

# Catholic Parish of Bacchus Marsh

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

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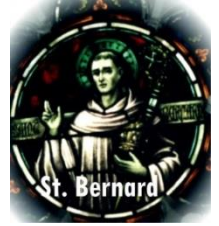


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**Parish Priest:** Fr Fabian Smith  
**Assistant Priests:** Fr Patrick Bradford and Fr John Paul Mount  
**Parish Office Staff:** Dolores Turcsan and Naim Chdid  
**Parish Office Hours:** Tues–Thu 9:00am–1:00pm, Fri 10:00am–2:00pm



## Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday – Year B 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

*“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own....”*  
- Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything; we are merely 'stewards' of the gifts God has blessed us with.

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### MASS & DEVOTION TIMES THIS WEEK

#### St Bernard's

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> no Mass  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30am  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm Vigil  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30am  
10:00am

#### Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

#### RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Saturday 4:30pm St Bernard's  
Saturday 4:45pm St Anthony's

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**ROSARY** is usually 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: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**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: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### FIRST READING ACTS 4:32-35

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALMS 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v. 1

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say, "His love has no end". Let the sons of Aaron say, "His love has no end". Let those who fear the Lord say, "His love has no end".

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

### SECOND READING 1 JOHN 5:1-6

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-31

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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St Bernard's (continued)

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

**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: 20<sup>th</sup> April 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: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

is usually held on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.  
Next Program: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018  
Coordinators: Kate & Danny Conroy

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

Peter Brook, Myrna Jones, and Fr James (Jim) Michael Kierce PE.

**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, 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 – 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	Sandra Ibrahim	Gerard Harrington Jenny Hooper	Sr Mary Fermio Tracey Taylor
Eucharist Ministers	Vikki Benson	Carole Ryder	Jenny Kearney
Altar Servers	as per Roster in Sacristy		
Piety	7 <sup>th</sup> April 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Carmel Shea Jan Farmelo	
Counters #3	Cheryl Rogers, Lyn Shea, Graham Hooper, Michael Love, Sean Giani, Margaret Love		

**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 – 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2018			
Mass Times	5:00pm Sat Vigil	8:30am Sun	10:00am Sun
Readers	John Thorne	Jan Carragher, Allan Comrie	Jennifer Taylor, Carmel Shea
Eucharist Ministers	Stuart Robertson	Colm Carragher	Roy Ryder
Altar Servers	as per Roster in Sacristy		
Piety	14 <sup>th</sup> April 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Margot Short Kay Lafranchi	
Counters #4	Gerard Harrington, Chris Eggleston, Brendan Harrison, Dianne Shelly		
Church Grounds April	<b>Front Garden:</b> Volunteer <b>Back/Side Garden:</b> Volunteer <b>Parish Centre/Carpark/Pines:</b> John Tung <b>Back Paddock:</b> Ron Geurts		
Church Flowers Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Frances McDaid	POF April	Dolores Turcsan
Readings Third Sunday of Easter	<b>First Reading</b> Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	<b>Resp. Psalm</b> Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7	<b>Second Reading</b> 1 John 2:1-5

## 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 9:00am – 5:00pm

7 days a week.

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](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.

## Knights of the Southern Cross

KSC Meeting this **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

at **8:00pm** in the Parish Centre.

## PIETY STALL

Divine Mercy publications now in stock \$2.00 each:

- Novena to Saint Faustina in the Jubilee Year of Mercy Leaflet
- The Devotion to The Divine Mercy
- Just Remember
- Works of Mercy
- Come Holy Spirit
- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Laminated Chaplet/Novena Leaflet
- Laminated Divine Mercy Message and Devotion Leaflet

## Melbourne Catholic – April 2018

Now 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.

## Archbishop Denis Hart's Easter Message, 2018

*"Let's allow the Risen Lord to roll away the rocks of pride, ego and selfishness from our hearts, stones that may block the power of his presence and love in our lives and in our families. May the light of the risen Christ that streams from his glorified wounds bring joy, healing and peace to us all. By his wounds we are healed."*

A full copy of the Archbishop's Easter message for 2018 is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space. The video can be viewed on:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/archbishop-denis-harts-easter-message-2018-healed-by-jesus-wounds>

## PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

A gentle reminder if you still have your project compassion box, to return your offerings and place them in the collection box in the Gathering Space.

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

## ROSTERS FOR READERS AND EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

New Rosters have been 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 out to you. The Roster can also be viewed online and a copy is on the Noticeboard in the Gathering Space. 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.

## "Priscilla Queen of the Desert"

The bus will leave the Parish Centre carpark at **12:30pm** this **Sunday 8th April 2018**.

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM airs Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

This week on the *Journey* Catholic Radio, our Gospel reflection is narrated by Fr Mike Delaney and reflects on the Gospel of Luke. Pete Gilmore asks us "How Do You Want To Start Tomorrow?" in his Living the Gospel God spot, and Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent reminds us of the importance of "Having A Team Around You." Music is joy and it's our music that helps us to create a show about faith, hope, love and life.

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au), or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

## HAMER SINGERS AT THE CATHEDRAL: WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN

This will be the second concert given in Melbourne's Catholic cathedral by this newly formed and brilliantly received choir. Music from Iceland, New York, Estonia, Latvia and England will fill the soaring architecture of St Pat's. The choir presents contemporary and Tudor visions of childhood, with moments of exquisite quiet, delicacy and profound faith. Choral works by Pärt, Thorvaldsdottir, Lang, Tallis and Vasks will be conducted by acclaimed choral/artistic director Jonathan Grieves-Smith

**When:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Time:** 3:30pm

**Where:** St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

**Cost:** \$35, students \$25

**Bookings:** [www.trybooking.com/TJID](http://www.trybooking.com/TJID)

**Web:** <https://www.hamersingers.com.au/>

## DWELLING IN JOY: YEAR OF YOUTH EVENT WITH MGL SISTERS

Are you a young woman seeking some quiet space to listen to God? Do you want to soak in the graces of the resurrection? Are you looking for some opportunities to connect with other young women from across Melbourne? Join the **Missionaries of God's Love (MGL) Sisters** for this afternoon/evening of prayer, sisterhood, talks and more.

**When:** Saturday 28th April 2018

**Time:** 3:00–9:00pm

**Where:** MGL Sisters House, 6 Dunstan Street, North Balwyn

**Cost:** Donation

**Details & RSVP:** 9857 8177 or [melanieedwards77@gmail.com](mailto:melanieedwards77@gmail.com)

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

## Maker of Heaven and Earth (2)

All this talk of an invisible world can make one feel uncomfortable. Creation seemed rather a cosy sort of affair when it just meant God and your soul and the world of matter.

The world of matter may be vast; there may be systems on systems of planets much bigger than ours, but that didn't matter much, because, after all, planets haven't got souls. The planet Venus may be much bigger than you, but after all you have the advantage, because you can point up in the sky and say, "That's the planet Venus", whereas the planet Venus can't point down at you and say, "That's Mary"; or "That's James". But when you read about the holy Angels, "Ten thousand times ten thousand ministered unto him", and so on, it does make you feel rather small.

God, you feel, can't have much need of Mary or James when he has all these cherubim and seraphim to worship him. Creation, instead of being a cosy little affair, has become a large, draughty sort of place in which you feel lost. And you almost wish that when God set about creating things, he hadn't done it on such a magnificent scale. You would like to be rather more in the centre of the stage instead of being given a walk-on part.

Well, we've got to keep a sense of proportion about all that. And the main thing to remember is this: that your soul is a special creation. When a fresh guinea-pig comes into existence, God doesn't have to create anything exactly; I think that is the implication in the first chapter of Genesis, where God says to the fishes and the birds and the beasts, "Increase and multiply", as if he meant, "I'm not going to go on creating fresh guinea-pigs".

And that's how your body came into existence. But your soul, you see, is quite different; you didn't get that from your parents. God created it specially, for your body; created it out of nothing, just as he created the worlds. He wasn't bound to do that. It's true, it would have been very awkward if he hadn't, because that would have meant a human being without a soul, a thing which has never happened yet! But it was his will to create you; his eternal goodness overflowed again, this time into you. He thought of you specially, and he still thinks of you specially, just as much as if he had no angels to worship him and to serve him.

Let's remember this, though: when you create something it belongs to you. If you wrote a poem, and I found it lying about, and sent it up to the Tablet signed R.A. Knox, and got some money for it, you could bring an action against me at law. And because God created you, you belong absolutely to God. If one of your friends says, "You might give me half that apple", it is possible for you to reply, "I'll please myself about that". I don't mean that that is a very nice way of putting it, but you are within your rights. But if God tells you he wants you to do something, or wants you not to do something, it's terrible that you should reply, "I shall please myself about that".

God owns you; he is what you are for; to do his will is something that ought to come much more naturally to you than doing your own will. And, however much he may interfere in your life, God is within his rights. If you have written a poem in which you've called the guinea-pig a funny pig, and then you come to the conclusion that that isn't a very good rhyme, and you change it to "skinny pig", you are within your rights; it's your poem, and you can alter it if you want to. Just so God made you what you are, made the framework in which your life is to be lived; and if (say) he allows a person who was once rich to become poor, or a person who was once beautiful to be disfigured by an accident, he is only doing what he has a right to do; the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Meanwhile, I hope you won't ask me to tell you why God has made heaven and earth as he has made them and not somehow else. I'm not here to answer the question, Why did God make earwigs?, or the question, Couldn't God have made the wart-hog more presentable? We aren't in any position to answer questions like that. In the first place, because we don't know what kind of place the world would have been if Adam hadn't fallen.

The account of the Fall in Genesis definitely seems to imply that the thorns and briars that give such trouble to the farmer and the gardener weren't meant to be there originally, or weren't meant to be so vigorous and difficult to get rid of.

It's very difficult to supply alternative programs for the kind of world God might have made if he hadn't made this one. If you sit down and try to do it, I think you will find your proposed world is either something very tame or something very fantastic. All you can say is that God has made a world rich in variety, and a world in which a whole lot of species that used to exist, like the mammoth or the dodo, have been allowed to die out. All of which suggests to my mind the profusion of fancy which you would expect from a great artist; there is a splendid carelessness about creation as we know it which almost seems meant to remind us that God's thoughts are not as our thoughts, and his workmanship does not abide the question of critics with limited minds like yours and mine.

**By Fr Ronald Knox**