

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is usually 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 June 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: 11th May 2018

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is

usually 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: 18th May 2018

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

is usually held on the **fourth Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre at **11:15am**.
Next Program: 27th May 2018
Coordinators: Steve & Geraldine Vereker
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 usually held on the **first Sunday** of the month in the Parish Centre after **10:00am Mass**.

Next Morning Tea: 6th May 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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Sr Eileen Carr rsj, Carmen Calvitto, Margaret Fanning, Lindi McGrath.

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, Peter Bennett, 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, 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 – 5 th & 6 th May 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Vikki Benson	Peter Lafranchi Margaret Love	Carole Ryder
Eucharist Ministers	Stuart Robertson	Colm Carragher	James Waters
Altar Servers	as per Roster in Sacristy		
Piety	5 th May 6 th May	Jan & Colm Carragher Mandy Harrington	
Counters #7	Denis Everard, Bernard Coburn Mary Flanagan, Patrick Flanagan		

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 – 12 th & 13 th May 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Sandra Ibrahim	Moira Ross	Cathy Belcher, Baddeley's
Eucharist Ministers	Vikki Benson	Brendan Harrison	Jennifer Taylor
Altar Servers	as per Roster in Sacristy		
Piety	12 th May 13 th May	Jan Farmelo Carmel Shea	
Counters #8	Colm Carragher, Maggie Carragher, Jill Braithwaite, Marj Tung		
Church Grounds May	Front Garden: Stuart Robertson Back/Side Garden: Hugh Miller Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: Volunteer Back Paddock: Henry Gasior		
Church Flowers Friday 11 th May	Jan Carragher	POF May	Dolores Turcsan
Readings The Ascension of the Lord	First Reading Acts 1:1-11	Resp. Psalm Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6	Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

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,

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm & Sat-Sun 10am-4pm.

Extra volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

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

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.

Knights of the Southern Cross

KSC Racing Game is starting again soon. To enter, ring John Tung on 5367 2025 or Hugh Miller on 5368 2796. It costs \$26 for the 26 weeks of the game.

Ring now to be in it.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Volunteers – The Vinnies Store still needs more volunteers. The work is easy and it is a very friendly environment. If you are available for a couple of hours a week, drop in and see the manager.

Electrical Tagging – The Vinnies stores are not permitted to sell electrical goods unless they have been tagged. If you know an electrician who would tag for us, please ring Snez on either 0455 112 504 or 8199 4208.

Melbourne Catholic

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

Due to lack of sales, the Piety Stall will no longer stock the Melbourne Catholic magazine. The magazine can be ordered directly from Media and Communications Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne on 03 9926 5758.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Mass Count 2018

Parishioners and visitors to St Bernard's Parish please note, to maintain an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, a mass count will be held over the four weekends in May.

ST BERNARD'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of St Bernard's Parish will be held on the evening of **Saturday 26th May 2018 at 6:15pm** in the **Parish Centre**.

All coordinators of Parish groups are invited to submit a report, so that these can be communicated to the Parish at the AGM. It is requested that **reports be forwarded to the Parish office by Friday 4th May** so that a booklet can be compiled for issue at the AGM.

Also, if any parishioner wishes to have an item tabled for discussion at the AGM, it is requested that **any such items be forwarded to the Parish office no later than the Friday 4th May**.

There will be a number of vacancies available on the Parish Council for the coming year. Therefore, if you know of anyone interested in joining the St Bernard's Parish Council, it is requested that nominations be forwarded to the Parish office. Nominations will also be called for at the AGM.

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION WORKSHOP

Together with *ThinkPrevent*, Catholic Social Services Victoria is hosting this workshop for parish leaders and anyone keen to make a difference in the response to and prevention of family and domestic violence. CEO of *ThinkPrevent*, Dr Ree Bodde, is guest speaker.

When: **Wednesday 9th May 2018, 6:30pm-9:30pm**

Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (enter from Lansdowne Street)

Cost: **\$10** covers catering and workshop materials

Register: www.trybooking.com.au

Details: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

PARISH RECORDS UPDATE

If you are a **new parishioner** and have not yet completed a **parish census card**, would you please do so. They are available in the church foyer and can be placed on the collection plate or sent to the parish office.

Similarly, if an existing parishioner has changed any contact details, would you please either complete a new census card, or contact Dolores in the parish office to update your details.

ROSTERS FOR READERS AND EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

A gentle reminder to all Readers and Extra Ordinary Ministers that new Rosters were sent out by email. If you have not received a copy, please either collect one from the Sacristy, or contact the Parish Office and one will be sent to you. Please note that the Roster can also be viewed online and a copy is on the Noticeboard in the Gathering Space (*without telephone numbers*).

Thank you for your ongoing support in this Ministry.

If there are any changes to your commitment and/or contact details, please advise the Parish Office as soon as possible. Also, if anyone else would like to volunteer, please call 5367 2069.

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note, the amended Parish Office Hours at St Bernard's are now as follows:

Dolores Turcsan – Parish Secretary

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9:00am–1:00pm

Naim Chdid – Sacramental Coordinator

Friday – 10:00am–3:00pm

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

His only Son (1)

I don't know if you remember what I said in the second of these pieces about the Credo. You may not; after all, it was a long time ago.

So, let me remind you that we were talking, then, about believing in God; about how some people, when they are in great distress of mind or when, unhappily, they have fallen into sin, try to forget about God; and about how God won't let them forget him, because everything in his creation goes on shouting out to them, "No, God exists". And it made us think of that impressive scene in the third chapter of Genesis, where Adam and Eve, after they have fallen into the sin of disobedience, try to hide themselves from the presence of God, among the trees of the garden.

And of course, that doesn't work. It isn't long before they hear the voice of the Lord God calling out, "Adam, where art thou?"

You see, we are God's children; and he does for us what grown-up people do for children; he plays hide-and-seek with us. That story in Genesis only gives us a kind of fancy picture, I suppose, of what really happened; because God is everywhere and sees everything. He doesn't really have to go about hunting for people among the bushes, as you and I do when people hide themselves. But, using that story was the best way for us to understand what happened after man fell; this fancy picture which the Bible has given us of eternal God treating us as grown-up people treat children, playing a game of hide-and-seek.

Well, you don't need to be reminded what happens at hide-and-seek when the person who has hidden has been found. It's the turn of the other person, the person who was seeking before, to hide this time. And God is so awfully good to us that he keeps to the rules of the game. Man had tried to hide from God, and God had found him. And now God hid from man, and man had got to try and find him.

How was it that God hid himself? He came and hid himself as a little Child, lying on his Mother's breast in a dark cave, in a very unimportant little town called Bethlehem, somewhere in Judea.

That was a pretty good way to hide, wasn't it? And, of course, we men and women are awfully stupid compared with God. So, for fear we should be too stupid to find him, he did what grown-up people do on such occasions; he gave himself away, gave us hints all over the place. That was what the prophets were for.

"Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son. ... And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the cities of Juda. ... The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib. ... A branch shall come up from the root of Jesse" (Jesse was the father of King David) "and thus a flower shall spring from that root."

Hints like that made us prepared to go and look for a child, born of David's family, at Bethlehem. "Go on," said the prophets, "you're getting warm." And then a star appeared to the Wise Men in the East, and that was better still. "Go on," said the star, "you're getting warmer." And then an angel appeared to the shepherds, and told them about a child lying in a manger, and that made it too easy for words. "Go on," said the angel, "you're getting boiling hot now." And so the secret was given away; stupid as we were, we could hardly fail to find out where God was hiding after that.

Well, what did God do all that for? In the first place, because he wanted to reveal himself; because he wanted to tell us more about himself than we should ever have been able to guess by the use of our unaided reason.

But, remember, there was another purpose he had in view as well. Man had sinned; he had been shut out of Paradise, and he would never find his way back to Paradise again unless atonement was made for his sin. When I say that, I am not being quite accurate. It was not, in the strict sense, necessary that atonement be made; God could have said, "Very well, if you will say you are sorry, I will forgive you." But he preferred not to do it like that; he preferred that atonement be made in full.

You know how it is, when you have done something unkind to somebody you are really very fond of, you don't want merely to go and say you're sorry; you want to do something to make up for it. You've got into a temper with your mum and called her names; and so you wait till she isn't looking, and go out and feed the hens to save her trouble, or you buy her a mug. You do something to make up for the beastly way you treated her. That is what atonement means. And God decided that the sins of mankind should be not merely forgiven, but atoned for; something should be done to make up for them. And that, if you come to think of it, wasn't easy.