



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4th May 2025

The Papal Conclave

Cardinals are gathering in Rome to prepare to elect the next pope.

A papal conclave is the election process by which a new pope, the visible head of the Catholic Church, is selected.

Catholics believe that the pope is the vicar of Christ and successor of St Peter, the visible leader of the universal Church, against which Jesus promises the gates of hell will never prevail (Matt. 16:18-19). After a pope dies or resigns, a papal conclave commences within three weeks to elect his successor. A conclave is the gathering of the College of Cardinals in which these papal electors choose the next pope.

The Process of Electing a Pope in the Catholic Church

When a pope dies, there are nine days of mourning, as prescribed in the apostolic constitution that governs the election of a pope, *Universi Domini Gregis*, which Pope St John Paul issued in 1996 (13b; 27).

Upon the pope's death (or resignation, though this is much less common), the Church follows a process established over centuries to elect his successor. The period between two popes is called an interregnum, Latin for "between reigns" of two popes.

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI restored the traditional requirement that a two-thirds majority of cardinal electors is needed to elect a pope, no matter how many ballots are required to complete the conclave voting process. In his 2013 *motu proprio Normas Nonnullas*, Benedict further decreed that, whether a pope dies or resigns, the election of his successor must commence after a maximum of twenty days from when the papal see becomes vacant (37).

Despite the absence of a pope for a period of time, the faithful take comfort in knowing that the Church continues, reminded that the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings (Rev. 17:14), never relinquishes his divine reign over his Catholic Church.

Historical Origins of the Papal Conclave

The word "conclave" derives from the Latin words *cum clavis*, meaning "with key." After the death of Pope Clement IV in November 1268, the interregnum dragged on for almost three years. The lay faithful of Viterbo, Italy, aided the selection process by locking the cardinal electors in the city's episcopal palace, and also limiting their food supply (!), until they elected a new pope.

In 1271, the election that ended with the choice of Gregory X at Viterbo, had lasted over two years and nine months when the local authorities, weary of the delay, shut up the cardinals within narrow limits and thus hastened the desired election (Raynald, *Ann. Eccl.*, ad an. 1271). The new pope endeavoured to obviate for the future such scandalous delay by the law of the conclave, which, almost in spite of the cardinals, he promulgated at the fifth session of the Second Council of Lyons in 1274 (Hefele, *Hist. des Conciles*, IX, 29). It is the first occasion on which we meet with the word conclave in connection with papal elections.

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

April / May

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

May

Tue	6 th	Young Adults Group (18-35 years)
Fri	9 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Sat	10 th	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Sun	11 th	Mother's Day Morning Tea
Sat	24 th	Our Lady, Help of Christians
Sat	24 th	Sacrament of Eucharist Masses
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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Parishioners please note that, while Fr John Paul is away, there are no morning weekday Masses and no Holy Hour & Adoration. Fr Aurelio Fragapani is celebrating all weekend Masses at the regular times.

CHURCH PEWS

A big THANK YOU to Nelly for rearranging the church pews so that they align correctly with the powerpoints of the heating bars in preparation for the chill of winter! Well done Nelly ☺

PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS MASS

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence & Friends Mass this Friday 9th May at 11am. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea / lunch. If transport is required, please call Margot Short 0419 507 438.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

Next Saturday 10th May at 5pm, will be a Commitment Mass for children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year.

MORNING TEA

Morning Tea will be held after the 8:30am Mass next Sunday 11th May. All welcome. There will be no morning tea after 10:30am Mass.

PARISH MASS COUNT

During the month of May, the annual Mass count will be conducted over four weekends. The count maintains an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese. It is important for pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

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

Greg Sugars

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Kath Coburn, Christina Dellios, George Freeman, Jeffrey Galea, Lee O'Hehir, Susan Paminetuan, Dianne Sargent, Mary Wadeson.

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 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
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Madeleine McManus
Marj Tung

The Papal Conclave (cont'd)

Voting Eligibility in the Papal Conclave

In a papal conclave, the College of Cardinals gathers to select the next pope. The college is composed of Catholic bishops, from around the world, whom a pope had selected, or “created a cardinal.”

Cardinal electors are eligible to vote for a pope until they reach eighty years of age. The cardinals gather in the Sistine Chapel for a secret election — secret to thwart outside interference, as papal conclave history has included political interference over the centuries.

The cardinals pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance before casting their votes. To be elected, a candidate must receive a two-thirds majority.

The Announcement of a New Pope

Once a pope is chosen, and provided he accepts his election, white smoke rises from the Sistine Chapel. The new Roman pontiff selects a papal (or regnal) name, and subsequently he is announced to the world with the words “Habemus papam!” (We have a pope!).

Article from 'Catholic Answers' at Catholic.com



Map shows the number of cardinal electors from different places who will vote in the papal conclave for the successor of Pope Francis

REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Easter – Year C

A meal is a great opportunity for families to get together and get to know each other, strengthening the bonds of family. Usually, each family will contribute something to the meal, sharing their skills and abilities.

Jesus hosted a breakfast by the lake for his friends, providing fish for the meal, but also getting them to provide some of the fish. Peter revealed his joy at seeing Jesus by leaping out of the boat and dashing ashore, then racing back to get some fish for the breakfast. What a lovely scene we can imagine. Jesus and the Apostles sitting on the sand, around a fire, sharing fish both had provided for the meal. Did they talk or just share in a joyful, friendly silence, so glad to have Jesus with them, knowing he was alive, and there was hope for the future.

This meal reflects our Christian community, who gather around the table, Jesus present, each time we go to Mass. Here Jesus nourishes us providing his own Body as food for the journey. Here we can tell Jesus of our hopes, our troubles and listen for an answer from the one who loves us.

Sr Mary Fermio

MINISTERS

10th & 11th May

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Geremy Toledo	Henry Gasior	Marj Tung
8:30am	Margaret Love	Peter McPhan	Dianne Shelly
10:30am	Dominic van der Linden	Volunteer	

Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday midnight via email to parish office

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts 5:27-32, 40-41*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.'

In reply, Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *29:2, 4-6, 11-13*

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

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

SECOND READING *Revelation 5:11-14*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.'

Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.'

And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 21:1-19*

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore, they saw that there was some bread there and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

———— NEXT SUNDAY ————

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year C

First Reading *Acts 13:14, 43-52*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 99:1-3, 5*

Second Reading *Revelation 7:9, 14-17*

Gospel *John 10:27-30*