

# Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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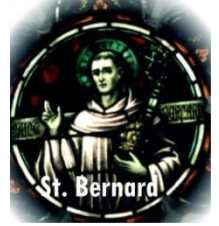


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**Assistant Priests:** Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr John Paul Mount  
**Parish Office Staff:** Dolores Turcsan & Naim Chdid  
**Parish Office Hours:** Tues–Thu 9:00am–1:00pm, Fri 10:00am–2:00pm



## Third Sunday of Lent – Year B 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

*“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything.” – Exodus 20:4*

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognise. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot, like price, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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### MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

#### St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every *weekday* Mass.

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	no Mass
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm 6:15pm Lenten Talk in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 11:00am Providence Mass
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am 10:00am

#### Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Mass

#### RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

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

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**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: 6<sup>th</sup> April 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: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

### FIRST READING

EXODUS 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17  
*The Law was given through Moses.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALMS 18:8-11. R. JOHN 6:68  
**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**  
The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.  
The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.  
They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold, and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.  
**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

### SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25  
*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 3:16  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### GOSPEL

JOHN 2:13-25  
*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held every Sunday during 10:00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.

**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: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**PROVIDENCE MASS**

The Village, 5-7 Griffith Street, Maddingley  
Mass is usually held on the **second Friday** of the month at 11:00am.  
**Next Mass: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

is held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.  
**Next Program: 25<sup>th</sup> March 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: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**  
**Host: Rosary & Prayer Group**

**Parish Centre Bookings**

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm  
Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Tessie Mercieca**  
Funeral on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Ta Pinu, Rosary commencing 11:00am

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Lara Cameron, Tom Densley, Basil D'Souza, William Francis, Mary Glasheen, Dot Gray, Fr Paul Maher PE, May McCann, Andrew Monteith, Kaylene Preston, Kevin Punshon, Abby Rogers, Nell Shelly, Tom Simpson.

**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<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Eleanor Tabone	Jan Carragher / Allan Comrie	Jennifer Taylor / Carmel Shea
Eucharist Ministers	Mary Beaton	Carole Ryder	Brendan Harrison
Altar Servers	Baddeley	Lidgett-Egan	
Piety	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Jan Farmelo Carmel Shea	
Counters #8	Colm Carragher, Maggie Carragher, Jill Braithwaite, Marj Tung		

**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<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Maureen Zahra	Gerard Harrington / Jenny Hooper	Diane Craig / Allan Comrie
Eucharist Ministers	Stuart Robertson	Brendan Harrison	Jennifer Taylor
Altar Servers	Baddeley	Lidgett-Egan	
Piety	10 <sup>th</sup> March 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Margot Short Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #9	Roy & Carole Ryder Henry & Chris Gasior		
Church Grounds March	<b>Front Garden:</b> Stuart Robertson <b>Back/Side Garden:</b> Chris Eggleston <b>Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines:</b> Ron Geurts <b>Back Paddock:</b> Colm Carragher		
Church Flowers Friday		POF March	Sr Mary Fermio
Readings	<b>First Reading</b> 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23	<b>Resp. Psalm</b> Ps 136. R. v. 6	<b>Second Reading</b> Eph 2:4-10

## 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

Between 10:00am and 3:00pm weekdays

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](mailto:neighbourspl@inet.net.au)

## HAIL, HOLY QUEEN (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy.  
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!

To thee do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve;  
to thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in the vale of tears.

Turn then most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy towards us.  
And after this, our exile, show unto us  
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**P:** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R:** That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.

## 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 in the first instance with the details, or speak to Father after Mass.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018 Special Collection

"All God's Creation is Very Good!" – Genesis 1:1-31

A combined total of **\$460.80** was raised from last weekend's **Special Collection**. Thank you to all the parishioners of St Bernard's and Our Lady Help of Christians who supported this worthy cause which will assist the most vulnerable children of **Suriname**.

## Melbourne Catholic – March 2018

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.

## LENTEN TALKS

each **Tuesday at 6:15pm** in the **Parish Centre**  
until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: BACCHUS MARSH

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Ta' Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagans Drive, Bacchus Marsh**

The '24 hours for the Lord' initiative by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. The Shrine will remain open for 24 consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental Confession. The 24-hour period begins with **Mass on Friday afternoon at 3:30pm**, followed by Exposition and the Divine Mercy chaplet, then devotional prayers and meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Saturday afternoon Mass at 3.30pm concludes the 24 hours. All welcome.

**Details:** 5367 7006 or 0412 360231 or [infotapinu@optusnet.com.au](mailto:infotapinu@optusnet.com.au)

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 7:00pm to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 5:00pm**

Here is a magnificent opportunity to join other couples and spend a weekend together investing in your most precious asset – **your marriage**. This is an intimate residential weekend for couples, exploring the precious nature of marriage, allowing you both to share feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal daily living tends to inhibit. Couples and a priest present this weekend, which is based around Catholic values, but couples of all faiths are welcome. Accommodation and all meals provided. There is no group sharing.

**Venue:** St Paul's Missionary College, Nortons Lane, Wantirna South

**Cost:** \$55 application fee + confidential donation at the weekend  
(Average cost for a couple for a weekend is \$595,  
but no couple is refused a weekend because of financial hardship.)

**Details and bookings:** Maria and Andre Rasquinha on 0411 225 992  
or [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) or [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## FEAST IN HONOUR OF SAINT JOSEPH as Patron of the Universal Church

**Date:** **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Venue:** Josefina Maria's Two Hearts Eucharistic Chapel  
274 La Cote Road, Greendale VIC 3341

**Feast outline:** 10:30am – Holy Rosary  
11:00am – Holy Mass

Followed by: Fellowship in the adjoining Saint Joseph's Hall

**Main Celebrant:** Rev. Father Fabian Smith

**Coordinated by:** The Missionaries of Love and Peace of the Two Hearts

**Contact details:** Mobile: 0415 806 217 or 0425 882 470  
Email: [twoheartscentre@bigpond.com](mailto:twoheartscentre@bigpond.com)

## PROVIDENCE AGED CARE RESIDENCE

### Is peace of mind important to you?

Deciding to move into an aged care home is an emotional, life-changing decision. Knowing your loved one is safe and well looked after is the most important consideration. If you want the security of knowing your family member's individual needs are cared for, we invite you to visit **Providence Aged Care Residence** to meet our exceptional care staff and learn more about our fantastic lifestyle programs. Call now for your personal tour.

**Contact:** 1300 845 526 or visit [www.vmch.com.au](http://www.vmch.com.au)

**Address:** 9 Griffith Street, Bacchus Marsh

## HOUSE FOR FREE !!

Later this year, the Parish Office at St Simon's Parish, Rowville will be replaced. Currently the office is housed in a large, portable building which could be a substantial family home of five bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, etc. The building is available at no cost to anyone who is willing to remove it and transport it (probably during May) to a new location. For further information, please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360) or Brian Dalton (0419 349 382).

# 2018 is the Year of Youth: The Creed in Slow Motion IV

## I believe in God (4)

God as the First Cause which lies behind all other causes, God as the Mind which expresses itself in the pattern of creation, God as the Last End or Purpose for which everything else exists, God as the supreme Will which imposes moral duties on mankind – always, you see, if we try to run away from God, we shall see him in the distance like that, an uncomfortable Fact in the background. But, only if we try to run away from him. If we want God, if we try to find him, then the process is quite easy; and we find him, not at a distance, but close to us; not an uncomfortable fact, but a comforting Friend.

You are made up of matter and spirit. Your body, the thing which is in the way when somebody runs into you on the stairs, is matter. Your soul, the thing in you which thinks, the thing in you which loves, is spirit. Which belongs to a higher order – your body or your soul? Your soul obviously; it gives you a richer life than the animals have; your dog, for example, can't do the multiplication table or write a letter, as you can. Spirit, then, is a higher order than matter; rules it, is the explanation of it.

But your spirit doesn't rule the universe, isn't the explanation of the universe; nor is mine. There must be, then, a Spirit which rules this universe of matter, and a Spirit not confined and limited as yours and mine are; that is God. Now, all day long your attention is directed outwards towards the world of matter; your food and the sunshine and the aeroplanes flying overhead. Look inwards instead; look into your own soul; there is God. He is present to your soul, just as the sunshine is present to your body, only much closer.

How could it be otherwise? Spirit is not confined by space; therefore distance cannot divide you from God. God is unlimited, therefore he is everywhere. The only thing that divides us from him is the fact that we don't think about him enough, don't love him as we ought to. You don't have to think of him as far away at the end of a long avenue. He's here.

"But," you say, "if the fact of God's existence is so obvious, where is the necessity of believing in it? Surely belief only comes in where there's something you can't prove for yourself, something you have to take on trust?"

Well, it is true that the Church doesn't expect us to believe in God only because Jesus has revealed him to us; the fact that God exists is something, she tells us, that we can find out for ourselves. What Jesus has done is to reveal to us more clearly what God is: that he is our Father, for example.

Meanwhile, it's important that we should go on reminding ourselves that we believe in God; not so much because it is difficult to believe that he exists, as because it is difficult to *realise* that he exists. Our minds turn, don't they, so naturally towards creatures, and away from God.

Ever since the Fall, the human mind is like a dog-eared corner in one of your books – you know how one is continually straightening it out, and always finding that it has turned down again by the next time the book is opened. We have been warped out of the straight ever since the Fall; we are always thinking about our comforts, our plans, our fellow men; and our minds only travel back to God if we turn them, by a deliberate act, towards him. And so we have got to go on reminding ourselves, "I believe in God", or we would find it difficult to remember he is there at all. It is such a long time since we thought about him last, and he, he is so quiet about it!

Well, we haven't got very far with the Credo. We've only got as far as "I believe in God". But there couldn't possibly be anything more exciting than the news, "God exists"; it turns everything right round, makes everything fall into place, and redresses the balance. What matters is no longer me, but God. He, not I, is the centre of existence; his will matters, not mine; it is what he thinks about things, what he thinks about people, that makes the difference, not what I think about them; his glory, not my glory, is to be the thing I live for.

Forgive me, you can't understand all that. Not because you are stupid, but because you are young. When you are young, you can always fall back on yourself for company, unless you are a very melancholy kind of person. When you go to bed at night and can't get to sleep, you can be quite happy thinking about your plans, your pleasures and your friends; you can lie there and tell yourself stories about what you are going to do when you grow up.

But when you've had 50 years and more of your own company, it ceases to be quite so enjoyable; you get bored with it. And that breeds a dreadful loneliness in the human soul, unless the human soul has managed to remember, and still believes, that God exists. You have begun to see yourself as a pretty second-rate sort of article; your prospects of getting your way over this and that don't seem so important; your judgement of things and of people doesn't seem to matter so much.

*Then*, to believe that God exists means that you have something – better still, you have somebody – to fall back upon; everything still matters, because there is God's will to be taken into account, God's glory to be considered. Forty years from now, if you keep then the faith you have now, you will be thanking God that God exists.