



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

15th June 2025

The Holy Trinity

What better way to speak about the Holy Trinity than to compare my one year old nephew Benjamin to the Ridley Scott creation, the Alien.

It is my sincere hope that you have not watched the movie 'Aliens'. However, despite not recommending the movie, I am going to talk about it. I guess you would call 'Aliens' a science fiction horror movie with many sequels and prequels. The basic concept of the 'Alien' though is interesting for our purposes.

In this movie, a crew go to a distant planet and encounter an alien. This alien is hideous and ruthless and predatory and impossible to kill and multiplies. The point is that the Alien is the perfect survival animal. Accompanying the crew is also an android, a robot that looks like a human, named Ash. Ash calls the Alien 'the perfect organism'.

In a world without God, the ultimate explanation of all things is said to be chance and survival. If God doesn't exist, the law of nature is survival of the fittest, power, 'might is right', self-interest, competition, power-dynamics, it's a 'dog eat dog world' – hey that's business!

In this idea of reality, that the fundamental truth about life is survival, then the perfection or high point of all that exists is 'the Alien'.

Do we believe that? I don't think anyone does.

Rather, when we look at a child, such as my nephew Benjamin, we see the perfect creature. We believe, self-evidently, that this vulnerable child is beautiful, and good and lovable. We look at a child in the arms of his/her mother, under the watchful care and embrace of a loving Father, and we see, self-evidently, that this is the high point of all creation. Why do we recognise that? Because the ultimate truth about life is not survival but rather love.

God is love. When we see a child with mother and father, we see the goodness, beauty and love of God. We see this in them because they are made in the Image of God. God has imprinted His goodness and loveliness onto them.

God is a union of love between three Persons. He is a unified relationship of self-giving love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. That is why love is the most important, defining, truth of our lives. That is why we can contemplate and admire the goodness of the family.

This comparison between the Alien and the child in its mother's arms gives us a clear choice. If there is no God, then survival is the ultimate truth, and the Alien is the perfect organism. If you see the Alien as perfection (in which case I think you're lying to yourself), then it makes sense to you that God doesn't exist. But, if you recognise a child as the perfect creature, then it makes sense of that reality that God not only exists, but that He is love and we are made in His image.

Fr John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
21st June & 5th July 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
Fri 24 hours First Friday Adoration
Sun 10:00am Rosary (Chapel)

DIARY

June

Sun 15th The Most Holy Trinity
Fri/Sat 20th/21st Communion of Reparation Vigil
Sun 22nd The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Processions
Tue 24th The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri 27th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fri 27th Fr John Paul's 10th Anniversary Holy Hour & Parish Dinner
Sun 29th Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

July

Thu 3rd Last day of school Term 2
Tue 22nd School Term 3 commences
Fri 25th Feast of Joachim & Anne "Grandparents Day" Mass

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to set up recurring contributions.



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

PARISH NEWS

JUBILEE YEAR VIGILS OF REPARATION

Friday 20th – Saturday 21st June 2025

The Alliance of the Holy Family International warmly invite you to join them in a Vigil of Reparation to be held at St Bernard's Church next Friday 20th June. This will commence with Rosary at 6:30pm followed by Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart, Family Consecration and Benediction (with Rosary also interspersed between each devotion), and then finishing with Holy Mass at midnight.

Please see the noticeboard in the Gathering Space for more information. Flyers are also available to take home and share.

Regular Reparation Vigils are also held every first Friday-Saturday of the month at St Peter Chanel Deer Park, St Paul's Kealba, St Paul's Sunshine West, St Anthony's Melton South and St Kevin's Hampton Park. For more details, please contact Sr Rachelle on 0428 946 210.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS

Next Sunday 22nd June, following the 8:30am Mass, we will be having a short procession around the block with the Blessed Sacrament. It would be lovely to have those who don't normally come to Mass at that time to join us in this moment of prayer and witness. The procession will begin at approximately 9:15am.

Archdiocesan Procession

You are warmly invited to the Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 22nd June 2025 beginning after the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral making your way through the CBD and concluding at Federation Square. More details from the Archbishop are on the noticeboard.

This is a special and meaningful opportunity for our entire Archdiocese — Parishes, Schools, Migrant groups, and families — to come together in joyful witness to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

PARISH THANKSGIVING

1st Collection: Presbytery – supports our Parish Priest and the priests of the Archdiocese.

2nd Collection: Church – supports our Parish.

Church Account for direct transfer:
St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh Church Account
BSB: 083 347 Account No.: 651663131

LET US PRAY

Death Anniversaries

Anna Falzon, Joseph Grech,
Henry Hocking, Jack O'Donohue.

The Sick

Barry Anderson, Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally,
Dean Elms, Robert Elms, Frances, (baby) Caleb
Silas Ginger, Hannah & Molly, 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

Ron Geurts

Margaret Love
0437 247 779

Madeleine McManus
Peter Kennedy

REFLECTION

Blessed Trinity

To belong to a family is a good and warm feeling. It gives us a sense of security, that someone else cares for me and will help me when needed. Parents will even give their lives to save a child, so strong is their love.

The Trinity helps us to understand this love that exists between Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus spoke to God as "Abba" the Jewish name for "Father". During his account of the Last Supper, John has Jesus praying to the Father. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus begged his Father to save him from what was to happen. The Father did, but not in the way Jesus had asked. The Resurrection was a greater gift of love for the Son. And that love is given to us through the Holy Spirit.

Like Jesus, we beg God to keep us free from harm, to save us from disaster. Sometimes, like Jesus, we find that after what we have suffered, there is a greater gift. Look out for it!

Sr Mary Fermio

FR JOHN PAUL MOUNT

10th Anniversary

Our wonderful parish priest is celebrating 10 years of priesthood on **Friday 27th June 2025**. Please join us from 6:00pm in the church as we celebrate Holy Hour, with Solemn Vespers and Benediction. Afterwards, there will be a parish dinner in the hall from approximately 7:15pm. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL PILGRIMAGE

7th to 18th October 2025

In this Jubilee Year of grace, join Fr Joseph Panackal and the Parish of Meredith on a spiritual journey in the *Footsteps of St Paul*, from Tuesday 7th to Saturday 18th October 2025. This unforgettable pilgrimage will take you through sacred sites where St Paul preached and ministered, deepening your connection to scripture and faith. It includes daily Mass and promises to be a time of reflection, discovery, and renewal.

Don't miss this opportunity. Reserve your place today!

Contact Meredith Parish Office on 03 5286 1230, or via email meredith@cam.org.au

See the noticeboard in the Gathering Space for more information and take home a flyer.

LITURGY MINISTRY

All parishioners are invited to read a summary of our Liturgy Ministry meeting minutes which are placed on the display board after each meeting.

If you would like something liturgical discussed at any upcoming meeting, please use the communication sheets in the folder on the display board or speak with one of the members of the Liturgy team.

MINISTERS

21st & 22nd June

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Maureen Zahra	Jackie Tabone	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	Margaret Love	Colm Carragher	Lyn Shea
10:30am	Allan McManus	Cheryl Stevens	

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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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us His merciful love.

FIRST READING *Proverbs 8:22-31*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.
The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
– and the waters will not invade the shore –
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 8:4-9*

**R: O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Response

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

Response

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

Response

SECOND READING *Romans 5:1-5*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged
righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and
through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which
we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.

But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our
sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and
patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope,
and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has
been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been
given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Revelation 1:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 16:12-15*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me, since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he
tells you
will be taken from what is mine.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Galatians 4:6*

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

———— NEXT SUNDAY ————

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi) – Year C

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Genesis 14:18-20</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Psalms 109(110):1-4</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Luke 9:11-17</i>