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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](mailto:bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au)

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

# St Bernard's Parish

61 Lerderderg Street, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

## Our Lady Help of Christians

309 Myrniong-Korobeit Road, Korobeit VIC 3341

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **MASS & DEVOTION TIMES**

**St Bernard's** 27<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February

|                   |                                                                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday            | no services                                                              |
| Tuesday           | 7:00pm – Holy Hour                                                       |
| Tuesday to Friday | 9:30am Masses                                                            |
| Saturday          | 9:00am Mass ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Feb cancelled</i> )<br>5:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday            | 8:30am and 10:30am Masses<br>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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday 6:30pm – Vigil Mass



### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen

*Franciscus*

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

## 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February

### Ministers of the Word

5:00pm Maureen Zahra  
8:30am Evana Carragher  
10:30am Beatrice Younger

### Extraordinary Ministers

5:00pm John Thorne  
8:30am Peter McPhan  
10:30am Cheryl Stevens

### Prayers of the Faithful

February Jill Braithwaite

### Piety Stall Volunteers

5:00pm Jackie Tabone  
8:30am Lyn Shea  
10:30am

### Church Flowers

February Tup Shea

### Presbytery & Church Grounds

Colm Carragher, Ron Geurts & Michael Love

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## 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 the Parish Office and the Hall Managers.

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

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## VALUABLE CATHOLIC LINKS

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

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news>

### Social & Fundraising Meeting

The Social & Fundraising Committee will meet on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February in the Parish Centre at 6.30pm. Anyone interested in joining this awesome team or would like to help out periodically, please come along to the meeting or call Natalia on 0409 445 552.

### Craft & Cuppa Group

The Craft & Cuppa Group resumes on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre starting at 9.00am. If you are interested in doing craft, or just want to have a cuppa and a chat, please come and join us! We have lots of fun while creating items to raise funds for our church. Our meetings run every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of the month throughout the year. Any enquiries, please call Natalia on 0409 445 552.

## PASTORAL CARE

### Recently Deceased

Helen Bogel-Casey

### Death Anniversaries

Olive Andrews, Rodney Arnold,  
Mary Cassar, Gary Dodd, Ronald Knight,  
Denis Lennox, Joe Marshall, Margaret Rose,  
Joan Welsh.

### 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.*

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The next gathering of St Bernard's Young  
Adults Group will be held on Tuesday  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Holy Hour will begin at 7:00pm and this will  
be followed by social activities and a  
formation talk in the hall.

A meal will be provided at 6:00pm for those  
interested. For catering purposes, if you are  
coming for the meal, please text the number  
of those in your group to 0423 965 819.  
Also, include the words "Young Adults  
Group" in the text.

## 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

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some speakers hold everyone's close attention, while others lose you completely. It is a skill not everyone has, and for some speakers, it must be learned.

In the last weeks, we have heard of the Baptism of Jesus and his time alone in the wilderness. Jesus now decides to proclaim his mission, which obviously he has reflected on during this time. His mission is to the poor, the rejected, the down and outers, those struggling to exist, the ones society looks down on, those who feel unloved, those living in pain and darkness. Jesus reassures them they are not unloved or rejected, but loved by God. This unusual mission obviously got their attention. But did they listen?

The "year of favour" is a jubilee year when slaves are freed, debts written off, outcasts return home.



What is your mission? Do the words from Isaiah speak to you?  
Are there some things or someone that enslaves you?

### Feast of Presentation – Blessing of Candles

Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, is the feast of the Presentation of the  
child Jesus in the Temple, otherwise known as **Candlemas**.

It is traditional to bless candles on this day.

If you would like some candles to be blessed, please bring them to  
Mass and place them before the Altar.

Father will bless them at the end of Mass.

## 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

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

#### FIRST READING *Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 18:8-10, 15*

**Reader:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**ALL:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

**ALL:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.



### Next Sunday's Liturgy – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord – Year C

First Reading: *Malachi 3:1-4*  
Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 23:7-10*  
Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:14-18*  
Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*

## SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you'.

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Luke 4:18*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

**Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL *Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well-founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.