

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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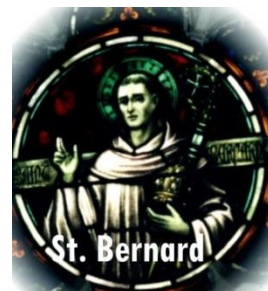


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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd September 2017

YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD! THE PROPHET JEREMIAH WAS CAPTIVATED BY GOD. HIS ATTACHMENT MEANT THAT HE SUFFERED GREATLY AT THE HANDS OF GOD'S ENEMIES BUT HE ALSO EXPERIENCED A FIRE WITHIN, LIT BY GOD'S LOVE, THAT URGED HIM ON. WE TOO CAN FOLLOW JESUS WHOLEHEARTEDLY ONLY IF WE ARE CAPTIVATED BY HIM. LIKE PETER, WE MAY REMONSTRATE WITH JESUS AS WE STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND HIS WAYS, BUT WE WILL FOLLOW HIM FAITHFULLY ALONG THE WAY OF THE CROSS TO THE FULLNESS OF LIFE.

St Bernard's Mass Times

WEEKEND

Saturday — 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday — 8:30am & 10:00am

Reconciliation 1st Rite:

Saturday – 4:15pm

WEEKDAY

Monday – no Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – 9:30am

Thursday – 9:30am

Friday – 9:30am

every weekday before Mass, 1 hour Adoration

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 the first Friday each month following morning Mass.

Next Rosary date is 4th September.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held on the first Friday of the month from **10.00am to 7:00pm.** You are welcome to come along and spend some time with the Lord.

Next Adoration: **6th October 2017**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held on the first Sunday of each month during 10:00am Mass. *Next Children's*

Liturgy is on 1st October 2017.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant derision for me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you
with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING ROMANS 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL MATTHEW 16: 13-20

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

St Bernard's Church *continued*

MORNING TEA is held on the **first Sunday of each month** (except January) in the Parish Centre.

Next Morning Tea: 1st October 2017

Hosts: Knights of the Southern Cross

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

Next Seniors Mass: 15th September 2017

Everybody is welcome not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE:

9 Griffith Street off Grant Street

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

Next Mass: Anointing Mass on **Friday 8th September**. There will be Cuppa after Mass; bring a plate to share if you are attending.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

24 September 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 copy of Birth Certificate to the program.

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

Coordinators: Caitlyn & Steve

Parish Centre Bookings

T: 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 St West

Convent Lane, Bacchus Marsh

St Vincent de Paul Society

Shed Hours: Mon Thurs Fri 9:00am-11:45am

Sat 9:00am-12:00noon

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

Shed Enquiries: 0407 463 847

The new CWA Night Branch invites you for the opening of the new room in Bacchus Marsh at Darley Civic and Community Hub at 182 Halletts Way, Darley on Saturday 9th September at 11:00am. Enter via Wittick St for parking. A light lunch will be provided. This is a community event; all is welcome.

MINISTRIES 2nd /3rd September 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Maureen Zahra	Jan Carragher Allan Comrie	Jennifer Taylor Carmel Shea
Min/s Eucharist	Stuart Robertson	Colm Carragher	Roy Ryder
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	2nd September Jan & Colm Carragher 3rd September Mandy Harrington		
Counters #2	Jennifer Taylor, John Tung, Lucille Wheelahan		

A new roster for the existing Counters Team and for the new parishioners who volunteered for counting is available at the back of the church. Please pick up your roster.

A Father's Day Collection for retired and sick priests will be taken up this weekend. Please give generously.

MOORABOOL LIGHT ORCHESTRA presents a **"SPRING FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC"** selected inspirational program of sacred music and well-loved hymns on **Sunday 17th September 2017 at 2:00pm** at **St Bernard's Catholic Parish Church, Bacchus Marsh.**

Special Guest Artists: Reuben Morgan (Tenor), Sofia Laursen Habel (Soprano), Leigh Askew (Organ), plus 40 members of the MLO and Barry Wilkins OAM (Musical Director). GENERAL ADMISSION – \$15 (Tickets at the door from 1:00pm).

MINISTRIES 9th / 10th September 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8.30am Sun	10am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Trish Davine	Mira Foxford	Diane Craig Mira Foxford
Min/s Eucharist	Colin Remedios	Brendan Harrison	Jennifer Taylor
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	9th September Jan Farmelo 10th September Carmel Shea		
Counters #3	Cheryl Rogers, Lyn Shea, Graeme Hooper, Michelle Love, Sean Giani, Margaret Love		
Church Grounds September	Front Garden: Pat O'Leary Back/Side Garden: Chris Eggleston Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Pat O'Leary Back Paddock: Colm Carragher		
Church Flowers	Tup Shea Dianne Shelly	POF for September	Sr Mary Fermio

ANNIVERSARIES

Veronica Dally, Peg Shanahan, James White, Joan Kervin, Phillip Lennox, Ashley Hine, Mark Stone, Betty Taylor, Robert Taylor, Denis Leahy, Gilbert Shirley(NZ), Ada Rivette, Charli Zuccaro, Alan Christianson, Lucy Clancy, Natasha Maria Linard, Walter Bruce McGinnity, Marjorie Taylor, Henk de Jong, Robert Flower, Frank Leahy.

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.

This week starting Sunday 3 September 2017 is the National Child Protection Week. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has pointed out that the greatest threat to the future wellbeing of our children will be society's complacency to the issue. Let us pray for victims of sexual abuse in the world, may God's power heal the wounds of all those effected by it.

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.

LADIES OF ST BERNARD'S SOIREE

The Ladies of St Bernard will gather on Sunday 22nd October at 2:00pm onward for a relaxing afternoon to meet and mingle at the **Bacchus Marsh Lawn Tennis Club in Tavener St.**

Bring a plate to share. Drinks at bar prices, lucky door prices, raffles & light-hearted fun.

Copies of a letter from Archbishop Denis Hart on same sex marriage are available on the table at the entrance of the church.

The September issue of Melbourne Catholic magazine is now available in the Piety Stall.

The Fourth Spiritual Work of Mercy

Bear Wrongs Patiently

We all experience hardships that seem unfair. Most of the wrongs we suffer are caused by people around us, but others simply come from situations in life. We need to look at how to bear both kinds of wrongs patiently. Some wrongs in life come from situations over which we have little or no control and which no one intends. They can happen at any time and in any way, and they can involve things that are very simple or very serious. For example, something is misplaced that we need immediately, and even St Anthony does not answer our prayer to find it right away. Or there is an electrical power outage just when we are about to save an important file on the computer.

Some difficulties are more serious in their consequences—a teenage son getting involved in an accident leading to serious injury, a sickness that causes lasting physical or emotional health problems, or a loss of one's job. We must learn to deal with these situations, to accept them, and to work through them. However, if our best efforts fail, we may have to be resigned to that fact. We must try to bear these 'wrongs' patiently. We do this by accepting with trust in God the things that he permits to happen that we cannot change.

Most of the wrongs we experience come from other people. Depending on the wrong done or the wrongdoer, our annoyance level will measure higher or lower. Maybe someone takes us for granted, or treats us with a matter-of-fact attitude instead of friendliness. Another person fails to help us in a small matter when the need for help was obvious. Sometimes the wrongs can be sharper, as when people are rude to us. Many of the wrongs that come from other people, however, come through thoughtlessness. They are not deliberately intended, but they still cause us irritation. In such cases we must learn patience to die to our self-love. We need to deal with our hurt feelings without undue anger or reacting in a manner that would betray our love for Christ. Needless to say, for many of us it takes much practice before we can perform this spiritual work of mercy. When people disrupt our privacy and enter into our comfort zone by making demands on our time, attention, or service, we will feel annoyed at them. For example, just when we have our time already planned out in terms of what we are going to do, someone unexpectedly comes along who needs our help or attention. This is a needy brother in Christ who has come, or perhaps we can say it is Christ who comes in a needy brother. And when he comes at a time when we had other plans, it can be extremely distressing. It takes a great deal of patience to accept people and situations that are unexpected, or inconvenient, or irritating.

Other wrongs come from those who make life unnecessarily difficult. These people affect us by their thoughtlessness, laziness, and even negligence of duty. This means that, many times, we end up having to clean up after them. Their carelessness makes a lot of extra work for a lot of other people. Usually we experience varying degrees of anger toward these people. We might even react: "Who needs these people?" It is precisely at these moments that Jesus would say to us, "You do, and that is why I sent these people to you." It's precisely these kinds of people who help us to grow in patience.

Dealing with our impatience

Impatience is a slight irritability that we show when people annoy us. One good way of being prepared to resist the impulse to impatience is to pray often the Serenity Prayer: "God, grant me the patience to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." We need the virtue of patience to deal with those brothers and sisters who make us feel irritated or offended. One important thing we can do is to give a little space to those persons to be themselves, as we would want them to respect the space we need to be ourselves. Always remember that they have to put up with us, and that is not always the easiest thing for them to do, either. Another way to deal with impatience is to follow the part of the Serenity Prayer that says, "Change the things you can". One important way to do this is by open and honest communication. If we store up all our feelings about the little things that irritate us, we might one day 'explode' by blowing up at someone. Or we might 'implode' by getting very depressed with pent-up anger. When we have good communication, we can more easily dispel the irritation due to misunderstanding.

Detachment

Another factor that can help us to have patience is learning to be somewhat detached so that we do not cling too tightly to things, such as material possessions. They are not worthy of our esteem if they are going to cause us to offend our neighbour. Therefore, with a sufficient amount of detachment, we can let go of things, such as material items, or even our own opinion, when these are not necessary to hold onto.

Cheerfulness

A proven method to overcome impatience and irritability is to foster a spirit of generosity and cheerfulness. Jesus says in the Gospel, "You received without pay, give without pay" (Matthew 10:8). Everything that we possess in life is truly a gift of God. It is in a sense lent to us in this life. Therefore, we should be ready to let these things go in a reasonable way when we need to help our neighbour. When we share what God has given us, we are being good stewards of these gifts because they are not ours to possess forever, but ours to share with others and to use in an appropriate way to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Be compassionate

We must also be compassionate, meaning to feel what another is going through. Sometimes a person may be having a bad day or has just come through a very difficult trial, and without realising it, thoughtlessly passes negativity on to us. By means of compassion we should try to understand what that person may be feeling, and this can help us to put a lid on our feelings of anger. We must also be forgiving, just as God has forgiven us in Christ. Remember our own sins, and we will be much more compassionate with the sins of others. Nor must we hold on to past thoughts of injustice and mistreatment. If we hold on to anger from one day to the next, at some point the devil will turn that anger against our spiritual good. He will stir us up to a point of uncharitableness towards our neighbour. This is why we should try to resolve our anger as quickly as possible and not let it linger. And part of the forgiving is forgetting. Jesus' teaching on loving our enemies applies here.