

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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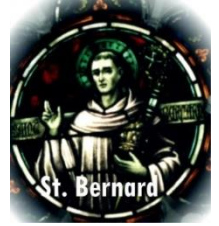


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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 4th February 2018

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come’..” – Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes – healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

Please note that due to repairs being carried out to St Bernard's Church, all Masses and Devotions will be held in the Parish Centre over the next few weeks, until advised further.

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass.

Monday 5 th	no Mass
Tuesday 6 th	5:30pm
Wednesday 7 th	9:30am
Thursday 8 th	9:30am
Friday 9 th	9:30am
Saturday 10 th	5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 11 th	8:30am 10:00am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 10th 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:15pm St Bernard's
Saturday 4:45pm St Anthony's

ROSARY is held **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 First Friday: 2nd March 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: 2nd March 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. Our Lord is great and almighty; His wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 8:17

Alleluia, Alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is held on the **third Friday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **10:30am**. Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.
Next Seniors' Mass: 16th February 2018

PROVIDENCE MASS

The Village, 5-7 Griffith Street, Maddingley

Mass is held on the **second Friday** of the month at **11:00am**.

Next Mass: 9th February 2018

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

is held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **11:15am**.

Next Program: 25th February 2018

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website: <http://pol.org.au/bacchusmarsh>. Bring completed Registration Form with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate to the program.

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

MORNING TEA is held on the **first Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre **after 10:00am Mass**.

Next Morning Tea: 4th February 2018

Host: Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Centre Bookings

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

RECENTLY DECEASED

Janet Mary Bourke

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Sam Azzopardi, Rev Desmond Howard Cameron PE, Jeanette Hurley, Mike O'Grady, Dorothy (Jill) Smith, Samara Esther Vereker, Joan Welsh, Laurie Wheelahan.

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, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Ian Dominquez, 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, 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.

MINISTRIES 3 rd & 4 th February 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Vikki Benson	Moira Ross	Carole Ryder / Mira Foxford
Eucharist Ministers	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	Roy Ryder
Altar Servers	(as noted in the roster)		
Piety	3 rd February 4 th February	Margot Short Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #4	Gerard Harrington, Chris Eggleston, Brendan Harrison, Dianne Shelly		

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

MINISTRIES 10 th & 11 th February 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Trish Davine	Carole Ryder / Marj Tung	James Waters / Dianne Craig
Eucharist Ministers	Colin Remedios	Mira Foxford	Jenny Kearney
Altar Servers	(as noted in the roster)		
Piety	10 th February 11 th February	Trish Davine Carol Ryder	
Counters #5	Pat O'Leary, Jo Cowan, Peter Lafranchi, Frank Pomeroy, Stuart Robertson		
Church Grounds February	Front Garden: Stephen Millington Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers Friday 9 th February	Bernadette Kearney	POF February	Mary Flanagan
Readings	First Reading Lev 13:1-2, 44-46	Resp. Psalm Ps 31:1-2,5,11 R. v. 5	Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

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 new Vinnies store is located at
8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh,

and is now open 7 days a week.

We are calling for more volunteers.

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

The Neighbour's Place

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality Centre

Address: 77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:30am – 3:00pm

Tel: 5367 6222

Email: neighbourspl@inet.net.au

HOME COMMUNION

Home communion is available in the Parish on the **first Friday** of each month for the housebound and those who are ill. If you know of anyone who would like to avail themselves of this service, please contact the Parish Office with details.

KSC Meeting

The next meeting will be held on
Monday 12th February 2018 at 8:00pm
in the Parish Centre.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER Volunteers Needed

Calling for new volunteers to be included on the 2018 Roster for mowing the lawn around the presbytery and church grounds. If you would like to participate, please put your name and telephone number on the clipboard at the back of the church. Please join a team and assist other volunteers to maintain your parish property. Please note, the group is not limited to men – women can mow too!!

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Available from the Piety Stall – **\$4.00** each

Columban Calendars 2018

Available from the Piety Stall – **\$9.00** each

If you wish to receive the weekly Bulletin electronically, please leave your email address on the clipboard in the foyer of the church.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

In readiness for Ash Wednesday on 14th February 2018, parishioners are welcome to bring in their blessed palms from last year, which may be left in the box at the rear of the church.

They will then be burnt on Monday 12th February at St Bernard's School at 11:00am.

BREAK THROUGH IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

We all struggle at times in our marriage but it's not always easy to find good advice or practical help.

SmartLoving BreakThrough is an online course,
FREE until St Valentine's Day.

It will help you understand how conflict happens, guide you to develop an effective strategy for managing it, and lead you through a process of personal rejuvenation designed to heal the pain caused by conflict with your loved one.

The course is designed for individual spouses, so you don't need your spouse to do the course with you.

www.smartloving.org/breakthrough


40 DAYS FOR LIFE.
FEBRUARY 14 – MARCH 25

Join the international **Pray to End Abortion** campaign this Lent with other pray-ers on **Wellington Parade, outside Jolimont station, anytime between 7am and 7pm daily.**

Register at www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne
to add your hours to the calendar
or phone **0407 350 948** for more information.

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
(Matt 25:40)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018 Friday 2nd March 2018

The theme for this year, prepared by the women, is
"All God's Creation is Very Good!"
The Bible study text is Genesis 1: 1-31.

Since 1887, on or near the first Friday in March every year, millions of Christians have gathered worldwide to pray for the issues of family violence, child abuse, human trafficking, and other forms of injustice. In 2018, that prayerful support will be directed at the 540,000 inhabitants of the **Republic of Suriname**, on the north-eastern coast of South America. Despite a history steeped in slavery and political coups, this tiny nation has achieved remarkable progress since its independence in 1975. Suriname enjoys multi-ethnicity and biodiversity, freedom of religion, free primary and secondary education, and free medical care for children and seniors.

But behind closed doors, family violence, abuse and neglect are ongoing issues. Children are particularly vulnerable, many growing up in orphanages or one-parent families. While education is free, there is no compulsory school attendance. Child labour in the form of street selling is common, but of far more serious concern is the fact that many children are labouring in the gold mines of Suriname.

You are invited to join us in prayer fo→

-r the needs of Suriname and its people at a World Day of Prayer service or

2018 is the Year of Youth: More on the Cardinal Virtues II

St Thomas Aquinas defined justice as “a habit whereby a man renders to each one his due with constant and perpetual will”. The first duty in justice is towards God. We have the duty to pray, to worship, to obey the God who has shown such great love to each one of us and whom we must love above all things. In justice to God, we uphold vows taken to Him and make sacrifices for the sake of His love, such as accepting martyrdom rather than abandoning the faith.

The second duty in justice is towards our neighbour. A person must not only refrain from doing evil to his neighbour, but must do what is good for his neighbour. As such, a person must respect the rights of each person and establish relationships that promote equity among all people and build up the common good.

The virtue of justice has three dimensions: commutative, or reciprocal justice; distributive justice; and legal or general justice. Commutative or reciprocal justice governs relationships between individuals. Strictly speaking, here is contract justice. The meaning of the contract between individuals is to identify each party’s rights and to guarantee one party’s claim to a certain benefit as much as the other’s obligation to provide that benefit.

Looking at the broader spectrum of justice, distributive justice orders the relationship of the community as a whole to its individual members. In justice, the whole community must promote the common good for each person, not just the majority. Therefore, those entrusted with the care of the common good must make sure individual members are given what is their due. For example, in justice, the government has a duty to insure that each person has proper food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and educational opportunities which are basic goods for the dignity of each person. Here one recognises the duty of the whole community to care especially for those members who are most vulnerable — the unborn, the old, the sick, and the disabled.

Legal or general justice concerns the individual’s relationship to the whole community. Every person has the duty to uphold and obey the just laws that insure the common good. For instance, every citizen has a duty to support the common good through the defence of the country or through the payment of taxes (too bad, but true).

Virtues that derive from justice include piety (here the proper reverence and service to our parents, country, and others in legitimate authority), obedience, gratitude, veracity, affability (the proper friendliness and civility among all), and equity.

Next, the virtue of fortitude enables a person to stand firm against and endure the hardships of life, and to remain steadfast in pursuing what is good. Here such steadfastness and endurance reflect the soul’s clinging onto what is good.

Genuine fortitude does not entail making sacrifices or risking one’s life arbitrarily or foolishly. Genuine fortitude is always exercised in accord with reason: it assesses the true nature and value of things (that is, asking whether something really is worth sacrificing for), and involves a just cause. Fortitude strengthens the individual’s resolve to resist temptation, overcome personal weaknesses, and make sacrifices for what is good.

To have fortitude does not mean that a person is immune from fear. Instead, a person with fortitude recognises fear, but does not allow fear to prevent him from doing what is good or, worse, to do what is evil. Think then of how important fortitude is to withstand peer pressure. Fortitude strengthens a person to conquer the fear of death or persecution, and even to make the ultimate sacrifice of martyrdom.

Virtues stemming from fortitude include: magnanimity, which inclines a person to perform great works in every virtue; munificence, which inclines a person to perform great physical works; patience, which inclines a person to endure present evils; and perseverance, which inclines a person to continue steadfastly in the pursuit of virtue. Vices contrary to fortitude include timidity, recklessness, presumption, ambition, vainglory, pusillanimity, inconstancy, and pertinacity.

Finally, the virtue of temperance enables a person to keep his passions and emotions under the control of reason. While temperance moderates a person’s attraction to pleasures and gives balance in the use of created goods, it also involves using these goods in a good way. Here one approaches pleasures and the use of created goods in the light of faith, of reason, and of one’s own vocation and circumstance of life.

The exercise of temperance includes two essential parts: a sense of shame and a sense of honour. The sense of shame causes a person to fear feeling the disgrace or confusion from being intemperate in action. The sense of honour causes a person to want to feel the dignity, esteem, or love for practising temperance. On one hand, the sense of shame prevents a person from acting intemperately and, thereby, sinfully; while on the other hand, the sense of honour, inspires a person to act temperately and, thereby, meritoriously.

In all, temperance in action is self-preservation, whereas intemperance in action is self-degradation and self-destruction. Virtues aligned with temperance include abstinence, sobriety, chastity, purity, continence, humility, gentleness, clemency, modesty, and lack of greed. Vices opposed to temperance include gluttony, drunkenness, unchastity, impurity, pride, anger and greed.

The practice and development of the four cardinal virtues are essential to the spiritual life. However, it is “easier said than done”. Being the victims of Original Sin, each of us has difficulties living a virtuous life. Therefore, we need the abundant graces our Lord offers through prayer, the frequent reception of the Sacraments, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Looking to the example of the saints and invoking their prayers also strengthen our resolution for holiness. We must never forget our Lord’s challenge: “You must be made perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). Through the practice of virtue, assisted by God’s grace and the aid of the saints and angels, we can meet the challenge.