



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

22nd June 2025

Feast of Corpus Christi

Many have visited Assisi, but another beautiful medieval Italian town on a hilltop is Orvieto. Today, in the town of Orvieto, a procession is taking place for the feast of Corpus Christi. This is where Corpus Christi processions started, and have continued for seven or eight hundred years. Each year, this procession carries the Blood stained linen cloth, or corporal, from the Eucharistic miracle of Orvieto.

In 1263, a German priest named Peter of Prague said Mass at Bolsena in Italy. He was having, to some extent, a crisis of faith, finding it difficult to believe that Christ was truly present in the Eucharist. After the consecration, the Host bled and drops of Blood fell on the corporal – the linen cloth placed on the altar that priests say Mass over. He went immediately to Orvieto, the main town nearby where Pope Urban IV was staying at the time. Urban asked for the cloth to be brought to him and, being deeply moved by this, began preparations to institute the feast of Corpus Christi, which he did one year later. To prepare the feast, he asked Thomas Aquinas to compose the prayers and hymns, still known to us today.

One reflection to make on the story of this miracle is that this came about while a priest was lacking in faith. Like Thomas the Apostle, Peter of Prague needed to 'touch the wounds'. 'Be not doubting, but believing' (Jn 20:27). Peter knew what he should believe, since the Church has clearly taught Christ's presence in the Eucharist from the beginning as we see in the Scriptures and the Church Fathers. Yet he needed this miracle to strengthen his faith. It is far from ideal that many of us need Eucharistic miracles to believe or to strengthen our faith. 'Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe' (Jn 20:29). Yet Our Lord is so generous, so merciful towards our weak faith, that He grants us these miracles.

Even though we should not therefore be a 'wicked generation that seeks a sign' (Mt 16:4), we should heed the message and strengthen our faith when God does send us these miracles. A 2019 study in the US found two-thirds of Catholics did not believe in the Church's teachings on the Eucharist, so I guess it is little wonder that God keeps 'showing His wounds' to us. So, let us respond with a clear act of faith like St Thomas, adore Christ in the Eucharist and say, "My Lord and my God!"

A final note: A young man named Carlo Acutis will soon be canonised. He is perhaps best known for making a website on Eucharistic miracles:

www.miracolieucaristici.org

There are many miracles here and each miracle is quite well presented. I encourage you to check it out.

Fr John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
21 st June & 5 th July	6:30pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAY MASSES

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	22 nd	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Procession
Tue	24 th	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri	27 th	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fri	27 th	Fr John Paul's 10 th Anniversary Devotions & Parish Dinner
Sun	29 th	Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
Sun	29 th	Coffee after Mass

July

Tue	1 st	Young Adults Group (18-35 years)
Thu	3 rd	Craft & Cuppa Group
Thu	3 rd	Last day of school Term 2
Fri	11 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Sun	13 th	Morning Tea
Sun	20 th	Baptism Preparation Session
Tue	22 nd	School Term 3 commences

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

PARISH NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS

This 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.

FR JOHN PAUL MOUNT

10th Anniversary

Our wonderful parish priest is celebrating 10 years of priesthood this **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 Parish Centre from approximately 7:15pm. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Coffee after Mass – Sunday 29th June

Two of our local parishioners will be serving hot drinks from their coffee van after both the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses next Sunday.

Maria and Lucas from 'eXpresso al fresco' have kindly donated their time and resources. The receipts from all sales will be donated back to St Bernard's Parish.

Please support this initiative and stay back after Mass for a coffee and chat.

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

Recently Deceased

John Bowers

Death Anniversaries

Fairy Bellman, Violet Borg, Maria Candeloro, Maria de Freitas, Dorothy Elmer, Gloria Jones, John Rodger Patterson, Dorothy Shelly, Debbie Vella, Jean Young.

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

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0437 247 779

Madeleine McManus
Peter Kennedy

REFLECTION

Feast of Corpus Christi

We gather for many reasons: to celebrate a special occasion, to meet friends, to listen to a speaker. On most of these occasions we share a meal, and eating together deepens our relationship with the others.

The people who followed Jesus were so interested in what Jesus was saying, they lost track of time and the need for food. When late afternoon came, the practical apostles, wondered how these people would eat, as it was a lonely place – no supermarket or cafes here! They had some fish and bread, but knew it was nowhere near enough for the crowd. They presented their problem to Jesus, who gave instructions for sitting down, took the fish and bread, blessed them and handed them to his disciples. Imagine their wonder as the food never ran out – there was enough for all! There were even leftovers, which were probably used the next day or handed out for the people to take with them.

In celebrating this feast, we give thanks for the presence of Jesus in the bread and wine, and that being nourished by the life of Jesus, we become the living body of Christ.

Sr Mary Fermio

LITURGICAL LIVING

The following are some excerpts from an article that came out last month on the Vatican News website in regards to the response of an initiative of the president of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, Fr Robert Mehlhart.

"Fr. Robert Mehlhart, OP, President of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, has begun offering singing lessons on social media, saying the initiative stems from a desire to help people join in song with Pope Leo XIV.

With over half a million views on the first "Sing with the Pope" video, Fr. Robert Mehlhart, OP, says he is shocked at how people have responded to the series.

After watching Pope Leo XIV burst into song during his first Regina Caeli greeting, he realised he had a chance to help people get more involved. "I saw the Pope addressing his people," Fr. Mehlhart explains, "and most people could join him."

But he noticed there were people who "would have liked to have joined him, but they weren't really prepared." He immediately thought about how the Dominicans could offer a helping hand. With that, the "Let's Sing with the Pope" series was born.

The Dominican priest agrees that singing is an integral part of Christian celebrations. Yet, no matter whether you are classically trained or if your only experience is singing karaoke, your musical skills should not keep you from participating in Christian liturgies.

"Christians sing, lovers sing, as St Augustine reminds us, and Christians are lovers as they love God," Fr. Mehlhart points out. So, when we burst out into music and song—whether in tune or not—we do so "in communion with humanity and with God."

You can read the full article here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2025-05/sing-with-the-pope-when-we-burst-into-song-its-in-communion.html>

MINISTERS

28th & 29th June

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Vicki Benson	Maria Tunogbanua	Carmel Shea
8:30am	Evana Carragher	Peter McPhan	Margot Short
10:30am	Beatrice Younger	Shannon Harvie	

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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

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING *Genesis 14:18-20*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 109:1-4*

**R: You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

Response

The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

Response

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

Response

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

Response

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you:

that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.'

In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.'

Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 6:51-52*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 9:11-17*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.'

He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men.

But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down.

Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd.

They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected, they filled twelve baskets.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *John 6:57*

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

———— NEXT SUNDAY ————

**Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul,
Apostles – Year C**

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Acts 12:1-11</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Psalms 33(34):2-9</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Matthew 16:13-19</i>