

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 5th November 2017

YOU HAVE ONLY ONE TEACHER. St Paul was a great religious leader. Like a mother, he nourished and watched over his people. He tried not to be a burden on them. He sought to preach God's message and not his own. He helped the people, whom he called his brothers and sisters, to look to Christ as their only Master and Teacher. Today we pray for religious leaders as they strive to express in their own lives the qualities of leadership embodied in Paul.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every **weekday** Mass

Monday	no Mass
Tuesday	5:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am 11:00am Funeral prayers
Thursday	9:30am
Friday	11:00am Providence
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 **each Monday 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 First Friday: 1st December

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: 1st December

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON CF. PSALMS 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING MALACHI 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-9, 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 23:9, 10

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON JOHN 6:58

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

St Bernard's (continued)

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

Next Seniors' Mass: 17th November

Everybody is welcome, not just the seniors.

PROVIDENCE AGED CARE

9 Griffith Street, off Grant Street

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

Next Mass: 10th November

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

26th November 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 a copy of Birth Certificate to the program.

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

Coordinators: Steve & Geraldine

MORNING TEA is held on the **first**

Sunday of each month (except January) in the Parish Centre **after 10:00am Mass**.

Next Morning Tea: 5th November

Hosts: Parents & Friends

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

St Vincent de Paul

The Saint Vincent de Paul Op Shop (**The Shed**) is now closed. Most of the items are being relocated to the new Vinnies store in Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The new Vinnies store will open on **23rd November 2017** and we are calling for more volunteers for the new store. If you would like more information, please ring **0417 525 617**.

Summertime Twilight Fete

St Bernard's School

Friday 1st December 2017

3:30pm – 8:00pm

Volunteers needed to set up before the event and on the day, please. Also, "home made" donations for cake stall would be greatly appreciated (please collect and complete *Cake Stall information sheet* in church foyer). For more details, contact Natalie on **0418 340 217**.

MINISTRIES 4th & 5th November 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Sandra Ibrahim	Marj Tung	James Waters
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Mira Foxford	Jennifer Taylor
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	4th November 5th November	Trish Davine Carole Ryder	
Counters #1	Alan Comrie, Jim Scott Peter Mooney, Margot Short		

INTERACTIVE CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOP

If any volunteer within this parish has not already done so, you are kindly requested to attend the Interactive Child Safety Workshop:

Saturday 11 November, 11:00am – 1:30pm at St Bernard's

Your input is essential to ensure our Parish is child safe, and this will be your last opportunity to participate.

Please note, it is compulsory for all volunteers to attend a session.

Please **RSVP** on the clipboard in the foyer of the church.

2017 Rerum Novarum Oration

to be delivered by Fr Frank Brennan, SJ AO

The Legacy of Justice H B Higgins

Seeking a True New Start for all Job Seekers and Workers

The 8th of November 2017 marks the 110th anniversary of the decision by Justice Higgins to award a "living wage" in the historic Sunshine Harvester Case, and is of particular interest to all those concerned with the church's social teaching on dignity and purpose of human work.

Date: **Wednesday 8th November 2017**

Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Concludes 9:00pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre – Cardinal Knox Centre

383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (cnr Albert & Lansdowne Sts)

Cost: **Free**

RSVP: by 3rd November 2017 to justice@cam.org.au or 9926 5727

MINISTRIES 11th & 12th November 2017

Mass times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Maureen Zahra	Marj Tung	Carole Ryder / Mira Foxford
Min/s Eucharist	Colin Remedios	Brendan Harrison	Roy Ryder
Gifts Procession	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Piety	11th November 12th November	Jan & Colm Carragheri Mandy Harrington	
Counters #2	John Tung, Lucille Wheelahan, Jennifer Taylor		
Church Grounds November	Front Garden: Stuart Robertson Back/Side Garden: Hugh Miller Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Michael Wale Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers Fri 10 th November	Deborah Hosking	POF November	Dolores Turcsan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mark Henry, Sr Marilyn Knolder FDNCS,
Marija Rupa, William Vallence.

Funeral prayers for **Mark Henry** will be held
on **Wednesday 8th November at 11:00am.**

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr John Aldag, Patricia & John Daly, Therese
Hilton, Marj Holt, Millie Thompson, Fr Chris
Reay.

Prayers for the Sick & Frail

*(please advise the Parish Office when your
loved one is no longer required on this list)*

Michael Larkin, John Anderson, Noah Barlow,
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 Dominquez, 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, 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, Belinda Sillis, 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.

HOLY SOULS

Offering Envelopes for the month of
November are available in the church foyer.
Please collect and complete details of your
relatives' and friends' names and return with
an offering and place on the collection plate.
These names will then be entered in our
Parish Remembrance Book which will be on
display during the month of November.

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, October 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.**

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.

Please arrange a meeting time with **Naim Chdid**, our new **Sacramental
Coordinator**, through the Parish Office during the month of November
2017 to enrol your child. All information and dates will be given to you at
the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting.

Friday 17th November between 2:30pm – 6:30pm

Friday 10th and 24th November between 10:00am – 3:00pm

Becoming a Catholic

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the
Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation?

We will be offering an opportunity to enter more fully into the life of the church
through the **RCIA programme**. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of
Church, who God is, and how we respond with the aim of preparing candidates to
receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter
season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your
insights and your own faith experience. Fr John-Paul and Fr Patrick will be assisted
by parishioners in welcoming you into The Church. Meetings will be held at the
Parish Centre beginning at **10:30am on Saturdays from 11th November 2017**. For
information, please contact the Parish office, or speak with one of the priests.

Purgatory

What is Purgatory like?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly affirms the Church's belief in Purgatory and the purification of the soul after death: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but, after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (Cf No 1030-32).

From this teaching, we see that: (1) a person's stay in Purgatory is temporary' (2) purgatory is different from Hell; and (3) a person in Purgatory undergoes purification for venial sin and the hurts caused by sins.

What does this purification entail? Like Hell, there is the pain of loss and the pain of sense: however, the severity of these pains between Hell and Purgatory is vastly different. The pain of loss for those in Purgatory is the temporary deprivation of the Beatific Vision. Each of us longs to be with God, see him, and be enwrapped in his love. The Apostolic Constitution *Benedictus Deus* (1336) promulgated by Pope Benedict XII, defined that the souls of the just "see the divine essence with an intuitive vision and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature by way of object of vision; rather, the divine essence immediately manifests itself to them, plainly, clearly, and openly, and in this vision they enjoy the divine essence". Therefore, the souls in Purgatory long for this vision. That longing and deprivation is what torments their soul.

The pain of sense

While not defined, traditionally this pain of sense has involved some purifying fire, which causes torment. In the Book of the Prophet Zechariah, the Lord spoke: "I will bring the one-third through fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will test them as gold is tested" (13:9). The School of Rabbi Shammai interpreted this passage as a purification of the soul through God's mercy and goodness, preparing it for eternal life.

Similarly, the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9): "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. ... Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself."

Think of this image of 'fire-tried' gold or silver. When these precious metals are mined from the earth, other minerals or rocks accompany them. By fire, these impurities are separated, and the pure gold or silver remains. In the same sense, a soul containing the impurities of venial sin or hurts caused by sin will first be purified, i.e, 'fire tried'. Perhaps a more modern version would be the idea of radiation therapy 'burning' out the cancer cells; while such therapy is very painful, one has the hope of returning to good health.

Consolations of Purgatory

In a more positive light, St Francis de Sales wrote of the sufferings of Purgatory, but as they are mitigated by the consolations which accompany them: "We may draw from the thought of Purgatory more consolation than apprehension. The greater part of those who dread Purgatory so much think more of their own interests than of the interests of God's glory; this proceeds from the fact that they think only of the sufferings without considering the peace and happiness which are there enjoyed by the holy souls. It is true that the torments are so great that the most acute sufferings of this life bear no comparison to them; but the interior satisfaction which is there enjoyed is such that no prosperity nor contentment upon earth can equal it. The souls are in a continual union with God."

The 'living flame of love'

Similarly, in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, Pope John Paul II related God's "living flame of Love" spoken of by St John of the Cross to the doctrine of Purgatory: "The 'living flame of love', of which St John speaks, is above all a purifying fire. The mystical nights described by this great Doctor of the Church on the basis of his own experience corresponds, in a certain sense, to Purgatory. God makes man pass through such an interior purgatory of his sensual and spiritual nature in order to bring him into union with himself. Here we do not find ourselves before a mere tribunal. We present ourselves before the power of love itself. Before all else, it is Love that judges. God, who is Love, judges through love. It is love that demands purification, before man can be made ready for that union with God which is his ultimate vocation and destiny."

Once again, we are left with a very positive image of Purgatory. Nevertheless, the old pictures of the suffering souls in the fires of Purgatory should motivate us now to regularly examine our conscience, go to confession, and do penance. We need the graces that come through prayer and especially the Holy Eucharist. We must strive for holiness now and keep a strong and close union to the Lord. Such an attitude and such practices will be the best preparation for when we leave this world and have to account for our lives before our Lord.

*Source: Rev William P. Saunders
"What is Purgatory Like?"
Arlington Catholic Herald*