

# Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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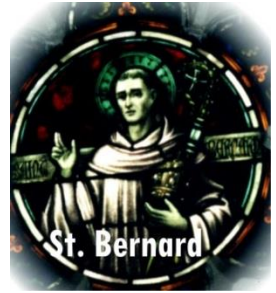
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**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Fabian Smith

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**PARISH OFFICE STAFF:** Naim  
Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:30am—3pm



17th Sunday in Ordinary time

30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Finding a Treasure.** A treasure is not something we earn but something we find. We can spend a lot of our lives wishing and hoping that some treasure will come our way. We can forget that we already possess a wonderful treasure in our loved ones and in the gift of life itself. And the greatest treasure of all is the kingdom of heaven which Jesus freely offers to us. May we have the wisdom to seek our treasure in God, and not in the glittering goods of a passing world.

## St Bernard's Mass Times

### WEEKEND

**Saturday — 5pm (Vigil) New Time**

**Sunday — 8.30am & 10am**

**Reconciliation 1st Rite:**

**Saturday 4:15pm**

### WEEKDAY

**Monday No Mass**

**Tuesday – 5:30pm**

**Wednesday – 9:30**

**Thursday – 9:30**

**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: **31<sup>st</sup> July***

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** is held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Friday** of the month

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

**Next Adoration : 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held on **1st Sunday of each month during 10am Mass. Next Children's Liturgy 6<sup>th</sup> August**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

## FIRST READING 1 KING 3: 5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Lord I love your commands

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts:

I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

### Lord I love your commands

## SECOND READING ROMANS 8: 28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL MATTHEW 13: 44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

## 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: 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**Hosts: Museum Committee & Josephite Associates**

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS MASS** - is held on the **3rd Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **10:30am**

**Next Seniors Mass: 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**Everybody is welcome not just the seniors.**

### **PROVIDENCE:**

9 Griffith Street off Grant Street

Mass will be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of each month at 11am

**Next Mass: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM** **27 August at 11.15am** in the Parish Centre.

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website.

[www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh](http://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: Peter & Rosemary*

### **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**

## **A Journey of Faith Feast of Tabernacles Tour with Fr Fabian Smith & Fr John Paul Mount From 1 to 14 October 2017**

**Cost of Tour \$5,365.00 per person For Further Information: speak to Fr Fabian**

## **MINISTRIES 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

<b>Mass times</b>	<b>5pm Sat Vigil</b>	<b>8.30am Sun</b>	<b>10am Sun</b>
<b>Min/s of the Word</b>	Maureen Zahra	Gerard Harrington Jenny Hooper	Diane Craig Allan Comrie
<b>Min/s Eucharist</b>	Stuart Robertson	Brendon Harrison	Jennifer Taylor
<b>Gifts Procession</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Piety</b>	29th July Mandy Harrington 30th July Jan & Colm		
<b>Counters #7</b>	Denis Everard, Bernard Coburn, Mary Flanagan		

### **Catholic Regional College Melton - Year 7 2019**

Enrolments Valuing God, Nurturing the Individual, Excelling in Education Applications for Year 7 2019 are now open and close on Thursday 24th August 2017.

Enrolment Application forms is available from the College office.

### **In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop**

The sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, Travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. Cost EX Melbourne: 2,990.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals.) For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 8912 4845 or Sr Amie Bond 02 8912 4818 or at [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au)

## **MINISTRIES 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

<b>Mass times</b>	<b>5pm Sat Vigil</b>	<b>8.30am Sun</b>	<b>10am Sun</b>
<b>Min/s of the Word</b>	Trish Davine	Peter Lafranchi/ Margaret Love	James Waters/ Dianne Craig
<b>Min/s Eucharist</b>	Colin Remedios	Mira Foxford	James Waters
<b>Gifts Procession</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Piety</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> August Carmel Shea, 6 <sup>th</sup> August Jan Farnelo		
<b>Counters #8</b>	Colm Carragher, Maggie Carragher, Jill Braithwaite, Marj Tung		
<b>Church Grounds August</b>	<b>Front Garden:</b> Pat O'Leary <b>Back/Side:</b> Pat O'Leary <b>Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines:</b> Ron Geurts <b>Back Paddock:</b> Henry Gasior		
<b>Church Flowers</b>	Jan Carragher	<b>POF for August</b>	Mary Flanagan

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Lawrence Roberts, Monica Gregson, Peter Fanning, Herb Ward, Mary White, Nell Quinlan, Theo Thomas, Craig Hoskings, John McDonald, Adam Lancaster, Martin Bolger, Sheri Martin, Kevin Blackmore, Derrick Cariaga

### **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, Mabel McArdle, 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, Kath 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.

### **St Bernard's Parish Primary School**

#### **open day**

8.30am-9.am coffee and tea for parents and visitors

9.00am in the Recreation Centre

St Bernard's School song, Prayer  
Father Fabian, St Bernard's School  
Choir

9:30am— 10:30am Showcase of  
classes, Final song by whole school

10:30am—10:50am Eating Time

10:50 am—11:10am Playtime

11:00am – 1:00pm Convent Museum  
Open

11:15 am—1:00pm Open classrooms

1:00pm—2:00pm Lunch

Visitors welcome to join classes for  
lunch

## ***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.**

In this year the **100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions** why not welcome the parish statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" into your home for week or two. All those interested contact Colm Carragher. PH: 53673445 M: 0413223400

### **ST ANTHONY'S MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES.**

St Anthony's will be conducting the highly recommended 'Beloved' series of DVD talks for married and engaged couples to strengthen and enrich their relationship. This is a great opportunity to think deeply about Marriage, get to know ourselves and our loved one better, to strive to be a better spouse, father or mother, and to come closer to God. The program will be starting Sunday 30th July at 5pm, same time each Sunday for 8 weeks, concluding on Sunday 17th September. Enquiries please see Father John Paul.

## **The Seven Corporal Work of Mercy — Part XV**

**Bury the Dead.** To bury the dead is usually listed as the last of the corporal works of mercy. There are two reasons for this. The first is obvious: the final act of respect we can show to anyone is by burying his mortal remains. All the other corporal works of mercy are shown to the living: the hungry and thirsty, the homeless and naked, the sick and imprisoned. The second reason is that this is the only corporal work of mercy not mentioned by our Lord in his parable of the Last Judgement. Rather, the Church added this work of mercy out of the respect owed to the human body as “God’s temple” and out of consideration for the bereaved.

**Burial reflects belief in the afterlife.** Scripture states very simply what our human experience confirms: “It is appointed for men to die once” Yet, despite its definitive and mysterious nature, death has been seen in most cultures and civilisations not as a total ending of life, but as a passage into life beyond this world. Burial was the almost universal practice in Israel from earliest times. It involved the committing of the body of the deceased to the ground, usually in a cave or in a sepulchre hewn out of rock. Such places of burial were usually sealed by rolling a large stone across the entrance, as was the case with Jesus and Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead. In earlier Old Testament times, there does not seem to have been any preparation of the body for burial. Closer to the New Testament era, the bodies of the dead were washed; the wealthy would add spices and perfumes and other fragrances, and then wrap the body in linen for burial. As we know from various Gospel accounts, the body of Jesus, after being taken down from the Cross, was not washed or properly anointed, but because of the approaching Sabbath hastily wrapped in linen and placed in a new tomb. Some of the women, like St Mary Magdalene, went to the tomb at sunrise on Easter morning, not expecting to see the Risen Lord, but to anoint his dead body properly.

**Why is burying the dead a work of mercy?** Burying the dead can be seen as a corporal work of mercy in two ways: (1) the sacredness of each person, and in particular of the body, in light of eternal life; and (2) as a time of mourning and farewell. The body is sacred because it is created by God, made holy by God, and destined for God in the resurrection. In Genesis, after God had created man and woman, he saw that what he had created was “very good” (Genesis 1:31). Furthermore, the body, through the sacrament of baptism, becomes both a “member of Christ”, that is, a member of his Mystical Body, and a “temple of the Holy Spirit”, who dwells within us. For these reasons, St Paul urges us: “Glorify God in your body.” A final reason why the body is sacred and why we treat it with dignity at death through a respectful burial is because we believe that God will raise our bodies on the Last Day and reunite them with our souls. We will only be complete in our humanity when our bodies and souls are reunited. Our bodies, like that of Christ, will be glorified, so as to share in his eternal glory. Speaking of the body at the time of the resurrection of the dead, St Paul writes: “What is sown [buried] is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body”

**Burial is a time of mourning and farewell.** Another important purpose of the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead is to assist family and friends in their time of mourning and farewell. No matter how strong we are, we all need physical, emotional and spiritual support to face the great grief and sense of separation that death evokes. This is why the Church’s traditional Order of Christian Burial includes a vigil service, the funeral liturgy and the rite of committal. Through this abundance of prayer we celebrate the earthly life of the faithful departed and solemnly honour his passage into eternal life. The ritual brings comfort to the living, and the prayer of the Church unites Heaven and Earth, transcending physical separation. Unless the death of a loved one has been sudden, the grieving process is generally begun even before death takes place. In situations such as a lingering terminal illness or advanced old age, family and friends have an opportunity to express the sentiments of their enduring love, to accept the fact that separation will occur, and even to begin allowing their loved one to leave them. The care given, whether in hospital visits or in regular phone calls, whether in providing for the bodily needs of food and medicine or the spiritual needs of supportive prayer and the sacraments, is all an expression of love. Many times these acts are also expressions of our gratitude, especially with our own parents. At the same time, however, watching a loved one’s life gradually passing can be a great test of one’s faith and love. In the case of those with severe physical or mental suffering, family members and friends must make many acts of faith and trust in God’s will and providence that this suffering has a reason, which may not always be apparent. Providing the care needed, as well as sharing the sufferings of loved ones, is all part of the process of letting our loved ones go in death. When the final separation comes suddenly and without warning, as in an accident or tragedy, the time of mourning is extremely important. This is when family and friends need to come together to share their profound sorrow at the sudden loss of a loved one. This is when shared faith and prayer do so much to begin the healing needed after death. St Paul reminds us that we must not grieve as those who have no hope. Our trust is that our loved ones are with God. We hope someday to be reunited with them in Heaven, where there will be no more suffering, no more separation, where “every tear will be wiped away”. These are sentiments we must share with family and friends in order to have the courage to go on with life.

**“Life is not ended but merely changed”** The Catholic Church considers death an important aspect of life itself. Scripture reminds us that it is appointed that each person has to undergo death. Therefore, death must not be seen as a source of despair as if we were entering into nothingness. Rather, the Church sees death as a transition from human life in this valley of tears to an eternal life of glory in the Kingdom of Heaven. It is because of our hope in the resurrection, that we continue living with confidence in this life. As St Paul observed already in the first Christian generation: “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” For the Christian everything rests on the reality of Christ’s bodily Resurrection. Then we can be sure that he will raise us also on the Last Day. **From What To Do When Jesus Is Hungry. By Fr Andrew Apostoli CFR. Ignatius Press. Used with permission.**