



St Bernard's Parish

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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.

Newsletter items must be submitted by Wednesday midnight. Please email to

bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au

St Bernard's Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 19th January 2025

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES – 20th to 26th January

St Bernard's

Monday	no services
Tuesday	7:00pm – Holy Hour
Tuesday to Friday	9:30am Masses
Saturday	9:00am Mass 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am and 10:30am Masses 10:00am – Rosary in the Chapel

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

Our Lady Help of Christians

first & third Saturday of the month – 1st & 15th February

Saturday 6:30pm – Vigil Mass

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

At Cana, Our Lord changes water into wine for the wedding feast. We might as well ask, is it ok to enjoy a drink?

The Psalmist says that God provides “wine to cheer man’s heart” (Ps 104). It is clear that Jesus and His disciples drank wine. Surely His miracle is an approval of the practice. Our Lord provided between 545 and 818 litres of wine for this wedding. That’s between 726 and 1,090 750ml bottles of wine!

However, excessive drinking, drunkenness, is a sin against temperance. There is a lot we could say to determine excess. Yet, rather than try to narrow in on the point of departure from moderation to excess, it can help to step back and reflect.

Why do we exercise temperance? So that we can truly live the freedom and happiness of the children of God. So that we live up to our full potential as those made in the Image of God and striving to grow in His likeness. Does having a drink serve that? I think it certainly can. It can help us celebrate a wedding, a birthday, or a feast day. It can help us bond with others. Life can be a hard slog, and our soul needs feasts, recreation and to enjoy each other’s company. Liturgical feast days, like Sundays, are God commanding us to enjoy life! A drink can certainly help that.

However, it can also hinder it. In the time of Christ, and Roman times, wine was mixed with water. It would be weakened for consumption. My favourite podcast at the moment is The Rest is History with Tom Holland. They covered the Roman conquest of Britain. In this, they mentioned that introducing wine to the peoples in Britain, as with the people of Gaul I believe, weakened them. They did not mix their wine but drank it full strength. They lacked temperance. Alcohol did not serve their potential, but rather contributed to them being conquered.

Temperance with alcohol and living our potential is a good topic to reflect on. Ultimately, wine is a gift from God like all others to help us live life well.

Our Lord provided an excessive amount of wine for the wedding at Cana. No doubt He and His disciples enjoyed, though not excessively, turning it back.

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 on 0437 247 779, Ron Geurts, Vicki Benson, Jenn Costin and Marj Tung.

MINISTRIES – 25th & 26th January

Ministers of the Word

5:00pm Vicki Benson
8:30am Nathan Costin
10:30am Dominic van der Linden

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00pm John Thorne
8:30am Tup Shea
10:30am Cheryl Stevens

Prayers of the Faithful

January Office Staff

Piety Stall Volunteers

5:00pm Jan & Colm Carragher
8:30am Jan Farmelo
10:30am Natalia Klenkowski

Church Flowers

January Jenn Costin

Presbytery & Church Grounds

Colm Carragher, Ron Geurts & Michael Love

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

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 or 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: 03 5367 3427, Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 6:00pm

COMMUNITY SERVICES

St Vincent de Paul, Bacchus Marsh

Welfare assistance is available Mon-Fri 10am-3pm on 1800 305 330.

New members most welcome to our Conference.
Contact President, Margot Short on 0419 507 438.

Vinnies Store is located at 164-190 Main Street.
Donations can be dropped off 7 days a week.

The Neighbour's Place

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

They also offer NILS, a No Interest Loans Scheme.

They are located at 77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh.

Phone: 03 5367 6222

Email: office@neighboursplace.org.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 CATHOLIC LINKS

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

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news>

Volunteer Church Cleaners

A call for volunteers to help clean our Church. Many hands make light work!
If you would like to be on a roster to clean the Church, please sign-up in the Gathering Space (foyer) after Mass.

Rostered Volunteers will need the usual Safeguarding requirements:
Working With Children Check (WWCC), Code of Conduct, and Online Training.

Church Open, Pay a Visit

"My house shall be a house of prayer for all the nations" Jesus quoted. Now that we have a resident priest, it is important to keep our Church open during the day. We pray that anyone moved by God's grace to visit can come in to speak to God in our Church. I encourage all of you to regularly pay a visit to the Church. I would love if there was always at least one Parishioner here praying at any given time of the day.

PASTORAL CARE

Recently Deceased

Gabrielle Mary Deacon

Death Anniversaries

Mary Blood, Janet Bourke, Keith Cleaver, Barry Dean, Frank Finn, Mary Griffith, Jeanette Hurley, Sam Provenzano, Gerald Shanahan, Leo Sizeland, Elka Timmins, Rene Tyquin, Martin Vrbec.

We pray for the Sick

Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally, Dean Elms, Robert 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 needed on this Sick List.

THE JUBILEE 2025 LOGO

The most striking part of the logo for this Jubilee is the cross: bending towards humanity and forming an anchor, it depicts the cross as something to cling to, especially in rough seas. It is a contemporary 'riff' on an old biblical image.

The epistle to the Hebrews describes the hope we have in Christ as 'an anchor of the soul, as sure as it is firm' (6:19).

The cross is not a dead symbol from the past. It is a living sign of God's unfathomable love, and one that carries us together in pilgrimage towards heaven.



<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world:
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

REFLECTION

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catering for a wedding can be a fine balancing act – enough food, enough drinks, etc. To run out would always be an embarrassing situation for the caterers and the hosts.

A woman like Mary would be sensitive about what was needed, especially if they were relatives or friends, making sure there was enough for all. Her thoughtfulness led her to Jesus, knowing he could help, and hoping he would, to save the bride and groom embarrassment. Was Jesus waiting for a sign to begin his public mission? Mary obviously knew he would follow her example and help and had no qualms in instructing the stewards to do whatever Jesus told them. She also knew she could trust Jesus to do something about it. Jesus responded, as we know, changing six large jars of water into the best wine. Instead of thinking of his own position, he thought of others.

Like Mary, I have to trust that Jesus will answer my prayers in the best way possible – for myself, or for those for whom I pray. Am I able to just ask Jesus and leave it to him?

A saying I remember well: **"To Jesus through Mary"**.
Few men can refuse their mothers what they ask!



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 in Ordinary Time – Year C

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING *Isaiah 62:1-5*

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,'
nor your land 'Abandoned,'
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 95:1-3, 7-10*

Reader: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

ALL: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

ALL: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.



SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.

The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 2:1-11*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus; it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Sunday's Liturgy – 26th January 2025
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
Resp. Psalm: Psalms 18:8-10, 15
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21