

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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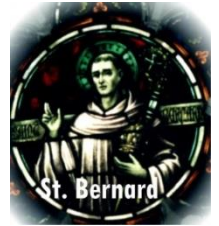
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Parish Office Hours:

Tues–Thu 9:00am–1:00pm, Fri 10:00am–2:00pm



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 29th October 2017

OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society, people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law, others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives, we benefit not only those who need our help, but also those who observe our actions.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass

Monday	no Mass
Tuesday	5:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am All Saints
Thursday	9:30am All Souls
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 **each Monday at 7.30pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour.

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

Next First Friday: 3rd November

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: 3rd November

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON CF. PSALMS 104:3-4

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

FIRST READING EXODUS 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 17:2-4, 47, 51, R. V. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise; when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and you neighbour as yourself.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON CF. PSALMS 19:6

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

St Bernard's (continued)

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is held on the **third Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **10:30am**.

Next Seniors' Mass: 17th November

Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE AGED CARE

9 Griffith Street, off Grant Street

Mass will be held on the **second Friday** of each month at **11:00am**.

Next Mass: 10th November

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

26th November 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 a copy of Birth Certificate to the program.

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

Coordinators: Steve & Geraldine

MORNING TEA is held on the **first**

Sunday of each month (except January) in the Parish Centre **after 10:00am Mass**.

Next Morning Tea: 5th November

Hosts: Parents & Friends

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

St Vincent de Paul

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 will open sometime in **November**. We are calling for more volunteers for the new store.

If you would like more information, please ring **0417 525 617**.

Summertime Twilight Fete

Friday 1st December 2017

3:30pm – 8:00pm

St Bernard's School

Volunteers needed to set up before the event and on the day, please. Also, donations for cake stall would be greatly appreciated. For more details, contact Natalie on **0418 340 217**.

MINISTRIES 28th & 29th October 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Volunteer	Gerard Harrington / Jenny Hooper	Cathy Belcher / Diane Craig
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	James Waters
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	28th October 29th October	Trish Davine Carole Ryder	
Counters #10	Kath Connell, Val Dickson, Michael Duffy, Mary Delahey		

INTERACTIVE CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Volunteers are kindly requested to attend any **one** of the following Interactive Child Safety Workshops:

Sunday 29 October, 12:00pm – 2:30pm, St Anthony's

Saturday 11 November, 11:00am – 1:30pm, St Bernard's

Your input is essential to ensure our Parish is child safe.

It is compulsory for **all volunteers** to attend a session.

Please **RSVP** on the clipboard in the foyer of the church.

**Volunteer Opportunity
Assisting Refugee Students
Mercy Connect Melbourne**

Mercy Works Ltd is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in Oct/Nov followed by a Training Day early December. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Tel: Mercy Connect Melbourne 9326 1895

MINISTRIES 4th & 5th November 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Sandra Ibrahim	Marj Tung	James Waters
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	Jennifer Taylor
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	28th October 29th October	Sean Giani Marj Tung	
Counters #1	Alan Comrie, Jim Scott Peter Mooney, Margot Short		
Church Grounds November	Front Garden: Stuart Robertson Back/Side Garden: Hugh Miller Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Michael Wale Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers Fri 3 rd November	Frances McDaid	POF November	Dolores Turcsan

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Anton Mijic, Carmela Provenzano, Maree Larkin, Paul Wheelahan, Pat Foley, Ian Hodges, Pat & John Daly, Charlie Vella, Anna & Joseph Brazina, Fr John Nagle, Edna Thorne, Ruth Ming Goon, Marie Daffey, Sr Frances Crowe FMM, Bishop Tony Burgess (*formerly of Hobart*), Annabel (Shea) Cuppens.

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 Dominquez, 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.

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 whole month of November.

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, October 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.

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.

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.

Please arrange a meeting time with **Naim Chdid**, our new **Sacramental Coordinator**, through the Parish Office during the month of November 2017 to enrol your child. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting.

Friday 3rd and 17th November between 2:30pm – 6:30pm

Friday 10th and 24th November between 10:00am – 3:00pm

Becoming a Catholic

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation?

We will be offering an opportunity to enter more fully into the life of the church through the **RCIA programme**. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church, who God is, and how we respond with the aim of preparing candidates to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your own faith experience. Fr John-Paul and Fr Patrick will be assisted by parishioners in welcoming you into The Church. Meetings will be held at the **Parish Centre** beginning at **10:30am on Saturdays from 11th November 2017**. For information, please contact the Parish office, or speak with one of the priests.

Feast Day November 2 — All Souls Day

When we die we believe that we will be judged. St Faustina, who was asked by Jesus to propagate devotion to his Divine Mercy, wrote in her Diary that she was shown her judgement in advance:

“Once I was summoned to the judgement of God. I stood alone before the Lord. Jesus appeared such as we know him during his Passion. After a moment, his wounds disappeared except for five, those in his hands, his feet and his side. Suddenly I saw the complete condition of my soul as God sees it. I could clearly see all that is displeasing to God. I did not know that even smallest transgressions will have to be accounted for. What a moment! Who can describe it? To stand before the Thrice-Holy God!”

(Diary of St Maria Faustina Kowalska)

After judgement three choices await us: hell, Purgatory or heaven; hell for those who have rejected God, heaven for those who die as saints and Purgatory for everyone else. We would all like to go immediately to heaven when we die, but are we living in such a way that we will die as saints? Would it be more realistic to expect to spend time in Purgatory being purified? Only perfect love can see God face to face so in Purgatory we are purified that we may see God face to face. On All Souls Day we pray for all the souls who are still in Purgatory undergoing purification and growing in love before they are ready to see God face to face in heaven. It is out of belief in Purgatory that All Souls Day springs. If we didn't believe in Purgatory the commemoration of the holy souls and our prayers for them would not make sense.

We believe that God is all merciful and that Jesus' Passion, death and Resurrection saved us, but that does not excuse us from being purified. Jesus has saved us but we still need to make amends for sin committed and we need to be purified. This expiation for sin must be made either in this life or the next. During life we receive many opportunities to expiate sin through our sufferings, but after death any unexpiated sin needs to be purified. This is what Purgatory is, being healed of the effects of sin which do not leave us totally open to grace. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, when Cardinal Ratzinger, wrote:

“The inwardly necessary process of transformation in which a person becomes capable of Christ, capable of God and thus capable of unity with the whole communion of saints. Simply to look at people with any degree of realism at all is to grasp the necessity of such a process. Man is the recipient of divine mercy yet this does not exonerate him from the need to be transformed. Encounter with the Lord is this transformation. It is the fire that burns away our dross and re-forms us to be vessels of eternal joy.”

(Joseph Ratzinger, Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life)

Fr Schouppe tells us that Our Lady herself goes to Purgatory to release the souls on Saturdays and her feast days. (Fr F.X. Schouppe SJ, Purgatory Explained) Fr Schouppe refers to St Peter Damien's account of Our Lady releasing souls on the feast of her Assumption on August 15. St Peter Damien wrote of a certain lady having received an apparition from her deceased godmother who said:

“During this great solemnity the Queen of Heaven descended into the midst of the purgatorial flames and delivered me, together with a large number of other souls, that we might enter heaven on the feast of her Assumption. She exercises this great act of clemency each year; and, on this occasion alone, the number of those whom she delivered equals the population of Rome. In proof of the truth of my words, know that you yourself will die a year hence on the Feast of the Assumption; if you outlive that period, believe that this was an illusion.”

(Purgatory Explained)

Other mystical sources indicate that the greatest number of souls is released from Purgatory on Christmas Day. Our Lady promised to release from Purgatory quickly those who wear the Scapular of Mount Carmel devoutly, not as a charm, but with proper devotion while living a holy life.

Souls in Purgatory cannot offer physical sufferings in expiation for sin as we do and rely on us to aid them in their purification by our prayers. This is why we celebrate Mass for the holy souls on All Souls Day. They need our prayers for their purification. When our loved ones die let us not abandon them but help them by our prayers and sacrifices. A mystical source has said that when we pray for our loved ones by name they can see us on earth.

How we can help the souls in Purgatory

- Having Mass offered for the soul of a departed loved one is the greatest help we can give them because Mass, being the sacrifice of Jesus offered to the Father, is the greatest prayer.
- We can pray for the souls in Purgatory.
- We can offer our fasting, almsgiving, pilgrimages in atonement for sins of those in Purgatory.

Let us also remember to gain indulgences for the souls in Purgatory. We can gain a plenary indulgence (full remission of all temporal punishment due for sins whose guilt has already been forgiven [temporal punishment is the remains of sin which do not leave us totally open to grace]) for souls in Purgatory on All Souls Day by:

- Visiting a church or oratory and praying there the Creed and one Our Father.
- Praying for the Pope's intentions.
- Receiving Holy Communion within a week before or afterwards.
- Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation within a week before or afterwards.
- Being in a state of grace, that is, not having any attachment or desire for sin of any kind.

We can also gain a plenary indulgence for souls in Purgatory each day from November 1 to 8 by:

- Visiting a cemetery and praying for the faithful departed.
- Praying there for the Pope's intentions the Creed and one Our Father.
- Receiving Holy Communion within a week before or afterwards.
- Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation within a week before or afterwards.
- Being in a state of grace, that is, not having any attachment or desire for sin of any kind.