



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL – APOSTLES

29th June 2025

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

On Friday we celebrated the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on Saturday the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and today the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. However, I don't want the opportunity to pass to mention St Cyril of Alexandria whose feast day was also on Friday.

St Cyril of Alexandria, (not to be confused with St Cyril of Jerusalem), is famous for defending the Our Lady's title, Mother of God. The Patriarch (Bishop) of Constantinople was Nestorius. He started to claim that Mary could not possibly be given the title Mother of God. He said that God is God – He is eternal and the creator of all things and no one can create or give birth to God – so the title is absurd. That makes perfect, plain sense. Except for the Incarnation. God became a man, Jesus of Nazareth, and His mother is Mary.

The Patriarch of Alexandria took up the cause of defending the Church's title for Mary as Mother of God. The defence of this title is a defence of the central claim of our faith, that God truly became a man. If we deny Our Lady this title, what are we saying about the Incarnation? Do we believe that God truly became a man or not? Affirming the title 'Mother of God' helps us to really know, to feel as it were, the radical and incredible reality called the Incarnation. Yes, Jesus is God! God was incarnate, carried in the womb, given birth to, grew up, walked the earth, spoke and argued, was happy and angry and sorrowful, and ate and felt emotions, and sweated and slept and wept and prayed and died and rose again! If you feel the nervousness of the title Mother of God, then you feel the awesome, fearsome mystery that God was among us as one of us.

Jesus is God, and Mary is His mother, St Cyril maintained. Jesus is one divine Person. He is the Eternal Son of the Father, the Second Person of the Trinity. That divine Person, with a divine nature, became a man – He united to Himself a human nature. So, Jesus is one Person with two natures – a divine nature and a human nature. These two natures are united under one Person. The natures remain distinct, but not separated.

Nestorius, now famous for the heresy called Nestorianism, separated the natures, and indeed the personhood, of Christ. He said Mary is the mother of Jesus, and the mother of His human nature, but she is not the mother of the divine Person, the Eternal Son, nor His divine nature. Essentially, this is a heresy because it is a denial of the Incarnation.

Do we see how important Mary our Mother is! By our devotion to Mary, we affirm the central truth of our Christianity! That God became a man.

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
5 th & 19 th July	6:30pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	no Mass
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	9:30am school holidays
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	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
Fri	25 th	Grandparents Day Mass (School)

August

Fri	8 th	St Mary of the Cross
Fri	15 th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed	20 th	St Bernard of Clairvaux

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

PARISH NEWS

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 this Sunday.

Maria and Lucas from 'eXpresso alfresco' 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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The next gathering of St Bernard's Young Adults group will be held on Tuesday 1st July. Holy Hour will begin at 7:00pm and this will be followed by social activities and a formation talk in the hall.

A meal will be provided at 6:00pm for those interested. For catering purposes, if you are coming for the meal, please text the number of those in your group to 0423 965 819. Please include the words "Young Adults Group" in the text.

WEEKDAY MASSES

School Term 2 finishes at the end of this coming week. During the school holidays, all morning weekday Masses, Tuesday to Friday, will be held at 9:30am.

PETER'S PENCE

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. It supports the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

This traditional special collection will take place next weekend.

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

Dinny Antonello, Thomas Blood, Leo Flanagan,
Teresa Goehler-Dockter, Paul Murray
and Ted Shelly.

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

REFLECTIONS

Saint Cyril of Alexandria *(continued from Page 1)*

Jesus is one Person, God the Son. When your mother gives birth to you, does she give birth just to a body, or a human nature? Or does she give birth to you, a person? Your mother gives birth to you, the person, in the entire integrity of your body and soul. Established from that is a real, profound, personal relationship – meaning a relationship between persons. She is your mother and you are her son/daughter. Mary has that profound, personal relationship with the Divine Person, Jesus, who is God the Son made man.

In 431AD, the Council of Ephesus affirmed St Cyril's efforts to defend the Church's teachings and proclaimed Mary with the rightful title, Mother of God.

Fr John Paul Mount

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

Leaders of countries have a heavy responsibility, as they are the ones who decide whether their people go to war, who make decisions affecting the wellbeing of others. Some seem determined to wage war. We are leaders in our own family, town, State, and share decision-making through whom we elect.

At a time when the crowds were wondering who this Jesus of Nazareth really was, Jesus questioned the disciples to his identity in their minds. Peter spoke for all naming him "the Christ", that is, the Messiah, the one who was to come. Jesus promptly proclaimed Peter as leader, so strong he renamed him Peter, the rock, giving him the Keys of the Kingdom, allowing him to freely come and go, to make decisions. Peter faithfully followed Jesus, believing him, even to death. Paul also was prepared to travel anywhere to proclaim that Jesus was the Son of God and die for his faith.

Let us pray for the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo, that in this time of upheaval in parts of the world, they will be able to encourage peace between all nations. Let us be peacemakers in our own part of this world.

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

5th & 6th July

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	John Thorne	Vicki Benson	Marj Tung
8:30am	Moir Ross	Tup Shea	Dianne Shelly
10:30am	Dominic van der Linden	Jenny Kearney	

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

FIRST READING *Acts 12:1-11*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews, he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard, the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me'. Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true', he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 33(34):2-9*

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

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Response

Look towards him and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Response

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Response

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-19*

Jesus said to his disciples: When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'

Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *cf. Mt 16: 16, 18*

Peter said to Jesus:

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied:

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

———— NEXT SUNDAY ————**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 65(66):1-7, 16, 20

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20