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COLLECTIONS

First Collection for the Presbytery supports our Parish Priest and priests of the Archdiocese.
Second Collection for the Church supports our parish.

Parishioners who normally give cash but wish to pay online, can go to this link:
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj42AAD>

As a reference, please include your name & Thanksgiving number (if you know it). Thank you.

Bacchus Marsh Parish recognises the traditional custodians of parish lands. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect.

Newsletter items must be submitted by Wednesday midnight. Please email to bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au

Bacchus Marsh Parish

St Bernard's

61 Lerderderg Street, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

Our Lady Help of Christians

309 Myrniong-Korobeit Road, Korobeit VIC 3341

Second Sunday of Advent – Year C 8th December 2024

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES (7th to 14th December)

St Bernard's

5:00pm Saturday Vigil
8:30am Sunday
10:30am Sunday

10:00am Sunday – Rosary in the Chapel
3:00pm Monday – Divine Mercy
6:00pm Monday – Mass for Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am Tuesday – Mass
7:30pm Tuesday – Holy Hour (note, change in time is only for this Tuesday 10th December)

9:30am Wednesday – Mass
7:30am Thursday – Mass
7:30am Friday – Mass
9:00am Saturday – Mass

Our Lady Help of Christians

6:30pm Saturday Vigil
(1st & 3rd Saturdays)
7th & 21st December

Confession available 30mins prior to each Mass and ceases 5mins before Mass.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners of St Bernard's,

Thank you for welcoming me to the Parish!

I am very happy to be appointed here as Parish Priest and grateful to God for his providence. I leave behind some wonderful years on the Mornington Peninsula and I thank God for the relationships with the people there – a great gift from God. I look forward to getting to know you all and consider myself so blessed to now be able to serve you in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Please pray for me as I begin here that God grant me wisdom to be his instrument in increasing our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

And what a feast day today! May our mother Mary, the Immaculate Conception herself, pray for us. I consecrate myself and my ministry to her Immaculate Heart.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all each day, especially at the altar of God.

Fr John Paul Mount

SAFEGUARDING

Bacchus Marsh Parish is committed to the safety of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.
Safeguarding Officers – Margaret Love 0437 247 779, Ron Geurts, Vicki Benson, Marj Tung or Jenn Costin.

MINISTRIES (14th & 15th December)

Ministers of the Word

5:00pm Jeremy Toledo / Volunteer
8:30am Moira Ross / Volunteer
10:30am Beatrice Younger

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00pm Colin Remedios
8:30am Colm Carragher
10:30am Cheryl Stevens

Prayers of the Faithful

December Jan Carragher

Piety Stall Volunteers

5:00pm Margot Short
8:30am Carmel Shea
10:30am Volunteer

Church Flowers

December Tup Shea

Presbytery & Church Grounds

Colm Carragher, Ron Geurts & Michael Love

FAITH FORMATION

Baptism of Infants

Baptisms are held on the second & fourth Saturdays of the month at 11:00am.

Baptism Preparation sessions are held on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30am in our Parish Centre.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website under "*Faith Formation – Baptism of Infants*".

Sacraments for Children

If your child does not attend a Catholic school but would like to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, application forms are available on our website under "*Faith Formation – Sacraments for Children*".

Adults Becoming Catholic

For adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, you can register your interest on our website under "*Faith Formation – Becoming Catholic*".

If you need assistance with any of the above sacramental programs, please contact the Parish Office.

ST BERNARD'S PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is available for hire and can be booked through our Hall Managers – Marie & Terry Casey.

All use must be authorised by either the Parish Office or the Hall Managers.

Phone: 5367 3427, Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 6:00pm

COMMUNITY SERVICES

St Vincent de Paul Society

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Bacchus Marsh Vinnies store is in urgent need of donations. All donations gratefully appreciated and can be dropped into the store 7 days a week at 164-190 Main Street.

Any enquiries, please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205.

The Neighbour's Place

The Neighbours' Place is a Christian not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to serve people of the Moorabool Shire, west of Melbourne, who are disadvantaged, at risk or temporarily unable to feed themselves or their family, and are in need of emergency food relief.

NILS is a No Interest Loans Scheme for assistance of up to \$2,000 for things like white goods, furniture and minor car repairs to keep life going.

We are located at 77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh.

Phone: 5367 6222

Email: neighbourspl@inet.net.au

Open: 9:30am to 12:30pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Closed public holidays.

Soul Food

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

VALUABLE LINKS

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope.html>

<https://www.melbournecatholic.org/news>

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Begins Christmas Eve
The theme is "*Pilgrims of Hope*"

<https://www.jubilaum2025.va/en.html>

PASTORAL CARE

Recently Deceased

Barry Mullane

Death Anniversaries

Brian Barry, Mark Bourke, Betty Condon, Johnny Lawrance, Kevin Leonard, Gnaire Lockman, Damien McConnell.

We pray for the Sick

Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally, Dean Elms, Frances, Caleb Silas Ginger (baby), Michael Johnston, John & Patricia Kelly, Michael Larkin, Joanne Mumford, Peter Roberts, Liz Shelly, and all those who need our prayers.

Please let us know when your loved one is no longer required on this Sick List.

WORKING BEE

A working bee will be held on Saturday 14th December from 9:30am till about 1:00pm. This is to clear the grounds of the former convent at 90a Main Street (enter via Convent Lane).

It is an adult only task because of the broken glass onsite, so please, no children under 16. We would appreciate help with this job.

If helpers have a ute or trailer and can take rubbish to the transfer station/tip, that would be appreciated.

Please add your name to the clipboard in the Gathering Space.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve – Tue 24th December

St Bernard's	6:30pm
OLHC Korobeit	8:30pm
St Bernard's	midnight

Christmas Day – Wed 25th December

St Bernard's	10:30am
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TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

Lord,
we ask you to continue to be with us
as we ***Take the Way of the Gospel***
together in prayer.

May we open ourselves to you
with a new depth of trust and conviction
in your guiding hand,
so that we may discern our journey
with compassionate and humble hearts
and come to know your Holy Spirit
moving within and amongst us,
and so be transformed.

Amen

REFLECTION

Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

As we prepare for the Jubilee in 2025, Pope Francis calls us to be pilgrims, not to be just sightseers; to really notice the beauty around us, discovering the meaning in the roads we take. The road we are travelling today is that of Advent which leads us to the Christmas season.

Isaiah has written of preparing a way for the Messiah, encouraging the people to be ready. As the population would do for the coming of a King, the roads would be levelled, the potholes filled, the rough roads smoothed, so the King would have a comfortable journey. John the Baptist called the people to a preparation through the forgiveness of sins, a change of lifestyle and by declaring their readiness by a baptism in the water of the Jordan River.

As we walk this journey this Advent, let us really notice the beauty around us now – of trees, of gardens, of Christmas decorations, of children's expectant faces, the goodness and generosity of others. Let us reflect on the meaning of Advent and may we reflect this joy to others.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come and be born in our hearts.



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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under
heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One,
jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you,
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the
everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the
light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 125

Reader: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

ALL: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

ALL: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Next Sunday's Readings – 15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent – Year C

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18