

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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First Sunday of Advent – Year B 3rd December 2017

COME, LORD JESUS. The prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass

Monday no Mass
Tuesday 5:30pm
6:15pm **Advent Reflection on Poverty**
Wednesday 9:30am
Thursday 9:30am
Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. 9:30am Mass
11:30am **Seniors Mass in the Parish Centre**

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 **every Monday** at **7:30pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour.

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

Next First Friday: 5th January 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: 5th January 2018

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON CF. PSALMS 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PSALMS 84:8

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON PSALMS 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

St Bernard's (continued)

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is held on the **second Friday** in the month of December in the Parish Centre at **11:30am**.
Next Seniors' Mass: 8th December
Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE MASS

The Village, 5-7 Griffith Street, Maddingley
Mass will be held on the **first Friday** of the month at **11:00am**.
Next Mass: 5th January 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 Birth Certificate to the program.
Please note: Both parents are required to attend the program.

MORNING TEA is held on the **first Sunday** of the month (except January) in the Parish Centre **after 10:00am Mass**.
Next Morning Tea: 3rd December
Host: Parish Pastoral Council

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

The **Saint Vincent de Paul Op Shop (The Shed)** is now closed. The new **Vinnies** store is now open and we are calling for more volunteers for the new store. If you would like more information, please ring **0417 525 617**.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS

The **Seniors' Christmas Mass** will be celebrated next **Friday 8th December 2017** at **11:30am** in the **Parish Centre** and will be followed by a **Christmas Luncheon**. All parishioners, not just Seniors, are welcome – so come along. For luncheon bookings, please phone Elizabeth Lummis (**5310 6320**) by 12noon on Monday 4th December 2017. Luncheon cost is **\$20.00**.
St Bernard's Seniors would like to wish their fellow parishioners a Blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year in 2018.

MINISTRIES 2nd & 3rd December 2017

| Mass Times | 5pm Sat Vigil | 8:30am Sun | 10:00am Sun |
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| Min/s of the Word | Maureen Zahra | Mira Foxford | Sr Mary |
| Min/s Eucharist | Vikki Benson | Brendan Harrison | Jenny Kearney |
| Gifts Procession | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Altar Servers | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Piety | 2nd December 3rd December | Trish Davine Carol Ryder | |
| Counters #5 | Pat O'Leary, Jo Cowan, Peter Lafranchi, Frank Pomeroy, Stuart Robertson | | |

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2017

St Bernard's, Bacchus Marsh

Christmas Vigil – **Sunday 24th December 2017**

7:00pm Vigil Family Mass (preceded with Carols at 6:30pm)

10:30pm Mass (preceded with Carols at 10:00pm)

Christmas Day – **Monday 25th December 2017**

8:30am and **10:00am** Mass

Our Lady Help of Christians, Korobeit

Christmas Vigil – **Sunday 24th December 2017**

8:00pm Vigil Mass (preceded with Carols at 7:30pm)

Reconciliation First Rite (Confession)

St Bernard's, Bacchus Marsh

Friday 22nd December 2017

6:30pm – 7:30pm

4 priests available

ADVENT REFLECTION in the Parish Centre at 6:15pm

This year's Advent Reflection will be on
Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

Tuesday 5th December – Poverty talk by Fr John Paul

Tuesday 12th December – Obedience talk by Fr Patrick

Tuesday 19th December – Chastity talk by Fr Fabian

MINISTRIES 9th & 10th December 2017

| Mass Times | 5pm Sat Vigil | 8:30am Sun | 10:00am Sun |
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| Min/s of the Word | Volunteer | Gerard Harrington / Jenny Hooper | Marj Tung |
| Min/s Eucharist | Stuart Robertson | Mira Foxford | Carole Ryder |
| Gifts Procession | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Altar Servers | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Piety | 9th December 10th December | Sean Giani Marj Tung | |
| Counters #6 | Gerard Shelly, Jill Geurts, Kate Maurer, Michael Larkin, Ron Geurts | | |
| Church Grounds December | Front Garden: Volunteer Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts Back Paddock: Colm Carragher | | |
| Church Flowers Fri 8 th December | Jan Carragher | POF December | Dolores Turcsan |

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Agius, Agnes Ann Burke, Monsignor William John Caffrey, Edward (Keith) Cowman, Maureen DeBolfo, Sr Mary Carmel Flanagan SRM, Fr Peter Lucas OP, Jim Maloney, Marita Miesen, Myra O'Leary, Jean Tobin, and Fr Justin Woodford.

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, Teresa Darlington-Canty, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Ian Dominiquez, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Andree Greenwood, Onnie Greenwood, Joe Gristi, Brian Harrison, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Michael Larkin, 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, Jessica Yue.

SUMMER SCHOOL MELBOURNE

With speakers including Fr Rob Galea, Dr Brendan Triffett, Fr Max Vodola, Leeanne Grima, Sr Katherine Stone & Fr Dan Serratore, this is a Summer School not to be missed! **Register before 12th December 2017** for early bird rates. Register as a group of 4 to save \$100 (3 participants must be new to Summer School). More info: melbourne@summerschool.org.au, 0467 092 091 or <http://summerschool.org.au>

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM airs this **Sunday 3rd December 2017**.

The first Sunday of Advent reflects on the Gospel of Matthew and encourages us to be alert and on guard! Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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, 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.

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.

MOORABOOL LIGHT ORCHESTRA

presents

"Sounds of the Season" – Christmas Concert

Sunday 17 December 2017 at 2:00pm

Bacchus Marsh Public Hall

40+ Musicians – Barry Wilkins OAM (Musical Director)
Special Guests – Carolyn Bennett (Soprano)
– Geelong Handbell Choir

General Admission: **\$25**

Tickets available from Barbara Snibson, Bacchus Marsh Florist & Nursery

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS – GOOD NEWS

We often speak of the Gospel being "Good News". Despite what some would have us believe, there is "Good News" in our parish and our Church. The presence of many people at Christmas tells us that we still need Jesus in our lives. The activities of our parish on a regular basis are also "Good News". Please feel free to join us at any time.

The numbers of men training for the priesthood is also "Good News". Currently we have nearly sixty men in our seminary at Carlton, Corpus Christi College. Please pray for them, and for many more to join them.

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.

If you haven't already done so, please arrange a meeting time as soon as possible with **Naim Chdid**, our new **Sacramental Coordinator**, through the Parish Office to enrol your child. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting.

2018 is the Year of Youth: Breaking open the theme

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has dedicated the year 2018, beginning in Advent, when the Church's year begins, to Youth. The following text is from a major resource document for the year. It was written by Bishop Mark Edwards is Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Region of the Archdiocese, our region. Bishop Edwards is also Episcopal Vicar for Tertiary Education and Youth.

Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment

The two halves of the title for the Year of Youth (Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy and Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment) are both from Pope Francis but at different times and places. The first part of the title is from his address to the young people at the Vigil in Krakow; the subsidiary one is the focus that he has given to the Synod for Youth to be held in 2018.

The Year of Youth is a call and an opportunity for us to recreate with and for the young people of today the possibility of encountering God, the Church and other young people so that something of the gift that was World Youth Day 2008 lives on. The Church in this Year of Youth invites young people and challenges them to enter the deep questions of their lives and their faith, to appeal to them on behalf of Jesus to be builders of a culture of love, to be witnesses of the Gospel and to grow as missionary disciples.

The energy out of which we operate when we share our faith and help with the discernment of vocation is vitally important. We are the best youth ministers that we can be when we operate out of joy and gratefulness, when we want others to receive what we have. It is essential that we get in solid contact with what our sources of joy are. This is indispensable preparation for the Year of Youth as well as being central for our own spiritual growth.

What we share about joy has to be what the Church teaches and what we believe. It is not right for us to present to our young people as true something that we do not believe. If it is appropriate and possible, sharing from our experience of how the faith provides us with a light and grateful heart will be a helpful element too.

Joy, along with mercy, synodality (which includes accompaniment and listening) and the integrity of creation, is one of the great threads running through the papal messages of Pope Francis. I have lost count of the number of times that I have seen reported that he said something like, "Don't be a sourpuss".

One way in which faith inspires joy for me is the knowledge that with the eyes of faith, the God who knows exactly what we are like accepts, likes and loves us. He loves us so much that he became one of us, died and rose again to prove it. St Josephine Bakhita illustrates this. Kidnapped at a young age and sold into slavery, she eventually became part of an Italian family and was set free. Here she met Christ and Christianity, which changed her life.

She was known to stand at the baptismal font moved to tears. "This is where I became a daughter of God," she would say. "I wish I had known God when I was a slave," she confided to a friend, for then she would have had the joy of knowing she was valuable and loved. It would have made incredible difference to her in her life of mistreatment and servitude.

Our Lord promises us that "nothing is hidden but it will be made clear, nothing secret but it will be known and brought into light" (Luke 8:17). One true meaning of this is that God's tender, gentle, reverent love for us and how important we are to him will be seen by everyone and, indeed, proclaimed from the roof tops. More, God loves us so much that he wants us to live a life of significance.

In the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, we were chosen as God's beloved sons and daughters (Mark 1:10). God anointed us with power in his own Spirit in our baptism and confirmation and sent us into the world. There is vitality in these sacraments.

Vocation in its widest sense includes the noble vocations of being a business person or doctor or child-care worker as well as those of married or religious life. Our call is to accompany young people as they try to listen to what God is asking of them, to help them hear his voice in the busyness of their lives. The example of the discernment of Servant of God Mary Glowrey JMJ, who may possibly be Australia's second saint, might be helpful for you and for young people in your care. The staff at the Mary Glowrey Museum are well equipped to help understand this and want to share this knowledge: www.facebook.com/pg/maryglowreymuseum/posts/.

Taking steps to realise our vocation(s) requires courage. The faith and the hope that God's joy lies down this road gives us and our young people a healthy, positive impetus to go forward.

Pope Francis calls us and our young people to leave the comfort and inertia of our sofa and to go and make a difference in the world. We and they are to stake everything on the joy that comes from encountering Jesus, a joy that has no end. This joy will never leave us – it is one of the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. When we explore our faith from the angle of the joy it brings, and we come to understand something of the significance for God in our lives, we discover new horizons are opened that are capable of spreading joy.