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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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 16th February 2025

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES

St Bernard's

17th to 23rd February

Monday	3:00pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday	7:00pm – Holy Hour
Tuesday Thursday Friday	7:30am Masses
Wednesday	9:30am Mass
Saturday	9:30am Mass (<i>please note new time</i>)
	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 March

Saturday 6:30pm – Vigil Mass

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Our Lady of Lourdes

Last Sunday, in the second reading we heard that after the Resurrection, Our Lord “appeared to more than 500 of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive” (1Cor 15:6). Even though this is before the death of the last Apostle, perhaps this is already setting the precedence for heavenly visitations.

In 1858 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto at Massabielle near Lourdes, France.

A famous historical novel on Lourdes was written by Franz Werfel in 1941 called ‘The Song of Bernadette’ which was made into a movie. Franz Werfel was not a Catholic. Interestingly, another excellent historical novel on a saint is ‘Joan of Arc’ by Mark Twain, also not a Catholic.

Franz Werfel was in fact Jewish. While escaping the Nazis, he and his Catholic wife, Alma, stayed in Lourdes. He experienced such help and charity in Lourdes that he made a vow that if he escaped, he would write about St Bernadette and Lourdes. He and his wife did indeed escape to the United States and so he wrote a novel singing the praises of St Bernadette.

It is a beautifully written book. We can learn so much from how Our Blessed Mother appeared to St Bernadette, her messages, and the revelation of her name, ‘The Immaculate Conception’. Yet, perhaps the greatest impression we gain from reading this book is what a beautiful saint St Bernadette is.

It was the virtue of St Bernadette that eventually convinced the Parish Priest, Father Payramale, that Our Lady was truly appearing to her. And, I think like Fatima and like Guadalupe, the credibility of the apparitions rely on the natural virtue of the recipient. Interestingly, they were either young or poor, innocent and simple, sane, honest people. And, as the title of the book suggests, it was the virtue of St Bernadette that no doubt inspired Franz Wefel to sing her praises in his novel.

Fr John Paul Mount

MINISTRIES – 22nd & 23rd February

Ministers of the Word

5:00pm	John Thorne
8:30am	Nathan Costin
10:30am	Beatrice Younger

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00pm	Vicki Benson
8:30am	Tup Sea
10:30am	Cheryl Stevens

Prayers of the Faithful

February	Jill Braithwaite
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Piety Stall Volunteers

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

Church Flowers

February	Tup Shea
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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 the Parish Office and 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.

CATHOLIC LINKS

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

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news>

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

SAFEGUARDING

Our 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, Jennifer Costin, Marj Tung

PASTORAL CARE

Recently Deceased

Rev Fr John Walter O'Reilly PE

Death Anniversaries

Freddie Borg, Rini Dominquez, Lily Freeman,
Chris Heslington, Stanley McGonegal, Eileen Mullane,
Carmel Pinti, Laurie Wheelahan.

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, Chinenye Victoria Oriaku
Nwalozie, Peter Roberts, Kevin Shelly, 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.*

REFLECTION

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Most people would think “happy are the millionaires, those who pay 18 million for a house, own a Cadillac” etc. Our papers mostly tell us about the rich, whether they are criminals or not. Our TV news shows us their lives, their funerals, their wealth. Some of us may even envy them.

But Jesus thinks and tells us otherwise. He says “happy are the poor, the hungry, those who weep, for your reward will be in Heaven”, not for just a little while, but forever. Feeling poor and needy can open us to seek God. The ones who come to hear and seek Jesus are the poor and needy, those who seek hope and healing, because they know their vulnerability. Poverty, grief and hunger have no value for their own sake. Wealth and happiness are not condemned, but they can make us feel self-sufficient with no need of God.



What is my preference?
Do I feel a need for God?
Does my life reflect this?

Pontifical Requiem Mass

Fr John Walter O'Reilly PE

The Pontifical Requiem Mass for Rev Fr John Walter O'Reilly PE will be celebrated on **Tuesday 18th February 2025 at Sacred Heart Parish, Winifred Street, St Albans at 11.00am**, followed by committal prayers and interment at the Priests' Crypt at the Melbourne General Cemetery at 2:00pm.

Vigil prayers will be held on **Monday 17th February 2025 at Sacred Heart Parish, Winifred Street, St Albans at 6:00pm**.

The Requiem Mass will also be livestreamed.

Please find the link here:

<https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/fatherjohn-oreilly-2501097/>

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

A pancake dinner will be held on Tuesday 4th March from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Centre.

For a gold coin donation, tea, coffee and pancakes with all the trimmings will be provided.

After the dinner, all are welcome to attend Holy Hour between 7pm - 8pm, with a talk to follow from 8pm - 9pm in the hall for any who would like to stay.

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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.

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.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 1:1-4*

Reader: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

ALL: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law, day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

ALL: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.



SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 6:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 6:17, 20-26*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now; you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now; you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich; you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now; you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now; you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next Sunday's Liturgy – 23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading: *1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13*
Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:45-49*
Gospel: *Luke 6:27-38*