



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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The Epiphany of the Lord

5th January 2020

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

Parish Office Hours: (See Below)

Mon 9.00am-4.00pm **Tue** 1.00pm-5.00pm

Wed—Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm **Friday** 9.00am-4.00pm

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449)
Officers: Aloysious Dacunha, Karina Dunne & Lorraine Tellis

BOTH PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 24TH DEC-6TH JAN

If you need a priest in the case of an emergency please call Father Fabian 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 6th—12th January

Monday:		
Tuesday pm:	6.30pm	FFS
Wednesday:	9.15am	FFS
Thursday:	9.15am	FLM
Friday:	9.15am	FFS
Saturday Vigil:	5.30pm	FFS
Sunday:	8.30am 10.30am	FFS FFS

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and **before** and weekday Mass.

ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

ADORATION:

Adoration resumes Tuesday 4th February

CRC MELTON CHAPEL: 8.00am

Next Mass will be held 31st January 2020



ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 6th—12th January

All weekday Masses (except Thursday) will be held in the Chapel

Monday :	No Mass	
Tuesday:	5.30pm	FLM
Wednesday :	8.00am	FLM
Thursday :	8.00am	FFS
Friday:	8.00am	FLM
Saturday Vigil :	5.00pm	FLM
Sunday :	8:30am 10.00am	FLM FLM

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass.

ROSARY: Prayed 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 Date : **Friday 7th February**

ADORATION:

Adoration resumes Tuesday 4th February

PROVIDENCE MASS: Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am The Village 5-7 Griffith St, Maddingley.

Next Mass: **14th February**

SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS

Is held on the third Friday of the month in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome not just the seniors.

Next Senior's Mass: **21st February**

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIME

Saturday Vigil:	6.30pm	FLM
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS: INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday 18 January 2020, 2-4pm

This session covers information regarding our study tour of the Biblical Lands between 14 November – 7 December 2020. Destinations include Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories and Greece and an option for 3 days in Crete and Delphi. Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM.

Bookings: Jenny Delahunt (03) 9412 3314, jenny.delaunt@ctc.edu.au

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

BINGO

Bingo will finish on the 17th December and return on the 14th January 2020.

PARISH OFFICES

Dear Parishioners

Please note both Parish Offices will be closed from 24th December-6th January for the Christmas Holidays.

If you would like to place a notice in the newsletter for the newsletter dated the 12th January, please email

judyparishnews@gmail.com by the 9th January 2020.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

DONATIONS FOR HEATING AND COOLING FOR CHURCH

If you would like to make a direct online donation to the heating and cooling fund you can do so with the following details

Account Name: St Anthony's Parish Annual Appeals

Account No: 083347/025471925

Reference: 110116461. Thank You.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from the 24th Dec-6th Jan and will reopen on Tuesday the 7th Jan.

The office will be open Tuesday—Friday 9am –1pm in January.

PRIME TIMERS AGM

Our first meeting will be Prime Timer's AGM. 11.30 am on 28th January 2020 at the Leisure Centre, Lifestyle Village, Brookfield. Please BYO lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

Confirm attendance with Ineke on 0400120401 or email ineke49@yahoo.com.

ST BERNARD'S

The Memorare of St. Bernard

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; for those churches where it was kept, it was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Source: CatholicCulture.org



WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 11th & 12th January
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Pat Fernandez
8.30am: Anastasia Mavaega
10.30am: Romeo Sacris

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Lorraine Tellis (P) & Dolores Turcsan
8.30am: Michael Higgins(P), Villy Julita
& Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Richard Tuala (P) & George Bonello

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact the emergency minister on the roster. Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Carmen Vella & Godwin Barton
8.30am: Lina Calleja & Godwin Barton
10.30am: Josephine German & Annonika

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Josh Djie-Spiteri & Jonathan Dacunha
8.30am: Rhys Tuala & Andre Oqueli
10.30am: Anakin Anderson & Ethan Porter
If you are unavailable please contact Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Joseph Buttigieg, Joseph Galea Toloa'l Malo Ma'ae,
Patrick Joseph McCurry & Fred Sultana

Please pray for the Sick:

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana,
Mary Caruana, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen,
Brendan Michael, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak,
John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts,
Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri,
Clint Abela Wadge, & John Xuereb and all those who have
requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER
REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask
that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their
bodies. Calm their fears and let them
experience the healing power of your love.
Amen



ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 11th & 12th January
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Maureen Zahra
8.30am: Gerrard Harrington & Jenny Hooper
10.00am: Cathy Belcher

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Stuart Robertson
8.30am: Brendan Harrison
10.00am: James Waters

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

January: Parish Office Staff

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

ST BERNARD'S YOUTH GROUP

Growing in the Spirit of Faith, Friendship and Fun
Age group: 11-30yrs Where: St Bernard's Church chapel and
Parish Centre
61 Lerderberg Street, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340
When: Fortnightly, Thursday's 7:15pm - 9:15pm
Next Youth Group meet up: **To Be Advised**
Email contact: saintbernardsyouthgroup@gmail.com

FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday 7.15pm - 9.15pm. Prayers in the
Church followed by fellowship in the Parish Centre.
Next meeting **To Be Advised**

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Kathleen Adair Pamela King-Eason, and Ginny Shea

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett,
Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, Tina Bower, John
Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly
Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca,
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 Johnson David Kasprzak, Loretta
Kervin, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Debbie
Marshall, Jordanis MaryPauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus
Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson,
Georgia Peacock, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts,
Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan
Trist, Hayden Tung, Mitchell Tung, Stephen Van Eede, John Van
Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh,
Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek,
Betty Young & Hannah Young.

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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 11th & 12th January

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Lorraine Tellis
8.30am: Ineke Allen
10.30am: Imalsha Silva

CUPPA ROSTER

Next Cuppa Date : To be advised



CHURCH FLOWERS

Ana Taunuu & Roperta Mavaega



CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Room 10.30am.

New members most welcome, training provided.

Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' at the back of the Church. Thank you.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

CCCM's aim is to supply free food to help people in our local community in need and walk alongside them to reduce dependency through friendship and education.

Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

Hours: Mon- Thurs: 10.00am-3.00pm

Friday : 10.00am-12.15pm

School Holidays : 10.00am-12.30pm

God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our Churches; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow with Jesus Christ offering to you their gifts and talents.



Amen

ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND : 11th & 12th January

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Trish Davine
Sunday: Margot Short

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Is held on the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass.

Next Morning Tea: **2nd February 2020**

Host: **Parish Pastoral Council**



CHURCH FLOWERS—January

Silk flowers only- To be advised



COUNTING TEAM # 4

Gerard Harrington

Chris Eggleston

Dianne Shelly

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (January)

Front Garden: Stuart Robertson

Back/Side Garden:

Parish Centre: John Tung

Carpark/Pines: John Tung

Back Paddock: Ron Geurts

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.

The Vinnies Store is located at 8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The store is open 7 days a week. If you are able to volunteer and would like some more information, please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205.

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre

Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-3.00pm

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.
Contact: Jenny Kearney 0408 104 155

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Church 6.30pm-7.45pm.

Next preparation : **Thursday 23rd Jan**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **1st & 15th March**

See details on Parish Homepage as listed on front page and download forms. Forms are also available from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass from Father. Both parents are required to attend these meetings. We kindly request adults only and a copy of the birth certificate. **Please be advised that Baptism applications must be submitted 2 months in advance.** Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Alexander, Fr Lucas or the Parish Office for queries.

BAPTISM TEAM: Karina Dunne & Judy Johnson

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Alexander or Fr Lucas .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held during Saturday evening Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY: 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm .

FATIMA STATUE

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: **Wayne & Marian Muller** 0400 007 286

Group 2: **Kalolaine & Sam Foma** 0432 295 121

Group 3: **Anthony & Mary Saliba** 9746 1470



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.

Next program: **Sunday 26th January**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **1st & 15th March**

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. **Please be advised that Baptism applications must be submitted 2 months in advance.** Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Alexander, Fr Lucas or the Parish Office for queries.

COORDINATORS : Steve & Geraldine

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Alexander or Fr Lucas.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held every Sunday during 10.00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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 line]

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

WEEKLY PRAYERS & READINGS

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

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

FIRST READING *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away

and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,

your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you;

the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,

and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,

bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 71

Comm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

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.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;

and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah

you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader

who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East,

and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7;

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38;

Gospel: Mt 3;13-17



The life of Catholic worship and piety VI

Popular piety (continued)

Sacred Relics

The term “relics of the saints” principally signifies the bodies — or notable parts of the bodies — of the saints who, as distinguished members of Christ’s mystical Body and as temples of the Holy Spirit in virtue of their heroic sanctity, now dwell in Heaven, but who once lived on earth.

Objects which belonged to the saints, such as personal objects, clothes and manuscripts are also considered relics, as are objects that have touched their bodies or tombs, such as oils, cloths, and images.

The Roman Missal reaffirms the validity “of placing the relics of the saints under an altar that is to be dedicated, even when not those of the martyrs”. This usage signifies that the sacrifice of the members has its origin in the Sacrifice of the altar, as well as symbolising the communion with the Sacrifice of Christ of the entire Church, which is called to witness, event to the point of death, fidelity to her Lord.

Many popular customs are associated with this eminently liturgical cultic expression. The faithful deeply revere the relics of the saints. An adequate pastoral instruction of the faithful about the use of relics will not overlook:

A. Ensuring the authenticity of the relics; where doubtful relics have been exposed for veneration of the faithful, they should be discreetly withdrawn with due pastoral prudence.

B. preventing undue dispersal of relics into small pieces, since such practice is not consonant with due respect for the human body; the liturgical norms stipulate that relics must be of a sufficient size as make clear that they are parts of the human body.

C. admonishing the faithful to resist the temptation to form collections of relics; in the past this practice has had some deplorable consequences. (Individuals who no longer wish to have the care of sacred relics in their possession may donate them to a parish church or to the archives of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, where they are certain to receive appropriate care.)

D. preventing any possibility of fraud, trafficking, or superstition.

<https://adw.org>

The various forms of popular veneration of the relics of the saints, such as kissing, decorations with lights and flowers, bearing them in processions, in no way exclude the possibility of taking the relics of the saints to the sick and dying, to comfort them or use the intercession of the saint to ask for healing. Such should be conducted with great dignity and be motivated by faith.

The relics of the saints should not be exposed on the altar, since this is reserved for the Body and Blood of the King of Martyrs.

It is absolutely forbidden to sell sacred relics. Relics of great significance and other relics honoured with great reverence by the people cannot be alienated validly in any manner without the permission of Rome.

Sacred Images

The practice of displaying sacred images in churches for the reverence of the faithful is to remain in effect. Nevertheless, they are to be exhibited in moderate number and in suitable order so that the people are not confused nor occasion given for inappropriate devotion.

If they are in need of repair, precious images, that is, those distinguished by age, art, or veneration, which are exhibited in churches or oratories for the reverence of the faithful are never to be restored without the written permission of the bishop; he is to consult experts before he grants permission.

Sacred images of great significance and other images honoured with great reverence by the people cannot be alienated validly in any manner without the permission of Rome.

The Church blesses sacred images because of their cultic significance. This is especially true of the images of the saints which are destined for public veneration, when she prays that, guided by a particular saint, “we may progress in following the footsteps of Christ, so that the perfect man may be formed in us to the full measure of Christ”.

No statue or image is to be exposed on the altar. Scapulars and medals can be blessed in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Blessings.