

Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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The Epiphany of the Lord – Year B

7th January 2018

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS! For some Christians, the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh, but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving to those in need.

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

St Bernard's

1 hour Adoration before every *weekday* Mass (except January).

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

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 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, except over Christmas/New Year break. It will resume on Monday 15th January 2018.

Rosary is also held on the first Friday of the month following morning Mass.

Next First Friday: 2nd February 2018

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held on the first Friday of the month (except January) from 10:00am to 7:00pm. All are welcome to come along and spend some time with the Lord.
Next Adoration: 2nd February 2018

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held every Sunday during 10:00am Mass (except January). Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2018.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 60:1-6
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 104:1-6, 8-9. R. vv. 7, 8

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

In his days, justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him, all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 3:3-2, 5-6
The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 2:2

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MASS is held on the **third Friday** of the month (except **January**) in the Parish Centre at **11:00am**. 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 (except **January**) 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: 28th January 2018
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 and Godparents are required to attend the program.

MORNING TEA is held on the **first Sunday** of the month (except **January**) 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

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@iinet.net.au

Closed over the Christmas/New Year break. It will re-open on **Monday 22nd January 2018**. We wish you all a safe and harmonious Christmas and New Year.

MINISTRIES 6th & 7th January 2018			
Mass Times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Volunteer	Jan Carragher / Allan Comrie	Sr Mary
Min/s Eucharist	Vikki Benson	Colm Carragher	Mira Foxford
Altar Servers	(as noted in the roster)		
Piety	6th January 7th January	Trish Davine Carol Ryder	
Counters #10	Kath Connell, Val Dickson, Michael Duffy, Mary Delahey		

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM

Open: Monday to Thursday, 10am–4pm, Friday 10am–1pm
Where: Mary Glowrey Museum, ACU Fitzroy Campus, Level 2, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

The newly opened Mary Glowrey Museum is the perfect place to learn more about the remarkable life of Servant of God, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ. Victorian-born and educated, Mary Glowrey felt called by God to medical missionary work in India. She left Melbourne in 1920 aged 32, joined a Dutch religious order in India and served there as a medical missionary for 37 years. The museum gives a full photographic and interactive overview of her remarkable life. Individuals and groups very welcome.

Cost: **Free**
Details and group bookings: **9416 4674** for a tour or presentation
Website: www.maryglowreymuseum.info
www.facebook.com/maryglowreymuseum

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS**

Calling for new volunteers to be included on the 2018 roster for maintenance of the presbytery and the church grounds. If you would like to participate, please put your name and telephone number on the clipboard in the church foyer. Please join a team and help maintain your parish property. The support of past and present volunteers is greatly appreciated. **Thank you.**

MINISTRIES 13th & 14th January 2018			
Mass Times	5pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Min/s of the Word	Sandra Ibrahim	Mira Foxford	Jennifer Taylor / Carmel Shea
Min/s Eucharist	Stuart Robertson	Peter Lafranchi	James Waters
Altar Servers	(as noted in the roster)		
Piety	13th January 14th January	Sean Giani Marj Tung	
Counters #1	Alan Comrie, Jim Scott, Peter Mooney, Margot Short		
Church Grounds January	Front Garden: Volunteer Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines: John Tung Back Paddock: Ron Geurts		
Church Flowers		POF January	Dolores Turcsan
Readings	First Reading 1 Sam 3:3-10,19	Psalm Ps 39:2,4,7-10 R. vv. 8,9	Second Reading 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20

RECENTLY DECEASED

Andree (Onnie) Greenwood
Raymund Anthony Hare

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Coburn, William Daly, Therese Ellis, Denise Freeman, Robert (Bob) Kelly, Fred Lewin, Gordon Lockman, Claire Noye, Gwen Shanahan, Nathan Shanahan, Ginny Shea and Roy Shearer.

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 Dominguez, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Raymund Hare, Brian Harrison, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Michael Larkin, 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, Jessica Yue.

2018 – THE YEAR OF YOUTH

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival wrapped up in Sydney early December 2017. Over 17,000 young Australians travelled to Sydney to kickstart the Year of Youth in joy-filled style. We pray that these young people encountered Christ, discovered the joy of faith and are now inspiring their communities with their energy and enthusiasm as we enter the Year of Youth. For the latest news from the Festival, visit www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au.

"THE JOURNEY"

CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

"The Journey" is a weekly program developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is aired on a growing number of Christian Radio Stations around Australia. Each week, there is a reflection on the Sunday Gospel reading. Add to that some great music and interviews with people doing amazing things right around the globe and you've got a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life. "The Journey" is produced and hosted by Mr Jude Hennessy in partnership with Pulse 94.1FM.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

2018 Columban Calendars

Now available from the Piety Stall – \$9.00 each

Melbourne Catholic, December 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.

ST BERNARD'S THEATRE GROUP

We have a bus going to see

"Priscilla Queen of the Desert"

Date: **Sunday 8th April 2018**
Time: **3:00pm**
Venue: **Regent Theatre**
Cost: **\$125** which includes bus, show and afternoon tea.

Bookings: Dot 5367 1201, or
Margot 0419 507 438,
margotmshort@gmail.com

Payment required by Tuesday 30th January 2018.

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.

If you haven't already done so, please arrange a meeting time as soon as possible with **Naim Chdid**, our new **Sacramental Coordinator**, through the Parish Office to enrol your child. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting.

2018 is the Year of Youth: The Theological Virtues III – Faith (*continued*)

To clarify the different meanings of faith, remember that we exist on three levels. Saint Paul in two places in his letters refers to them as spirit, soul, and body.

Body is our relationship with the physical world, the level of reality that is less than ourselves. Soul is our relationship with ourselves (self-consciousness) and with others, our equals. Spirit is our relationship with God, the reality that is greater than ourselves. There is a form of faith on each of the three levels.

Faith in the bodily sphere is the works of love and obedience without which, according to James, faith is dead and false. This is the aspect emphasised by the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews in Chapter 11. The faith of each of the Old Testament heroes was defined or manifested in what they did. Faith in the sphere of the soul includes both intellectual belief and emotional trust. Finally, faith in the spirit, where faith begins, is the basic “Yes” to God that is the condition for salvation. This is an act of the will, but it is not always consciously rational and intellectual.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, like the New Testament, sometimes uses faith in the technical and intellectual sense, as an act of the intellect. But sometimes he uses faith in the broader and deeper sense, the Pauline sense, just as the Protestant reformers did, when he says that the object of faith is not a proposition but a person. In other words, God himself is the object of faith; the propositions in the Creed express its content. We believe not just ideas about God, but God. It is essential to know things about God, but it is more essential to know God. This is eternal life, says Jesus in his high priestly prayer in John 17:3, “to know Thee, the only true God”. The creeds are like accounting books, God is like actual money.

Though the root of faith is not intellectual, one of its fruits is. Faith seeking understanding (*fides quaerens intellectum*) was the operative slogan for a thousand years of Christian theology. Unless you believe, you will not understand faith first. Then—“In thy light we see light”—understanding follows. How accurately the saints know God; how foolishly mistaken are the unbelieving geniuses! Reason may run ahead of faith, as John ran ahead of Peter to the empty tomb, but faith first enters the secret of understanding, as Peter first entered the tomb. Faith is more active than reason. Reason passively reports data, like a camera. Faith takes a stand, like an army. Faith leaps into God’s arms, answering his proposal of spiritual marriage.

There is a kind of faith that Saint Paul lists as one of the charismatic gifts. This is special, miracle-working faith. It is available to all but found in few. When we have this kind of faith, we do not pray from the human platform of uncertainty and pleading but from the divine platform of operative certainty. The word of this kind of faith is not “please” but “be it done”.

Many radio and television preachers have confused listeners by confusing this special kind of faith with ordinary saving faith, making listeners think they are guaranteed miracles and if miracles do not happen they just do not have real faith at all. This may be an honest mistake, but it is a cruel one. Jesus’ own disciples had faith smaller than a grain of mustard seed, Jesus said. Yet they were accepted. “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief” is a good, honest prayer, like the prayer of the publican, “God be merciful to me, a sinner”. Let us be content to run before trying to fly.

The most pervasive mistake the modern world makes about faith is to subjectivise and psychologise it, as if believers constructed their religion out of their own psyches: I’m feeling rather religious today; do you have anything for me to believe in? This mistake occurs because the modern mind has things inside out. It starts with the human rather than the divine. Thus its values are “my” values (don’t impose them on anyone else), and even truth is truth “for me”.

Both the Bible and common sense say differently. We must conform to reality, not vice versa. We must be honest. There is only one honest reason why anyone should ever believe anything: because it is true. God is, and God has acted, and God has spoken. Now I must respond. That is the true situation. Do I respond “Yes” (faith), or “No”?

Faith is very simple. Saying all this is perhaps too much. Much of what is written about faith is like snowflakes on a bell: it muffles the sound. Just say “Yes” to God. It’s the simplest thing in the world.