

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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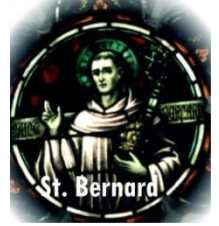


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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 28th January 2018

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” – 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

Please note that due to repairs being carried out to St Bernard's Church, all Masses and Devotions will be held in the Parish Centre over the next few weeks, until advised further.

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass recommences **Thursday 1st February**.

Monday 29 th	9:00am	School Staff Mass all welcome
Tuesday 30 th	5:30pm	
Wednesday 31 st	9:30am	
Thursday 1 st	9:30am	
Friday 2 nd	9:30am	Feast of the Presentation
Saturday 3 rd	5:00pm	Vigil
Sunday 4 th	8:30am 10:00am	

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 3rd 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:15pm St Bernard's
Saturday 4:45pm 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: 2nd February 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: 2nd February 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the god who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.”

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 4:16

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held every Sunday during 10:00am Mass (except January). Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2018.

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: 16th February 2018

PROVIDENCE MASS

The Village, 5-7 Griffith Street, Maddingley

Mass is held on the **second Friday** of the month at **11:00am**.

Next Mass: 9th February 2018

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

is held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **11:15am**.

Next Program: 28th January 2018

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website: www.pol.cam.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: 4th February 2018

Host: Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Centre Bookings

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

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ANNIVERSARIES

Olive Andrews, Barry Dean, Gary Dodd, Jeanette Hurley, Sr Ellen (Conception) Holland SJC, Leo Kealy, Greg Light, Keith Lodge, Mary Mason, Fr Joseph McMahon PE, Salvina Mercieca, Sam Provenzano, Tom Thompson, Anne Tung, Joan Welsh, Maggie Whelan.

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 27th & 28th January 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Trish Davine	Peter Lafranchi / Margaret Love	James Waters
Eucharist Ministers	Mary Beaton	Brendan Harrison	Jenny Kearney
Altar Servers	(as noted in the roster)		
Piety	27th January	Carmel Shea	
	28th January	Jan Farmelo	
Counters #3	Cheryl Rogers, Lyn Shea, Graham Hooper, Michael Love, Sean Giani, Margaret Love		

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 3rd & 4th February 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Vikki Benson	Moira Ross	Carole Ryder / Mira Foxford
Eucharist Ministers	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	Roy Ryder
Altar Servers	(as noted in the roster)		
Piety	3rd February	Margot Short	
	4th February	Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #4	Gerard Harrington, Chris Eggleston, Brendan Harrison, Dianne Shelly		
Church Grounds February	Front Garden: Stephen Millington Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers Friday 2 nd February	Shirley Long	POF February	Mary Flanagan
Readings	First Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-7	Resp. Psalm Ps 146:1-6 R. v. 3	Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

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 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

ST BERNARD'S THEATRE GROUP

We have a bus going to see

"Priscilla Queen of the Desert"

Date: **Sunday 8th April 2018**

Time: **3:00pm**

Venue: **Regent Theatre**

Cost: **\$125** which includes bus, show and afternoon tea.

Bookings: Dot 5367 1201, or Margot 0419 507 438, margotmshort@gmail.com

Payment required by Tuesday 30th January 2018.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

Volunteers Needed

Calling for new volunteers to be included on the 2018 Roster for mowing the lawn around the presbytery and church grounds. If you would like to participate, please put your name and telephone number on the clipboards at the back of the Parish Centre. Please join a team and help maintain your parish property. The support of past and present volunteers is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

2018 Columban Calendars

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

Melbourne Catholic, December 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.

St Bernard's Sacramental Program

For children attending a Bacchus Marsh, State Government or Independent School

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Preparation Class Dates 2018

Year 6 Students

Meeting 1 & Commitment Mass	Saturday 3 rd February	St. Bernard's School & Church	1:30pm – 5:45pm
Meeting Bishop Mark Edwards	Saturday 10 th March	St. Bernard's School	1:30pm – 5:45pm
Information Night	Wednesday 14 th March	St. Bernard's School	7:00pm
Retreat Day	Saturday 18 th August	St. Bernard's Church	10:00am – 5:45pm
Workshop Practise	Wednesday 22 nd August	St. Bernard's School	7:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass

Saturday 25th August 2018

at St Bernard's Church

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Preparation Class Dates 2018

Year 4 or Year 5 Students

Meeting 1 & Commitment Mass	Saturday 3 rd February	St. Bernard's School & Church	2:00pm – 5:45pm
Information Night	Wednesday 21 st February	St. Bernard's School	7:00pm
Practise & Preparation Day	Thursday 14 th June	St. Bernard's School & Church	8:40am – 3:00pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist Mass

Saturday 16th June 2018

at St Bernard's Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Preparation Class Dates 2018

Year 3 Students

Information Night	Wednesday 12 th September	St Bernard's School	7:00pm
Commitment Mass	Saturday 15 th September	St. Bernard's Church	5:00pm
Meeting 1	Monday 8 th October	St. Bernard's Parish Centre	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Para Liturgy – Intro Readings	Thursday 29 th November	St. Bernard's School & Church	7:00pm

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Saturday 1st December 2018

at St Bernard's Church

2018 is the Year of Youth: More on the Cardinal Virtues I

St Paul in his Letter to the Philippians captured the idea of virtue and the living of a virtuous life: “My brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, or worthy of praise” (4:8). With this in mind, the classic definition of virtue is a habit or firm disposition which inclines a person to do good and avoid evil. Characterised by stability, a virtuous person not only strives to be a good person, but also seeks what is good and chooses to act in a good way. Ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle defined virtue as “that which makes both a person and what he does good”.

Dr Josef Pieper, one of the great 20th-century Thomist theologians and an expert on the subject of virtue, provided this explanation: “The doctrine of virtue ... has things to say about this person; it speaks both of the kind of being which is his when he enters the world, as a consequence of his createdness, and the kind of being he ought to strive towards and attain to — by being prudent, just, temperate, and brave. The doctrine of virtue is one form of the doctrine of obligation, but one by nature free of regimentation and restriction” (*The Four Cardinal Virtues*).

On one hand, an individual can acquire human virtues through his own effort under the guidance of reason. Through education, by deliberately choosing to do what is good, and through perseverance, a person acquires and strengthens virtue.

On the other hand, with the help of divine grace from God, the individual finds greater strength and facility to practise these virtues. Through these grace-assisted virtues, which we would now call moral virtues, he gains self-mastery of his weakened nature due to original sin. In sum, these virtues help to forge the Christian character and to motivate a person to become God-like, in the best sense of the term.

As we saw a few weeks ago, there are four primary moral virtues, which are called the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. The word cardinal derives from the Latin *cardo*, meaning “hinge”. The Book of Wisdom of the Old Testament states: “For [Wisdom] teaches temperance and prudence, justice and fortitude, and nothing in life is more useful for men than these” (8:7).

Prudence, the “mother” of all of the virtues, is the virtue by which a person recognises his moral duty and the good means to accomplish it. Actually, prudence is part of the definition of goodness. A person can be prudent and good only simultaneously. No other virtue can contradict what is prudent. Therefore, what is prudent is substantially what is good, and prudence is the measure of justice, temperance, and fortitude.

A prudent person looks at the concrete reality of a situation with a clear, honest objectivity; makes reference to and applies the moral truths (for example, the 10 Commandments or the teachings of the Church); makes a moral judgement; and then commands an action. Moreover, prudence also seeks to accomplish the action in a good way — doing what is good in a good way.

Clearly, prudence is essential for the formation and operation of one’s conscience. To be a prudent person, one must know God’s truth, just as to have a good conscience, one must know God’s truth. One cannot do what is good if one does not know the principles of truth and goodness.

To examine a situation prudently and then to determine a course of action, one must keep in mind three aspects of prudence: *memoria*, *docilitas*, and *solertia*. *Memoria* simply means having a “true-to-being” memory which contains real things and events as they really are now and were in the past. Everyone must learn from his past experiences. Remembering what is to be done or avoided from past experiences helps to alert us to the occasions and causes of sin, to prevent us from making the same mistakes twice, and to inspire us to do what is good. Be on guard: the falsification or denial of recollection is a grave impediment to exercising prudence.

Docilitas means that a person must have docility, an open mindedness that makes the person receptive to the advice and counsel of other people. A person should always seek and heed the wise counsel of those who are older, more experienced, and more knowledgeable.

Finally, the exercise of prudence involves *solertia*, which is sagacity. Here a person has a clear vision of the situation at hand, foresees the goal and consequences of an action, considers the special circumstances involved, and overcomes the temptation of injustice, cowardice, or intemperance. With *solertia*, a person acts in a timely manner with due reflection and consideration to decide what is good and how to do the good. With a well-formed conscience attuned to God’s truth, and with the proper exercise of *memoria*, *docilitas*, and *solertia*, a person will act prudently.

Contrary vices to prudence include precipitance (acting impulsively), inconstancy (changing resolutions too quickly), negligence, and losing sight of one’s supernatural destiny, namely eternal life.

Perhaps the last vice is the most prevalent today: too many people act without regard to their eternal judgement and without setting their sights on Heaven. The prudent person seeks always to do what is good in the eyes of God so as one day to be joined to His everlasting goodness in Heaven. After all, Jesus asked: “What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and destroy himself in the process?” (Matthew 16:26).