



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25th May 2025

Pope Leo XIII

Our new Pope has taken the name Leo, specifically mentioning Leo XIII as his reason for doing so. So, it might be a good idea to look into the life of Pope Leo XIII.

In 1810, Pope Leo XIII was born Vincenzo Pecci. He was Pope from 1878 to 1903. He was a Thomist (expert in the teachings of Thomas Aquinas) and Canon lawyer, and a gifted diplomat. Our new Pope is also a Canon lawyer and will emphasise peace and unity. On his way to becoming Pope, Vincenzo Pecci proved himself by dealing with difficult governance situations such as involved corrupt outlaws. He did well in making improvements in the administration of justice, while also starting initiatives to serve and feed the poor. Just before he became Pope, Italy, as a united country, was established, basically ending the Papal states. During his time as Pope, there was also the industrial revolution and mass urbanisation going on in the world. So, his time as Pope was not short of turmoil and change. Pope Leo XIII wrote some 89 Encyclicals, which is quite incredible. I think 12 of which were exhorting us to pray the rosary! He also wrote the prayer to St Michael after a having a vision of what lay in the future for the Church and the world. He also did things like make the Vatican Archives more available, and furthered the work of the Vatican Observatory.

His most famous Encyclical is *Rerum Novarum* which addresses the industrial revolution and the growing danger of Socialism. It is considered the first Encyclical on modern Catholic social teaching. It has always been topical, and will be now with our new Pope. Many will have an opinion on its meaning, yet it is clearly written and it is a good idea to actually read it yourself.

Our Lady Help of Christians

May 24th is the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Under this name, Our Lady is the Patroness of Australia. The Church has a long history of calling upon the intercession of Our Lady under this title. It's fair to say I'm not a big fan of the French Revolution or Napoleon Bonapart. At one point, he imprisoned Pope Pius VI who died in captivity. His successor, Pope Pius VII, was also imprisoned, but he asked the faithful to pray to Our Lady for his liberty and that of the Church and promised God that if he were freed, he would start a special feast day to Our Lady. Napoleon suffered military defeats and the Pope was freed on 24th May 1814.

The Catholic Irish immigrants who came to Australia (including Fr John Joseph Therry, who is worth researching) were devoted to Our Lady Help of Christians and so we have her as our Patroness.

I wish you all a happy feast day, especially those who attend Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Korobeit.

Fr John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
7 th & 21 st June	6:30pm (Vigil)
also Sat 24 th May	Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day Vigil Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

May

Mon	no Mass
Tue, Thu, Fri	7:30am
Wed	9:30am
Sat 24 th	9:30am – no Mass

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

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

DIARY

May

Sat	31 st	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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June

Sun	1 st	The Ascension of the Lord
Tue	3 rd	Young Adults Group (18-35 years)
Fri	6 th	First Friday Devotion
Sun	8 th	Pentecost Sunday
Sun	8 th	Baptism Preparation Session
Mon	9 th	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Fri	13 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Sun	15 th	The Most Holy Trinity

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

PARISH NEWS

CRISIS IN MYANMAR

Last weekend, the special collection taken up was \$1,150. This will go towards the emergency relief needed by the people of Myanmar to assist in their recovery after the recent devastation. Thank you for your generosity.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

19th – 25th May

In our parish, we currently have 30+ volunteer groups comprising of over 100+ members, and that's just the ones who are officially registered.

So this week, we take the opportunity to say “**thank you**” to all the volunteers in our parish, and to let you know how much we value the precious time you devote to our parish. Through the dedicated contribution of your abilities, our parish continues to grow as an enriching, welcoming and safe community for all.

May God bless you all, as we are all truly blessed to have you in our community.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Let us celebrate and pray for the Communicants from St Bernard's Parish Primary School who received their First Eucharist this weekend.

Livanna Aquilina, Madden Aquilina, Marco Corder, Isla Coughlan, Caelan Dowling, Sienna Dutt, Charlotte Filuk, Tiana Galea, Avery Halfhide, Odin Hanniver, Harper Hawkins, Lily Iannazzo, Evie John, Gigi Jones, Jiya Khanal, Cruz Marechal, Mason Mercieca, Archer Nolan, Antonio Riani-Parsons, Samuel Rantino, Adeline Richards, Caleb Ross, Dominic Saner, Paul Schembri, Billy Shea, Mylah Shea, Ezra Sherry, Matilda Stuart, Emily Trent, Emilian Vintilescu.

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children who came forward

to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food

so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom

as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood,

inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Amen

LET US PRAY

Recently Deceased

Carmen Baldacchino, Pat Gloury.

Death Anniversaries

Kay Cowman, Merv Dillon, Stan Douglas, Francis Farrugia, Isabel Fitzpatrick, Keith “Sos” Selvidge, George “Podge” Vallenge, Elaine Wooller.

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, Laurie 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

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REFLECTION

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year C

Peace is a state we all long for – peace from war, peace of mind, peace with good health. Parents often long for peace from the noise of children or traffic. My mother would worry herself about her children and grandchildren, and as I told her often all the worrying in the world did nothing but disturb her peace of mind and keep her awake.

Jesus is offering his friends a peace “that the world cannot give”, telling them “Do not let your hearts be troubled”. At the same time telling them that, though he was going away, he would still be with them. This presence would be enriched by the presence of the Father and the Holy Spirit. Peace is a gift Jesus still gives us each time we are present at Mass, praying with others, offering a sign of peace, knowing Jesus is present with us.

Let us pray for peace of mind for ourselves and those who struggle to find peace in their lives.

Sr Mary Fermio

PRAYER TO MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

*Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,
how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children,
how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?
Grant then to me, I implore you,
your perpetual help in all my necessities,
in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.
I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.
Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,
that having invoked you on earth, we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.*

Amen

St John Bosco

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

31st May & 1st June

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Sonia Smith	John Thorne	Margot Short
8:30am	Nathan Costin	Colm Carragher	Carmel Shea
10:30am	Dominic van der Linden	Volunteer	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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING *15:1-2, 22-29*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood from the meat of strangled animals, and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

SECOND READING *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 14:23-29*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I
am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now, before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

— NEXT SUNDAY —

The Ascension of the Lord – Year C

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Acts 1:1-11</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Psalms 46:2-3, 6-9</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Luke 24:46-53</i>