



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

20th April 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Resurrexit sicut dixit! Alleluia! The Lord has risen, as he said! Alleluia! (Mt 28:6)

Happy Easter to you and your families. I pray that Christ, risen and alive, has made His presence known to you this Easter. I pray that no matter the crosses you are bearing at the moment, you are filled with hope and consolation today. May the joy of the three Mary's and the Apostles upon seeing the Lord alive, be yours this day.

Allow me to share just a couple of thoughts with you on some pertinent passages of the Easter story:

"On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared." (Lk 24:1)

No one was present when He rose from the dead. Just as no one was present at creation when He said, "Let there be light", He rose from the dead in the silence of the early morning and without fanfare. Reflecting on His independence should fill us with awe and fear and humility. It reminds us that, 'God is God and I am not!'. And yet everything He accomplished He did out of love for us. He afterward appeared to Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, and has since made Himself known to each of us. This should fill us with awe and love, joy and gratitude for the love He has for each of us. Even today what is He accomplishing in the world, and our lives, without our knowing it? Let us trust in Him and pray that His will may be done.

"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

Have our 'doors' been shut in some way to God? Don't be afraid to let Him in. Christ is alive and when we let Him in, he will bring peace to our souls. Much of prayer is simply the effort of remembering in our quieter moments that He is truly with us. Christ is alive and present to you, and you have His loving company.

"the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many." (Mt 27:52,53)

The joy of the Resurrection is seeing our loved one, Jesus, alive after we had seen Him die. The joy of the Resurrection is the hope of seeing alive loved ones who have died – spouses, parents, brothers, sisters, friends, saints of old. Who could describe the joy of such an experience!? Well, that very experience is waiting for all of us thanks to the victory of Christ's resurrection. Christus Vincit! Happy Easter to all.

In Christ,

Fr. John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
3rd May & 17th May 6:30pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAY MASSES

April / May

Monday 21st April to
Wednesday 7th May no weekday Masses during this time

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

Fri	25 th	Anzac Day – Public Holiday
Sun	27 th	Divine Mercy Sunday

May

Mon	4 th	Mothers' Day
Tue	6 th	Young Adults Group (18-35 years)
Sat	24 th	Our Lady, Help of Christians
Sat	31 st	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

PARISH NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed and supported our Easter Raffle. We raised \$737 for our parish.

Congratulations to our winners:

Margaret Love, Vicki Benson, Dagmar van der Linden (2), Yvonne Erwin, Thomas Halloran, Cheryl, Beatrice Younger, Mick B, Henry, Veronica Milburn, Stuart Robertson, Lindorff family and Josephine Gunstone.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Parishioners please note that, as Fr John Paul will be away after Easter, there will be no morning Weekday Masses from Monday 21st April until Wednesday 8th May.

During that time, Fr Aurelio Fragapani will be celebrating all weekend Masses at the regular times. Please make him welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION

If you have not returned your donation boxes and/or envelopes for the Annual Appeal for Project Compassion, please do so at any collection during Mass, or hand them in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

HOLY LAND

The Good Friday 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 still available in the Gathering Space and information about how to donate is also on the noticeboard.

EASTER OFFERINGS

A special collection of Easter Offerings will be taken up during Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space.

LET US PRAY

RECENTLY DECEASED

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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Ray Rogers, Neville Thompson.

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, Noeline Haeday Riaca, 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
Jennifer Costin

Ron Geurts

Margaret Love
0437 247 779

Madeleine McManus
Marj Tung

REFLECTION

Easter Sunday – Year C

German Philosopher Nietzsche commented: “If you want me to believe in your redeemer, then you’ve got to look a lot more redeemed”. Some who profess themselves to be Christians believe, mistakenly and sadly, there is no place for fun or joy in religion.

The Exultet, sung at the Easter Vigil, has several images that “help us name our joy: freedom from slavery, an end to fear, the triumph of life over death and God’s utter fidelity to Jesus, God’s Son”. We know that we have not earned this love, but God loves us out of God’s own goodness. We process into the Church proclaiming, “Christ our Light”. “Thanks be to God”. As the reader proclaims, “This is the holiest of nights”. The candles are lit, the lights fill the church and it is time for joy. This joy flows over to the Sunday readings when Peter and John visit the tomb and come to realise that Jesus is ALIVE! They must have run back with such joy to tell the others.

A priest going blind was asked how could he appear so calm in the face of coming blindness! He replied, “You know in the Gospels where the disciples are sent to Galilee to meet the Risen Lord? Well, I think I am being asked to go to blindness, and there I will meet the Risen Lord in a totally different way.” Where will you meet the Risen Lord?

(Taken from “What are we hoping for?” by Richard Leonard SJ (A goldfield of reading)

Sr Mary Fermio

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Saturday 19th April

Readings

First Reading	Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 (JB)
Second Reading	Genesis 22:1-18 (JB)
Third Reading	Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 (JB)
Fourth Reading	Isaiah 54:5-14 (JB)
Fifth Reading	Isaiah 55:1-11 (JB)
Sixth Reading	Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4 (JB)
Seventh Reading	Ezekiel 36:16-28 (JB)
Epistle	Romans 6:3-11 (JB)
Gospel	Luke 24:1-12 (JB)

All **Responsorial Psalms** will be sung.

MINISTERS

26th & 27th April

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Maureen Zahra	Colin Remedios	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	Maira Ross	Tup Shea	Lyn Shea
10:30am	Beatrice Younger	Volunteer	

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

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION – YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34, 37-43*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea;
about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after
John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with
the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with
him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had
fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me,
can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of
Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they
killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards
God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the
whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen
beforehand.
Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with
him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered
us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has
appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him
that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in
Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

**R: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough
to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and
make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread,
unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has
been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all
the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord..

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 24:1-12*

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the
women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared.
They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb,
but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was
not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two
men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side.
Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said
to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?
He is not here; he is risen. Remember what he told you when
he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed
over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise
again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb, they told all this to
the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of
Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other
women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs
seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and
saw the binding cloths, but nothings else; he then went back
home, amazed at what had happened.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

— NEXT SUNDAY —

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) – Year C

First Reading *Acts 5:12-16*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 117:2-4, 22-27*
Second Reading *Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19*
Gospel *John 20:19-31*

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