



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, KOROBET
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30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

28th October 2018

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Fabian Smith

ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr Joseph Panackal IV Dei

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew
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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan
Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson
Sacramental Coordinator/ Bookkeeper:
Naim Chdid Fri 10.00am—3.00pm

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St Bernard's School Principal: Emilio Scalzo
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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sue Alexander	0400 171 843
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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
Shane Cook	0419 999 052
Peter Farren	0418 594 501
David Loxley	0459 974 960
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Emillio Scalzo	5366 5800
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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 only please call Fr Fabian on 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 29/10/18– 4/11/18

Monday :	No Mass	
Tuesday morning:	9.15am	FJP
Tuesday evening:	6.30pm	FJP
Wednesday:	9.15am	FFS
Thursday: ALL SAINTS	9.15am	FJP
School Mass:	10.15am	FJP
	7.30pm	FJP
Friday: ALL SOULS	9.15am	FJP
1st Friday Devotion	7.30pm	FJP
1st Saturday Devotion	9.15am	FJP
Saturday Vigil :	5.30pm	FFS
Sunday :	8.30am	FFS
	10.30am	FFS

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.



ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

ADORATION: 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after every weekday Mass.

During School Term Mass on Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri at CRC Melton Chapel: 8.00am

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIMES :

Saturday:	6.30pm Mass	FJP
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ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 29/10/18-4/11/18

All weekday Masses (except Thursday) will be held in the Chapel

Monday :	No Mass	
Tuesday :	5.30pm	FFS
Wednesday :	9.30am	FJP
Thursday : ALL SAINTS	9.30am	FFS
School Mass:	11.20am	FFS
Friday : ALL SOULS	9.30am	FFS
Saturday Vigil :	5:00pm	FJP
Sunday :	8:30am	FJP
	10:00am	FJP

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass

ROSARY:

Prayed 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 Date : **7th December**



ADORATION:

1 hour before every weekday Mass.

PROVIDENCE MASS

Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am The Village 5-7 Griffin St, Maddingley.

Next Mass: **9th November**

SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS

Is held on the third Friday of the month in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome not just the seniors. Next Senior's Mass: **16th November**

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: COMPUTER TUTOR FOR REFUGEE SERVICES WITH CATHOLIC CARE

Friday mornings 10am–12pm, during school term

Wyndham Park Community Centre, 55/57 Kookaburra Avenue, Werribee

CatholicCare has a well-established refugee settlement and support service across the Western corridor of Melbourne. For more information please contact the Volunteer Coordinator,

Matt Walton.

Contact: volunteer@ccam.org.au or 9926 5699

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

PARISH FETE - RAFFLE DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to the Parish Fete - Raffle draw winners: Hamper 1 - John Scerri Hamper 2 - Carmen Vella Hamper 3 - Gladys Clarke Hamper 4 - Father Joseph Hamper 5 - Aloysious Dacunha Hamper 6 - Lina Calleja. Special thanks to the following businesses who contributed items/cash towards our Raffle and our stalls – **Arbonne (Kelly Vella), Bakers Delight Craigieburn (Dexter Mendoza), Bargain Box, Helloworld, Hog's Breath Café, Jolly Miller, Noni-B, Peter's Multi Services, Q-Lounge, Satellite City Furniture & Bedding, TabCorp Park, Tax Concept, The Perfect Brew.**

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RETREAT- SAVE THE DATE

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. The retreat will finish with a family Mass at St Anthony's at 10.30am on Sunday the 16th December.

Participants will be invited to bring a plate and enjoy Christmas carols in the Padua Hall after Mass.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are in need of some children to act in the Nativity Play, and children, teens and young adults to sing carols or play instruments. We will be arranging a few practice days over the next couple of months. If you or anyone you know would like to join in the fun of acting, singing or playing a instrument please call/text Sister Clare on 0415 806 217 or email twoheartscentre@bigpond.com by Monday 29th October 2018.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE—ROSTER

The roster for hosting our Lady of Fatima Statue will be compiled in the 1st week of December. Any new families who wish to go on the roster please put your name, address and phone number on the list at the back of the Church.

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS—THIS WEEKEND

If you have recently celebrated a Wedding Anniversary or your Anniversary is coming up and you would like to have a special blessing, you will be invited to stand and receive the blessing. It will also be our cuppa weekend, so please stay and have a cuppa and a chat.

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

During the month of November, Masses are offered for the Holy Souls. If you wish to have your deceased loved ones remembered in Masses to be offered for the Holy Souls, please fill in the 'November Intentions Envelope' and specify which Mass on the 2nd weekend of November you would like their name to be announced. Envelopes can be found at the rear of the Church. The names will also be recorded in a Remembrance Book which will be placed at the altar for the month of November.

CUPPA WITH MARY

Prayer Meeting will be held on Monday, November 5 at 10.00am. This will be the last meeting for 2018. For further information please contact Sr Therese Dagne RSJ on 0418 480 880.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

(for students who attend non-Catholic schools)

Preparation and active participation in the Sacraments is very important for the development of the spiritual journey of your child. To enrol your child in the program, please attend one of the 5.30pm Saturday evening Masses, during the first 3 Saturdays of November and speak to the Sacramental Coordinator after Mass. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment.

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY QUADRANT

Volunteers are required for the following groups: Piety Stall, Church Cleaning, Social Committee, & Monthly Cuppa.

Contact: Natalie Howard 0410478046, Amy Honrade 0457042695 Lillian Christian 0400441257.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2019

Now available in the Piety Stall—\$9.00 each.

ST BERNARD'S

ROSTERS

New rosters for the following ministries are now available for collection from either the Sacristy or the Parish Office:

- Readers & Extraordinary Ministers
- Counting Teams
- Flowers
- Home Communion

Alternatively, if you wish to receive a copy via email, please contact the Parish Office.

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WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 3rd & 4th November

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.30pm: Marian Muller
8.30am: Romeo Sacris
10.30am: Karina Dunne

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm : Anne Peramuna (P) & Gavin Pereira
8.30am : Anthea Scerri (P), Sue Alexander & Lillian Christian
10.30am: Elaine Lacey (P) & Rita Harinos

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Carmen Vella & Godwin Barton
8.30am: Indika Silva & Lina Calleja
10.30am: Josephine German & Godwin Barton

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Kieran Grech & Mason Azzopardi
8.30am: Rhys Tuala
10.30am: Nick Taunuu & Ethan Porter

If you are unavailable please contact Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 3rd & 4th November

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm: Vikki Benson
8.30am: Moira Ross & Marj Tung
10.00am: Sr Mary Fermio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Colin Remedios
8.30am: Peter Lafranchi
10.00am: James Waters

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

October: John Thorne

ALTAR SERVERS

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

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Neil Crowley, Ooi Moo Lee, Leon Sacris & Joso & Mara Topich

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:

Anna & Joseph Brazina, Bishop Tony Burgess, Sr Frances Crowe FMM, Annabel (Shea) Cuppens, Marie Daffey, Pat & John Daly, Ruth Ming Goon, Pat Foley, Ian Hodges, Maree Larkin, Carmela Provenzano, Maria Rupa, Edna Thorne, Charlie Vella, and Paul Wheelahan.

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, Nancy (Girlye) Massey, 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, Julie Scott, Ken Shaw, Marian Smith, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, 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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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 3rd & 4th November

PIETY STALLS VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Judy Van Hoos

8.30am: Pat Chiles

10.30am: John Scerri

CUPPA ROSTER (THIS WEEKEND)

Cuppa Weekend: **27th & 28th October**

5.30pm: Mary Drew & Michelle Dachuna

8.30am: Chris Fitzgerald &
Regina Traczynski

10.30am: Angelo & Rita Harinos



CHURCH FLOWERS

Roseabella Tuala



CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

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 : 3rd & 4th November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Carmel Shea

Sunday: Jan Farmelo

MORNING TEA

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

Next Morning Tea: **4th November**

Host: Parents & Friends



CHURCH FLOWERS

Bernadette Kearney



COUNTING TEAM # 3

Cheryl Rogers

Lyn Shea

Graham Hooper

Michael Love

Sean Gianì

Margaret Love

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (November)

Front Garden: Stuart Robertson

Back/Side Garden: Hugh Miller

Parish Centre: Volunteer Please

Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Please

Back Paddock: Henry Gasior

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 22nd Nov**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

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

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: **Paul & Sonia Zarb** 9747 6053

Group 2: **Gordon & Gladys Clarke** 0402 021 435



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next program: **Sunday 28th October**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **Sunday 4th & 18th November**

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 : Kate & Danny

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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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout!
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 125

COMM: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

ALL: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

ALL: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd,
Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was
sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was
Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of
David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded
him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the
louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and
said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,'
they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak,
he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What
do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said
to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your
faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and
he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deut 6:2-6;

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28;

Gospel: Mk 12:28-34



2018 the Year of Youth:

Models of holiness III: St Stanislas Kostka

Stanislas Kostka was born at Rostkovo near Prasnysz, Poland, on about October 28, 1550. His father, John Kostka, was a senator of the Kingdom of Poland and Lord of Zakroczym; his mother was Margaret de Drobnik Kryska, the sister and niece of the Dukes Palatine of Masovia and the aunt of the celebrated Chancellor of Poland, Felix Kryska.

Stanislas was the second of seven children. His older brother Paul lived to be present at the celebration of Stanislas' beatification in 1605. The two brothers were first taught at home. The main feature of this early education being the firmness, even severity, of their training; its results were the excellent habits of piety, modesty, temperance, and submission.

In 1565, they were sent to Vienna with their tutor to attend the Jesuit college that had been opened four years before. Among the students of the college Stanislas was soon conspicuous for his amiability and cheerfulness of expression, as also for his religious fervour and piety. This spirit of devotion continued to grow during the three years he remained in Vienna.

His brother Paul said of him during the process of beatification: "He devoted himself so completely to spiritual things that he frequently became unconscious, especially in the church of the Jesuit Fathers at Vienna. This had happened at home to my brother at Easter when he was seated at table with our parents and other persons."

While at Vienna, Stanislas joined the Congregation of St Barbara, to which many students of the Jesuit college belonged. If the confidences he then made to his tutor and later to a fellow member of the Society at Rome are to be believed, it was St Barbara who brought two angels to him during the course of a serious illness, in order to give him the Eucharist.

So much piety, however, did not please the older brother Paul; his exasperation led him to treat with violence the innocent Stanislas. Stanislas finally lost patience, and one night after he had again suffered the harsh comments and blows of his brother he turned on Paul with the words: "Your rough treatment will end in my going away never to return, and you will have to explain my leaving to our father and mother." Paul's sole reply was to swear violently at him.

Meantime the thought of joining the Society of Jesus had already entered the mind of the saintly young man. It was six months, however, before he ventured to speak of this to the superiors of the Society. At Vienna they hesitated to receive

him, fearing the tempest that would probably be raised by his father against the Society. Stanislas quickly grasped the situation and formed the plan of applying to the general of the Society at Rome. The distance was five hundred leagues, which had to be made on foot.

On the morning of the day on which he was to carry out his project, he called his servant to him early and told him to notify his brother Paul and his tutor in the course of the morning that he would not be back that day to dinner. Then he started, taking the first opportunity to exchange the dress of a gentleman for that of a beggar, which was the only way to escape the curiosity of those he might meet.

By nightfall Paul and the tutor understood that Stanislas had turned from them as he had threatened. They were seized with a fierce anger and started out after him, but were not able to overtake him.

Stanislas stayed for a month at Dillingen, where the provincial, St Peter Canisius, put the young aspirant's vocation to the test by employing him in the boarding school. Subsequently he went on to Rome, where he arrived on October 25, 1567.

During the 10 remaining months of his life, he was a model and mirror of religious perfection. Notwithstanding his very delicate constitution he did not spare himself the slightest penance. He had such a burning fever in his chest that he was often obliged to apply cold compresses.

On August 9, 1568, Stanislas felt a mortal weakness made worse by a high fever, and clearly saw that his last hour had come. He wrote a letter to the Blessed Virgin begging her to call him to the skies there to celebrate with her the glorious anniversary of her Assumption. His confidence in the Blessed Virgin, which had already brought him many signal favours, was this time again rewarded; on August 15, 1568, towards four in the morning, while he was wrapt in pious utterances to God, to the saints, and to the Virgin Mary, his soul passed to its Creator. His face shone with the most serene light. The entire city proclaimed him a saint and people hastened from all parts to venerate his remains. The Holy See ratified the popular verdict by his beatification in 1605; he was canonised on December 31, 1726.

St Stanislas is one of Poland's most popular saints. Representations of him in art sometimes depict him receiving Communion from the hands of angels; sometimes receiving the Infant Jesus from the hands of the Virgin; or in the midst of a battle putting to flight the enemies of his country.