



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13th April 2025

EASTER TRIDUUM

Dear Parishioners, my one purpose today is to encourage you all to come to the Holy Week ceremonies. These ceremonies are called the Easter Triduum, namely Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Block out the calendar, refuse other engagements, as this is our holiest time of year.

On Thursday at 7:00pm, we begin the Mass of Holy Thursday, often called the Last Supper. We sing the Gloria and ring the bells which will not be heard again until Easter. This night we celebrate the institution of the new and eternal Covenant (in Latin, Testament) – which is to say, the institution of the Mass. This includes the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ (it is priests' feast day). We also have the ceremony of the washing of the feet (the 'mandatum'); and lastly, we process to the altar of repose to keep vigil with Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane during His agony. The Parish Centre for the altar of repose will remain open until midnight which is when Our Lord is arrested. Please spend some time with our Lord during this time.

Holy Thursday ceremony ends in silence, just as Good Friday 3:00pm service begins in silence. This is showing how the Triduum is indeed one Mass, one ceremony. We begin Good Friday service with a period of silence as we all kneel and the priest prostrates before the altar. Then we read the Passion from St John followed by the Solemn Intercessions. After that, we have the procession of the Cross and the Adoration of the Cross. The only music for this service will be sung during the adoration, called the 'Reproaches' which goes back to the 8th Century. And after uniting ourselves with the death of Christ with Holy Communion, we depart in silence, the Tabernacle empty.

The Easter Vigil is at 7:00pm and is the greatest ceremony of the Church's year when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It begins in darkness. The Easter fire outside being the symbol of creation 'ex nihilo' and also the symbol of a new creation. The Paschal candle is lit and processed, in the same way as was the Cross on Friday. The Priest sings the 'Exaltet' hymn in praise of the Candle. In darkness we listen to the Scriptures, before singing the Gloria and the Church is filled with light. Thanks be to God we have Peter and Shakira who will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion. We bless the Easter holy water at the font, renew our Baptismal vows, and are sprinkled with the water while the 'Vidi Aquam' is sung. Then Mass continues – the Mass which makes present on the altar, Jesus, alive, risen, ascended, offering for us the new and eternal covenant won for us over these last three days.

Fr. John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8:30am & 10:30am

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
19 th April	No Mass
3 rd May	6:30pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAY MASSES

April		Holy Week
Mon	14 th	no Mass
Tue	15 th	no morning Mass
Wed	16 th	9:30am
Thu	17 th	no morning Mass
Fri	18 th	no morning Mass
Sat	19 th	no morning Mass

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Mon	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tue	7:00pm	Holy Hour
Sun	10:00am	Rosary (Chapel)

DIARY

April		
5 th to 21 st		School Holidays
Tue	15 th	Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral
Thu	17 th	Holy Thursday - Lord's Supper - Altar of Repose
Fri	18 th	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - Confession - Passion of the Lord
Sat	19 th	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil
Sun	20 th	Easter Sunday – Resurrection (see page 2 for Easter Triduum timetable)
Fri	25 th	Anzac Day – Public Holiday
Sun	27 th	Divine Mercy Sunday

May

Tue	6 th	Young Adults Group (18-35 years)
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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

PARISH NEWS

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday	17 th April	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper then Altar of Repose till midnight
Good Friday	18 th April	10:00am	Stations of the Cross followed by Confession
		3:00pm	Celebration of Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	19 th April	7:00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	20 th April	8:30am & 10:30am	– Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER RAFFLE

Easter raffle tickets are on sale at all Masses this weekend.
Prizes will be drawn this Sunday after the 10:30am Mass.

CHRISM MASS

This Tuesday 15th April, the 9:30am Mass is cancelled as Fr John Paul will be attending the Chrism Mass commencing 10:00am at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Any parishioners wishing to attend are also most welcome.

THANKSGIVING

The parish office is calling for volunteers to help deliver the remaining Thanksgiving envelopes & Statements which have not been collected. Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist. Thank you.

MICROPHONE STANDS

There are 3 microphone stands missing from St Bernard's Church. If you are aware of the possible whereabouts of these, please let the parish office know. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION

On Holy Thursday 17th April, we will be taking up a Special Collection for the Annual Appeal for Project Compassion. Please also return your boxes and/or envelopes at this Mass.

HOLY LAND

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday 18th April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space and information about how to donate is on the noticeboard.

LET US PRAY

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lynette Allison, Anne Sloan (Delahey).

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Leslie Crowe, Barbara Cywinski, Val Dickson,
Maree Gleeson, Ada Judge, Bob McGregor,
Melva O'Brien, Sam Reale, Doris Storey,
Theo van Alkemade, Molly Whiting.

THE SICK

Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally, Dean Elms,
Robert Elms, Frances, Caleb Silas Ginger (baby),
Michael Johnston, Jenny Kearney, John & Patricia
Kelly, Michael Larkin, Joanne Mumford, Chinenye
Victoria Oriaku Nwalozie, Peter Roberts, Kevin
Shelly, Liz Shelly, Anthony Tabone, Carmel Welsh,
and all those who need our prayers.

COMMUNITY

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Welfare assistance is available Monday - Friday,
10:00am - 3:00pm on 1800 305 330.
Vinnies Store is located at 164-190 Main Street.
Donations can be dropped off 7 days a week.
New members most welcome to our Conference.
Contact President, Peter Kennedy on
0407 778 119.

THE NEIGHBOUR'S PLACE

The Neighbour's 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 offer a No Interest Loans Scheme.

77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 6222 office@neighboursplace.org.au
9:30am – 12:30pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays). Previously held at the Uniting Church, this community service will now continue in St Bernard's Parish Centre from Wednesday 23rd April. This is a free event and all are welcome. No need to book – just come along.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Infant Baptism

Baptisms are held on the second & fourth Saturdays of the month at 11:00am. Preparation sessions are facilitated on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30am. Application forms can be downloaded from our website.

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.

Becoming Catholic

For adults wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, you can register your interest on our website or speak directly to Fr John Paul.

Children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Vicki Benson
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REFLECTION

Palm Sunday – Year C

Words many parents hear from their children, "It's not fair!", whether it be from a small child or a teenager, struggling at the reins of independence. Irene McCormack and Oscar Romero, could also say to their killers, "It's not fair! I have only helped the poor!"

Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph, on a donkey, acclaimed by the crowds, seeming a well-known, respected teacher and leader. Some days later, the mood has changed. Jesus is arrested, betrayed by a friend; sent to Pilate who, finding him not guilty, sent him to Herod, who returned him to Pilate after seeing he was scourged and crowned with thorns. Pilate pronounced him an innocent man. Not fair! He passed the right to judge to the crowd, led by the Pharisees, who demanded his death. Not fair! As he hung on the cross and his life ebbed away, a soldier, acting guard, declared him "a good man". Not fair that a good man should die like this!

What can I learn from this? How often have I said, "It's not fair!" Or has someone else say to me "It's not fair!"

As we enter Holy Week, let me keep my eyes on Jesus – his words, his actions and reflect on his words.

Sr Mary Fermio

LITURGICAL LIVING

This week our reflection comes from a book called "Catholic All Year" by Kendra Tierney. She documents how her family lives the liturgical year and gives the history of why the Church has various practices as well as little ideas that people can choose to bring into their own homes. This passage is in her section on Palm Sunday and her reflection on what happens in the Mass on that day.

"The priest's vestments on Palm Sunday are red. Red vestments are worn to celebrate feasts of the Holy Spirit and feasts of martyrs. The red symbolises the shedding of the blood of the martyrs, and it symbolises the fire of the Holy Spirit when it is worn on the feast of Pentecost and for Confirmation Masses. On Palm Sunday, it reminds us of Jesus' suffering.

In our family, we like to wear red to Mass also. We wave our palms and shout, "Hosanna!", just as the people lining the streets of Jerusalem did. But then, moments later during the Gospel, we shout, "Crucify him!", just as the people of Jerusalem turned on Jesus a few days later and demanded that he be crucified.

It makes me cringe to hear my voice and the voices of my parents, husband, children, friends and neighbours all shouting together, "Crucify him!". And yet it's true: it is for us he was crucified – for our sins. Not for the sins of some unruly mob two thousand years ago, but for my sins and yours. We shout, "crucify him!", every day in the secrecy of our hearts, and then, once a year, we shout it out loud for everyone to hear. It's a humbling thing, but I'm grateful for it, nonetheless – for this opportunity to enter into the Gospel, to enter into the story of the Passion."

Contribution from Monica Russell

MINISTERS

Easter Triduum – 17th to 20th April

All Readers and Communion Ministers who are rostered during the Easter Triduum, please refer to the noticeboard in the Gathering Space for your allotted duties.

Thank you.

	Mass	Piety Stall
Easter Vigil	7:00pm	Jan & Colm Carragher
Easter Sunday	8:30am 10:30am	Jan Farmelo Natalia Klenkowski

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,
[all bow during the next line]
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

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.

Phone: (03) 5367 3427

Mon - Fri, 9:00am - 6:00pm

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

————— NEXT SUNDAY —————

Sunday of the Resurrection – Year C

First Reading *Acts 10:34, 37-43*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*
Second Reading *1 Corinthians 5:6-8*
Gospel *Luke 24:1-12*

SECOND READING *Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL *Luke 19:28-40*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?", you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.'

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

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