



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

27th April 2025

POPE FRANCIS - Jorge Mario Bergoglio

17th December 1936 – 21st April 2025

As the Church enters this time of Easter filled with the light and hope of the world, it is with deep sadness that we have received the news of the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

We unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul and entrust him to the tender loving mercy of the Father.

Pope Francis, who came from the peripheries of the world, has been the father of the poor, and a witness of joy and hope. May the Lord, he so faithfully trusted, now welcome him into eternal life.

May he rest in God's gracious and gentle peace.

Mary, Our Blessed Mother of God, pray for him.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for him.

All Holy Men and Women, Saints of God, pray for him.

*Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne*



Dear Parishioners,

A Mass for the Dead in honour of and to celebrate the life of Pope Francis will be held in St Bernard's church on Wednesday 30th April at 7:00pm.

Fr Brian Glasheen will be the celebrant.

All are encouraged to attend.

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 no weekday Masses
to during this time
Wednesday 7th May

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Mon	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tue	7:00pm	next Holy Hour 13 th May
Sun	10:00am	Rosary (Chapel)

DIARY

April

Sun 27th Divine Mercy Sunday

May

Sun	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

DONATE

To support our Parish, you can use the QR code, or contact the Parish Office.



**ST. BERNARD'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
61 Lerderberg Street
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**OUR LADY
HELP OF CHRISTIANS**
309 Myrmiong-Korobeit Road
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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

PARISH NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Parishioners please note that, as Fr John Paul is away until the second week in May, there will be no morning weekday Masses during this time.

Also, there is no Holy Hour or Adoration on Tuesday evenings.

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

CONVENT

Sadly, we recently had two weeks of increased vandalism at the former convent in Gisborne Road.

We would like to extend our thanks to Shane Cook and his workers for re-boarding the convent prior to Easter.

Also, thank you to the Church of England Minister, Andrew Gifford, for his care of our property.

THANKSGIVING

Many Thanksgiving envelopes and statements have not been collected. Once again, we are calling for volunteers to deliver the remaining envelopes. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office. Your help with this onerous task is greatly appreciated and will save the parish the added cost of postage. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION

If you have not returned your donation boxes and/or envelopes for Project Compassion, you can still do so by bringing them to the Parish Office.

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.

LET US PRAY

RECENTLY DECEASED

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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Muriel Burt, Carmen Calvitto, Patrick Leonard,
Paul Micallef, Michael O'Keefe, Val Ratkowski.

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, Noeline Haeday Riaca, Peter Roberts,
Kevin Shelly, Liz Shelly, Anthony Tabone,
Carmel Welsh,
and all those who need our prayers.

COMMUNITY

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays). This community service is now held in St Bernard's Parish Centre and is a free event. All are welcome. No need to book – just come along.

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.

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

Second Sunday of Easter – Year C

Each of us have at some time tried to believe a “yarn” which seemed too preposterous to be true and we needed proof. Maybe Columbus had difficulty getting others to believe what he had seen and experienced.

We can then understand Thomas being skeptical about the story his friends were telling him. A man dead, now alive! Unbelievable! Yet they had seen the widow’s son, the daughter of Jairus and Lazarus, all brought back to life by Jesus. Even so, Thomas wanted proof for himself. It had to be seen to be believed! How surprised he must have been when Jesus appeared in the room and knew what he had said! He saw, he felt, he believed.

Jesus says that we are blessed because we have not seen, yet we believe.

What about you? Those of us who were taught “Jesus has risen” from our childhood, can be a bit blasé. Have you ever really sat and reflected about your own belief? What this really means for you and your life! Now and after death!

Sr Mary Fermio

WE REMEMBER POPE FRANCIS

A man of humility, pastor of mercy, witness to the light, pilgrim of hope.



MINISTERS

3rd & 4th May

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	John Thorne	Jackie Tabone	Carmel Shea
8:30am	Evana Carragher	Colm Carragher	Margot Short
10:30am	Dominic van der Linden	Cheryl Stevens	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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts 5:12-16*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *117:2-4, 22-27*

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

SECOND READING *Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later, the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Easter – Year C

First Reading *Acts 5:27-32, 40-41*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 29:2, 4-6, 11-13*

Second Reading *Revelation 5:11-14*

Gospel *John 21:1-19*