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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 9th February 2025

MASS & DEVOTION TIMES

St Bernard's

10th to 16th 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 – 15th February & 1st March

Saturday 6:30pm – Vigil Mass

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

St Paul Miki and Japanese Martyrs (Feast Day 6th February)

The most popular tourist spot for Australians recently has been Japan. Great place for a family holiday.

However, the story of the Catholic Church in Japan is one of martyrdom.

St Francis Xavier landed in Kagoshima, Japan, south of Nagasaki, in 1549.

The faith spread quickly, but so did persecution. St Paul Miki, a Japanese born Jesuit priest, and 25 others, many Franciscans, were martyred in 1597.

They were marched some 800km from Kyoto to Nagasaki and then crucified on Nishizaka Hill - the martyrs hill.

In 1619 was the Kyoto martyrdoms; 1622 the Nishizaka great martyrdoms; 1627-31 Unzen martyrdoms; 1628 the start of the 'fumei' trampling ceremonies; and so on.

In 1637, farmers led by a young Catholic warrior Amakusa Shiro, staged the Shimabara Rebellion against their exploitation. They barricaded themselves into an ancient stronghold. Finally, 120,000 samurai overran and killed some estimated 37,000 Catholics there.

St Lorenzo Ruiz is a Filipino, yet he was martyred along with 15 others (9 Japanese) of the Dominican order, including St Thomas Nishi, at Nagasaki, also in 1637.

In the 1860's, French missionaries, including Fr Petitjean, entered Japan to discover Christians who had been in hiding for some 200 years. Please research that story! These hidden Christians saw the statue of Our Lady and told Father, "Our hearts are the same as yours."

St Maximilian Kolbe worked in Nagasaki in the 1930's and established a Franciscan Friary there and a beautiful grotto to Our Lady which you can still visit. This survived the atomic blast that happened a couple of years after his death.

I also recommend to you 'A Song for Nagasaki', a biography of Takashi Nagai, by Paul Glynn. Nagai was a Catholic convert and radiologist who lived and died through the horror of the atomic bomb dropped in the middle of Nagasaki city.

The story of Catholics in Japan is one of faithfulness and perseverance, extraordinary charity and forgiveness.

Fr John Paul Mount

MINISTRIES – 15th & 16th February

Ministers of the Word

5:00pm	Sonia Smith
8:30am	Moir Ross
10:30am	Allan McManus

Extraordinary Ministers

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

Prayers of the Faithful

February	Jill Braithwaite
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Piety Stall Volunteers

5:00pm	Marj Tung
8:30am	Dianne Shelly
10:30am	

Church Flowers

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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.

SAFEGUARDING – RISK ASSESSMENTS

Risk Assessments are required for all parish activities and programmes where children and/or vulnerable adults may be present.

Please note that Risk Assessments may be completed online.

If assistance is needed to complete a Risk Assessment, please contact Fr John Paul or a member of the Safeguarding Committee.

Safeguarding Officers – Margaret Love on 0437 247 779,
Ron Geurts, Vicki Benson, Jenn Costin and Marj Tung.

Bacchus Marsh Parish is committed to the safety of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

PASTORAL CARE

Recently Deceased

James (Jim) White

Death Anniversaries

Samara Vereker, Noeline Wadey, Stanley Walsh.

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Have you ever been asked to do something you considered stupid, a waste of time, utterly ridiculous? That you knew differently! The wrong place, the wrong time, wrong person.

Peter must have felt like that when Jesus suggested they go fishing in the daylight – didn't he know you fished at night? Oh well, let's play along – the fish won't be around. How surprised he must have been, after risking his reputation, to have the net filled with fish. How his mouth must have gaped open. Realising this was Jesus' doing, a miracle, he acknowledged his unworthiness. Peter's whole way of life changed. He took a risk and followed Jesus.



What might Jesus call you to do?

Can you trust Jesus enough to embark on a new or different venture?

A way of praying? A stranger to help? A new neighbour?

SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR

Confronting the Reality of Abuse

Speaker – Fr Hans Zollner, SJ

Fr Zollner is a world-leading expert in safeguarding. He has been the founding president of the Centre for Child Protection at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Date – Thursday 13th February 2025

Time – 5:30pm - 7:00pm AEDT

Where – online via Zoom (free of charge)

Registrations close at 4:00pm on the day of the webinar, if not sold out previously.

For any enquiries about this webinar, please contact learning@acsltd.org.au

Knights of the Southern Cross - Social Night BBQ

This Tuesday 11th February, KSC Members are invited to Ron's place for our annual gathering. Arrive at 6pm for 6.30pm lighting. Please note: BYO offering to burn, and a salad.

Providence & Friends Mass

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence & Friends Mass this Friday 14th February at 11am in Providence Village. Please bring a plate for morning tea/lunch.

If transport is required, please let the Parish Office know or call Margot Short on 0419 507438.

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.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way:
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'
I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 137:1-5, 7-8*

Reader: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

ALL: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

ALL: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.



SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless.

On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 4:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 5:1-11*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this, they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Next Sunday's Liturgy – 16th February 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading: *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 1:1-4*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20*

Gospel: *Luke 6:17, 20-26*