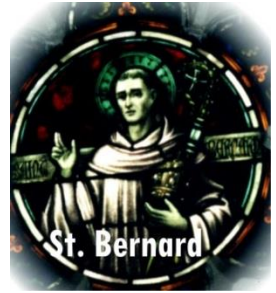
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21th Sunday in Ordinary time

27st August 2017

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? JESUS ASKS HIS DISCIPLES THIS QUESTION IN TODAY'S GOSPEL. HE ASKS US THE SAME QUESTION. HE IS NOT SEEKING A TEXTBOOK RESPONSE OR FOR US TO REPEAT WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT HIM. HE WANTS TO HEAR OUR PERSONAL RESPONSE. MAY WE ANSWER HIS QUESTION AS TRUTHFULLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN LISTEN AS HE SPEAKS TO US.

St Bernard's Mass Times

WEEKEND

Saturday — 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday — 8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation 1st Rite:

Saturday 4:15pm

WEEKDAY

Monday- No Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – 9:30am

Thursday – 9:30am

Friday – 9.30am

1 hour Adoration before every week day Mass

Korobeit

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday at 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 1st Friday each month following morning Mass.

*Next Rosary date is: **28st August***

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: is held on the **1st Friday** of the month

from 10.00am to 7pm. You are welcome to come along and spend some time with the Lord.

Next Adoration : 1st September 2017

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held on **1st Sunday of each month during 10am Mass. Next Children's Liturgy 3rd September**

September

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 22: 19-23

I place the key of the house of David upon his shoulder.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING ROMANS 11: 33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! YOU ARE PETER, THE ROCK ON WHICH I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH THE GATES OF HELL WILL NOT HOLD OUT AGAINST IT. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 16: 13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

St Bernard's Church continued

MORNING TEA is held on the **1st Sunday of each month** (except January) in the Parish Centre.

Next Morning Tea: 3rd September
Hosts: Knights of Southern Cross

SENIOR PARISHIONERS MASS - is held on the **3rd Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **10:30am**
Next Seniors Mass: 15th September
Everybody is welcome not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE:

9 Griffith Street off Grant Street
Mass will be held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 11am

Next Mass: Anointing Mass on Friday 8th September. There will be Cuppa after Mass; bring a plate to share if you are attending

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM
24 September 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 copy of Birth Certificate to the program.

Please note: Both parents are required to attend the program.

Coordinators: Caitlyn & Steve

Parish Centre Bookings

T: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9am to 6pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

Hopetoun Catholic Cemetery

Bacchus Marsh Rd., Bacchus Marsh

Catholic Museum

88 Main St West
 Convent Lane, Bacchus Marsh

St Vincent de Paul Society

Shed Hours: Mon, Thurs & Fri 9am-11:45am

Sat 9am-12.00 noon

Welfare Number 1800 305 330

Shed Enquiries: 0407 463 847

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
ON SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER.
ALL FATHERS ARE INVITED FOR
SPECIAL MASS AT 7:15 AM
FOLLOWED BY A BREAKFAST IN THE
PARISH CENTRE. GUEST SPEAKER
FR BRENDAN HAYES, THE PARISH
PRIEST OF TOORAK AND
ARMIDALE.

MINISTRIES 26th/27th August 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Volunteer	Moira Ross	Sr Mary
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Carole Ryder	Jenny Kearney
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	26 August Sean Giani 27 August Marj Tung		
Counters #1	Alan Comrie, Jim Scott, Peter Mooney, Margot Short		

Knights of the Southern Cross games

Results at 9th week of the 26 weeks games

1st Carmel Welsh 58 points

2nd Marjorie Tung 33 points

3rd Patrick Flanagan 31 points



Altar Servers

The St. Bernard's parish invites all existing altar servers and interested children who are in grade 4 or older, to join the Parish Altar Servers team.

First information session for children and parents to be held on 31st August, 2017 at 4pm, at St. Bernard's Church.

All enquiries to Fr. Patrick or altar servers co-ordinator Bernadette, mob: 0407 510 303.

"...the closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer..." (Pope Francis, Address to Altar Servers, 4 August 2015)

MINISTRIES 2nd/3rd september 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Maureen Zahra	Jan Carragher/ Allan Comrie	Jennifer Taylor/ Carmel Shea
Min/s Eucharist	Stuart Robertson	Colm Carragher	Roy Ryder
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	2 nd September Jan & Colm 3 rd September Mandy Harrington		
Counters #1	Jennifer Taylor, John Tung, Lucille Wheelahan		
Church Grounds August	Front Garden: Pat O'leary Back/Side: Pat O'Leary Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers	Christine Condon & Bernadette Kearney	POF for September	SR MARY FERMIO

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Jones, Gus Tunton, Peter Fanning, Mark Stone, Kevin Blackmore Senior, Pam Hayden, Ivy Jane Eccles, Ern Dexter, John McDonald, Adam Lancaster, Martin Bolger, Sheri Martin, Kevin Blackmore, Derrick Cariaga, Bobby Abraham,

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 Dominiquez, 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.

The new CWA Night Branch invites you for the opening of the new room in Bacchus Marsh at Darley Civic and community hub 182 Halletts way Darley on Saturday the 9th of September at 11 o' clock . Enter via Wittick St for parking. A light lunch will be provided. This is community event all is welcome.

A new Roster for the existing Counters team and the new Parishioners who did volunteer for counting are available in the back of the Church. Can you please pick up your roster.

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 Neighbour's Place (Emergency Food Bank)

Garage sale will be held on Saturday 9th September between 8:30- 2.00 pm at the Uniting Church, Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh. If you would like to donate any items towards the sale please drop off the items on Friday 8th September at the uniting Church Hall, between 3pm and 4 pm. If you need further information please contact the neighbour's place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9 am and 3 pm on 53676222

A copies of a letter from Archbishop Denis Hart on same sex marriage is available on the table at the entrance of the Church.

A Father's Day Collection for retired and sick priest will be taken next weekend. Please give generously.

The Second & Third Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counsel the doubtful

The kind of doubts that can be relieved as a spiritual work of mercy are those that affect our beliefs about ourselves and who we are in God. Doubt can steal our peace of mind and instil fear and sorrow, but counsel can restore serenity.

Doubts about self-worth. We all have a self-image, or an internal idea of what we think of ourselves. Recognising our self-worth is key to living our lives with a sound emotional foundation. We have to be able to recognise that God created us as good, that we are special or unique because of his personal love for each of us. He loves us, furthermore, despite our sins and imperfections, our failures and weaknesses. At times, we question our own worth, whether our life has any importance or meaning at all. Counseling people who experience these doubts to a significant degree is very important. Getting them to accept their God-given worth can mean the difference between joy in living and a life filled with self-reproach and self-rejection.

Doubts about self-confidence. What is true about a sense of low self-worth applies also to an individual's sense of self-confidence. Some people throw up their hands in discouragement, frustration, or even anger when facing the tasks and challenges in life even before they have begun to tackle them. These persons need to be encouraged to try their best. One may ask: "How are these instances of counseling 'spiritual works of mercy'? Aren't they simply basic emotional guidance?" There is an important principle in Christian spirituality: grace builds on nature. Many problems we encounter in our spiritual growth are not purely spiritual. They have emotional roots. If we encourage people to grow authentically in their emotional life, they will grow spiritually as well. It is like "dispelling the demons" of discouragement, self-pity, apathy, fear, and despair. This is a genuine work of mercy.

Moral doubts. People often have doubts about their moral behaviour. Questions about what is morally good or bad, or what is more appropriate for their spiritual growth or for their peace of mind and heart, can distress them.

Sometimes, simply explaining the true meaning of the Commandments or the teachings of the Church can resolve these doubts. Directing people to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church can help immensely. Other doubts may require lengthy counseling to help the person discern truth from falsehood. This is especially important today in the light of the great stress on a subjective view of life: "It may be against the Church teaching, but is it wrong for me to act this way? Don't my circumstances justify my behaviour?" One form of moral doubt that is particularly difficult to deal with is scrupulosity. A scrupulous person is inclined to see sin where there is no sin or grave sin where there is only a slight wrong. Not everyone is qualified to counsel such persons. They need skilled help to remedy their condition. But anyone can offer the simple wisdom of reminding them of God's love, that Jesus died on the Cross to take away their sins. We can remind them of our Lord's words to St Faustina: "Tell them to focus less on their sins and more on my mercy!"

Admonish the sinner. The Bible says that even a righteous man falls seven times (Proverbs 24:16). So, even the saints had their sins and needed to remind themselves constantly of the danger of sinning. To admonish others effectively, we must practice what we preach. We have to be striving for holiness and avoiding sin in our own lives if we expect others to do the same. It has been said: "I can't hear what you are saying because what you are doing speaks so loudly." Our words will have force only if we ourselves follow them. We must avoid the terrible attitude of self-righteousness with its judgemental view of others. Self-righteousness puts a person in the mindset of the Pharisees who were quick to condemn sin in others but overlooked it or easily excused it in themselves. This was the point of Jesus' challenge to them in the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:3ff). The Pharisees were quite ready to condemn this woman for her sin. In fact, they tried to put Jesus on the spot as to whether the woman should be stoned or not, according to the law of Moses. Jesus did not say 'yes', nor did he say 'no'. He simply threw the challenge back at them: "Let the one among you who has no sin cast the first stone." The Gospel then tells us he began to write on the ground. Whatever he wrote apparently referred to each individual's sins because as each one saw what our Lord wrote, he dropped his stones and walked away. The basic reason that we admonish sinners is because their salvation may be in jeopardy, and their salvation is their greatest good and need. If a person were drowning and we were standing near a life preserver, but failed to throw it to that person, this would be a terrible act of omission. It would be even worse if a soul were in jeopardy of eternal loss from God, and we said or did nothing when we could make that person realise the moral danger he was in. Admonishing sinners is a difficult and dangerous work of mercy because people do not like to be reminded of their sins and faults; it stings us to hear that we have done something wrong. This is even more so if the person has entered into a denial of sin in his life.

Ways to admonish the sinner. If we look up the word admonish, we will find it has various meanings, which indicate different ways we can carry out this spiritual work of mercy. To admonish a sinner means, first of all, to call someone to conversion. We can call people to conversion in different ways. Sometimes it comes by formal preaching, such as at a parish mission or a retreat, or maybe in a witness talk of one's own conversion story. Another way is in a one-on-one talk or a small group discussion. Even yet another call can be non-verbal, simply by the good example of refusing to participate in wrongdoing. Good example has a great witness power. Another way to admonish is to inform or remind someone by way of a warning of the moral danger they are in. It focuses on a specific individual in need of this warning. St James in his letter (5:19-20) tells us there is a great reward in store for those who help a sinner find his way to Christ. They will save the soul of the erring brother in Christ and at the same time cover a 'multitude' of their own sins, because God will be merciful to them for their work of mercy to another.