

St Bernard's Catholic Parish Bacchus Marsh

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Baptism 2017

Welcome to the Parish of St Bernard's ! In choosing to have your child baptised, you are making a public commitment that your child will be a member of the Catholic Church, and a Christian. We want to ensure that you have the all information and help that you need to be successful in your vocation as Christian parents, so please read these two sheets carefully and feel free to contact us with any questions arising.

1. Baptisms are held on the First and Third Sundays of the month at 11.30am. Please contact the parish office for details of Baptisms scheduled over the Summer Holiday period.
2. A Baptismal Preparation Meeting must be attended by Parents and Godparents before the Baptism.
These meetings are normally held on the fourth Sunday of each month at St Bernard's in the Parish Centre (Hall) at 11.15am.

DATES of 2017 Meetings

- 22 January
 - 26 February
 - 26 March
 - 23 April
 - 21 May
 - 25 June
 - 23 July
 - 27 August
 - 24 September
 - 22 October
 - 26 November
 - **NO MEETING IS HELD IN DECEMBER**
3. Registration Forms can be downloaded from our website: pol.org.au/bacchusmarsh. Please bring completed forms and a copy of the child's Birth Certificate to the preparation meeting on Sunday morning.
 4. Families are required to attend a Welcome Mass so that the child or children being Baptised can be presented to the Community. You can come to any Sunday mass before the baptism. Please make yourself known to the priest before mass begins, and then sit near the front of Church so you can be called forward after the homily.
 5. Godparents assist parents in sharing their faith with their children. They witness to the love of Christ, encourage their Godchildren to live a life of holiness and make the Catholic faith their own during their life.

The requirements for Godparents are:

1. At least one Godparent must be Catholic.
2. If you choose two Godparents, one must be male and one female
3. You only need one Godparent. However, if you cannot find a suitable second Catholic Godparent, you may choose a Christian witness as the second person. They must be a baptised Christian (eg Anglican, Uniting, Baptist) but do not need to be Catholic.

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

(Child) Christian Name(s)

Surname:

Date of Birth: Place of Birth:

Address: Parish:

Mother: Full Name:

Maiden Name: Religion:.....

Address: P.Code.....

Phone No.: /

Father: Full Name:.....

Address (if different): P.Code.....

Religion:..... Phone No.:

Marriage Status of Parents:

Email Contact:

Godparent(s):

At least one of the Godparents must be Catholic. You may have 1 or 2 Godparents

Full Name: (M)..... Catholic:

Full Name: (F)..... Catholic:

Witnesses:

If you cannot find two Catholic Godparents, you may choose 1 Catholic Godparent and 1 Christian Witness, who must be a baptised Christian but does not need to be Catholic

Full Name: (M/F)..... Christian:

Date of Proposed Baptism: (11:30am on First and Third Sundays)

Date of Welcome Mass:..... (Any Sunday Mass before the Baptism)

Date of Preparation Meeting: (11:15am on Fourth Sunday)

Other Children/age:

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Priest to confirm attendance at meeting, sight birth certificate, verify details.....

OFFICE USE ONLY: Birth Certificate: Permission Letter:

BAPTISED ON: REGISTERED : Reg.No: CENSUS: