

St Bernard's Catholic Parish Bacchus Marsh

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Baptism 2018

Welcome to the Parish of St Bernard's! In choosing to have your child baptised, parents and Godparents, you have the privilege and responsibility of encouraging and supporting the Catholic faith of your child and the honour of preparing them for the life of heaven. We are here to support you with the information and resources that you will need to be successful in your vocation. Please note, the office at St Bernard's operates on limited days and times Tuesday to Friday. The parish website details the latest opening hours. Please familiarise yourself with the details of our Baptism Programme:

1. Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11:30am. There are no baptisms in January.

Also, due to First Holy Communion, there will be no Baptisms on Sunday 17th June 2018.

2. A Baptismal Preparation Meeting must be attended by Parents and Godparents before the baptism. These meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of each month at St Bernard's in the Parish Centre (Hall) at 11:15am. There is no need to contact the parish office and book in for these meetings or the baptism itself, as all your details will be collected and checked by our baptism team.

Dates of Preparation Meetings for 2018

• Sunday 28th January	• Sunday 25th February	• Sunday 25th March
• Sunday 22nd April	• Sunday 27th May	• Sunday 24th June
• Sunday 22nd July	• Sunday 26th August	• Sunday 23rd September
• Sunday 28th October	• Sunday 25 th November	• DECEMBER: NO MEETING

Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, and \$15 per child to the meeting.

3. Registration details can be filled out on the following page. Please bring completed forms and a copy of the child's Birth Certificate to the Preparation Meeting on Sunday morning. We will need to retain a copy of this for our records.
4. A \$15 cash payment will be collected at the meeting to cover the cost of the stole, booklet, and candle sticker. On the day of Baptism, you will need to bring your own candle, and a stole which will be provided at the Preparation Meeting.
5. Families are required to attend a Welcome Mass (at a date of your convenience; even on the same day of Baptism) so that the child or children being baptised can be presented to the community. Welcome Masses are scheduled at 10:00am on the first and third Sundays at St Bernard's. Please make yourself known to the priest before Mass begins. Father can usually be found in the Sacristy, the small room accessible from the front right-hand side of the church. It might be helpful to sit near the front of the church to be easily called forward during Mass.
6. Godparents form a spiritual relationship with their Godchildren through Baptism. They share their own faith, and encourage their Godchildren to live a life of holiness. Therefore, it is essential that Godparents have some Christian faith of their own. During the ceremony, Godparents will make solemn promises before God and the Church to honour their own baptism and the teachings of the Catholic Church expressed in the Nicene Creed. Note: The baptism ceremony does not constitute Godparents as the legal guardians or custodians of children.

The requirements for Godparents in the Catholic Church:

1. One Godparent must be Catholic.
2. The other Godparent may be Catholic or Christian.
3. Non Christian (non baptised) Godparents are not possible.

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Applicant: (include middle names for Child and Parents as printed on Birth Certificate)

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3
First name(s)			
Last name			
Date of Birth			
Place of Birth			

	Father	Mother
First name(s)		
Last name		
Maiden name	N/A	
Phone no.		If different
Email		If different
Religion		
Parish name & suburb		If different
Home Address Postcode:	If different Postcode:

	Godparent 1	Godparent 2
First name(s)		
Last name		
Religion	✓ Catholic	<u>Please select:</u> <input type="radio"/> Catholic <input type="radio"/> Other Baptised Christian

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Baptism preparation team to check:

Check	Task	Detail
○	Date of preparation meeting attended	Date:
○	Date of proposed Baptism (11:30am 1st & 3rd Sunday)	Date:
○	Date of Welcome Mass (10:00am 1 st & 3 rd Sunday)	Date:
○	Any other children in family? (for parish census card)	Names & ages: 1. 2. 3.
○	Activity fee: \$15 with receipt issued to family	
○	Given out the welcome pack: stole, sticker for candle, booklet, donation envelope	