



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11th May 2025

Pope Leo XIV

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram aedificabo Ecclesiam meam.
You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church (Mt 16:18).

Things can change very quickly. I've been gone for two weeks and we've had a Pope's death, burial and election. As well as a federal election apparently.

On 8th May, Robert Cardinal Prevost was elected the 267th successor to St Peter the Apostle. He has taken the name Leo, the XIV of that name. He is the first Pope from the USA, being born in Chicago on 14th September 1955... making him 69 years old.

He is an Augustinian religious, as well as a Doctor of Canon Law, and served as the Augustinian religious superior from 2001–2013. He spent many years in Peru and was made Bishop there in the diocese of Chiclayo. He was appointed by Pope Francis as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, and held this office until his election as Pope.

We need to pray for our new Pope Leo XIV, that by his leadership the Church can live and offer the truth and grace of Jesus Christ. Pope Leo will have enormous difficulties to face and will need our prayers.

8th May is the feast day of Our Lady of Pompeii which Pope Leo mentioned in his first address.

Here is some of the story of Our Lady of Pompeii. Pompeii is a place near Naples in Italy. At the end of the 19th Century, it was infamous as a place of crime and villainy. In 1872, a man named Bartolo Longo was inspired to devote himself to the Rosary and spreading devotion to it. Bartolo Longo was a convert, but not just any convert; he was a priest of Satan. He had previously devoted himself to the liturgical worship of Satan and preaching against Christ and His Church as much as possible. However, Our Lady had other plans for him. Through a good friend, and a good priest, he was led to the true faith and became a devout Catholic.

Let's pause there for a moment and reflect. Bartolo Longo was intent on not only rejecting God, but committed to offending Him in the worst ways he could imagine. Yet, God didn't give up on him, but by His mercy brought him back into communion with Himself. Amazing! And, Our Lady herself chose him to be her instrument.

In 1872, Bartolo committed himself to spreading devotion to the rosary. Through the daily rosary, many people came to God, and a Basilica was built in honour of Our Lady, featuring a miraculous image of Our Lady handing the rosary to Ss Dominic and Catherine of Sienna.

Is this story of the 8th May providential? The Basilica of Our Lady of Pompeii was consecrated in the Pontificate of Leo XIII. If God can turn a Satanist into a devoted son of the Blessed Virgin Mary, surely he can turn many in our world and our Church back to God.

By the power of the Rosary and trusting in Our Lady's motherly care, may many miracles bring people back into the Church, so that She, our Holy Catholic Church, will be built up into the beautiful, living temple of the Lord that She is supposed to be.

Fr John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
17th May & 7th June 6:30pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAY MASSES

May

Mon no Mass
Tue, Thu, Fri 7:30am
Wed & Sat 9:30am

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Mon 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tue 7:00pm Holy Hour & Adoration
Fri 24 hours First Friday Adoration
Sun 10:00am Rosary (Chapel)

DIARY

May

Sat 10th Confirmation Commitment Mass
Sun 11th Mother's Day Morning Tea
Sun 11th Baptism Preparation Session
Tue 13th KSC Meeting
17th & 18th Special Collection - Myanmar
Sat 24th Our Lady, Help of Christians
Sat 24th Sacrament of First Eucharist
Sat 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June

Sun 1st The Ascension of the Lord
Tue 3rd Young Adults Group (18-35 years)
Fri 6th First Friday Devotion
Fri 13th Providence & Friends Mass

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to set up recurring contributions.



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309 Myrniong-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

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of mothers and their love.
We ask for your blessings upon all mothers today and every day.
May they feel our gratitude and know the impact they've had on our lives.

MORNING TEA

There is Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass this Sunday. All welcome.
No morning tea after the 10:30am Mass.

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to express their heartfelt thanks for your support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them in the collections at Mass or drop them into the Parish office. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

CRISIS IN MYANMAR

Next weekend, a special collection will be taken up to help the people of Myanmar recover from recent devastation. Caritas Australia is encouraging us to donate which will help provide emergency relief shelter, clean water and food, medical care and supplies, as well as emotional and psychological support.

THE LIFE OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE

A few weeks ago, "The Life of Providence Village" book was launched. The books are now available to purchase, but there is a limited number. If anyone is interested, Margaret West at Providence can be contacted on 5310 6600, or by email margaret.west@vmch.com.au

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GORDON PARISH

Mass to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Gordon Parish will be held on Sunday 18th May 2025 at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Old Melbourne Road, Gordon at 10.30am. Refreshments will follow at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School. All Welcome.

Old Photographs and Memorabilia

After the Anniversary Mass, the Organising Committee for the 150th Anniversary plans to hold a photographic display of past parish events and activities. If you have old photographs or other memorabilia that you think may be of interest, please contact Joan Bourke at kandjbourke@gmail.com, or kandjbourke@icloud.com, or the parish office at gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

LET US PRAY

Recently Deceased

Lorraine Margaret Rogers

Death Anniversaries

David Barry, Gus Baselmans, Patricia Coats-Richardson, Ernest Cosgrove, Bill Grogan, Kevin Heap, Edward Hehir, Helen Lennox, Neil Loughlin, Carmel Monaghan, Trish Shelly, Mary Walta, Peter Wouters.

The Sick

Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally, Dean Elms, Robert Elms, Frances, Caleb Silas Ginger (baby), Matthew Hilbert, 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 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 Society Vic

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

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Madeleine McManus
Marj Tung

PARISH NEWS *(cont'd)*

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us:

"There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him."

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Join the Dominican Sisters for the annual Catholic Historic Melbourne Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday 17th May. Pilgrimage begins with 10:00am Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea in West Melbourne followed by a 5km pilgrimage route through the Melbourne CBD, stopping at some of the most beautiful Marian shrines in the city, including St Patrick's Cathedral, St Francis, St Mary MacKillop's birthplace, St Mary Star of the Sea and more. BYO lunch, no registration required. We hope you can join us! Contact: melbourne@op-tn.org for more information.

REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year C

If we travelled to the Middle East once, we may have seen someone leading a flock of sheep. A small number, maybe seven or eight, all named, all knowing their shepherd's voice – just as our dogs know our voice!

Jesus likened himself to a shepherd, who was prepared to give his life if his sheep were threatened by thieves or wolves. The sheep sometimes shared the home, bringing warmth in winter, so the relationship was very close. The sheep depended on the shepherd to find good pastures and water for their well-being. Jesus also called himself "the gate" through which they could enter the safety of a sheepfold at night. The Gospel ends: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

Let us slowly pray and reflect on the words of Psalm 23. Let it take away our fear knowing Jesus is with us, and that, as a shepherd cares for his flock, Jesus cares for us.

Sr Mary Fermio

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.

MINISTERS

17th & 18th May

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Maureen Zahra	Colin Remedios	Jan Farmelo
8:30am	Sam Butler	Colm Carragher	Jan & Colm Carragher
10:30am	Allan McManus	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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts 13:14, 43-52*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *99:1-3, 5*

R: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

SECOND READING *Revelation 7:9, 14-17*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 10:27-30*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

———— NEXT SUNDAY ————

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year C

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Acts 14:21-27</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Psalms 144:8-13</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Revelation 21:1-5</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>John 13:31-35</i>