



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8th June 2025

Pentecost Sunday

We arrive at the last great feast of the Easter Season, Pentecost. Today, we have an ancient Sequence after the second reading called the *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (Come Holy Spirit). Not to be confused with an equally beautiful hymn the *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Come Creator Spirit) which is often sung at Priestly ordinations (actually my mother also walked down the isle to this hymn which I thought was a beautiful choice).

A Sequence is a poetic hymn within the liturgy. Before the modern liturgical changes, it used to follow the Alleluia, and it's purpose was to be particularly devotional and emotive to adorn and prepare us for the Gospel.

The *Veni Sancte Spiritus* goes back to the thirteenth century. It was known as the 'Golden Sequence' for the beauty of its music and poetry. There used to be many more Sequences at Masses, however the Tridentine (Council of Trent) reforms reduced these to Easter, Pentecost, Corpus Christi and All Souls/Requiem Masses. It has always surprised and disappointed me that the Christmas Sequence, *Laetabundus* (Joy Abounding), was not retained. However, our Sisters might be pleased to know that the Traditional Dominican Rite has indeed retained the *Laetabundus* at Christmas. Anyway, all these Sequences are very beautiful and dare I say, short masterpieces, especially the *Dies Irae* for All Souls. Today, I want to look at some of the lines of the *Veni Sancte Spiritus*.

The Lectionary translation is quite poetic, but the Latin is quite simple and direct. Let's look at a few lines:

In labour, rest. In heat, refreshment. In tears, comfort.

The Holy Spirit, though One, is truly manifold in His works. How often we have directly received 'consolations' from God. Rest and comfort come from God just when we need them, or sometimes totally unexpectedly. In the line, '*In heat, refreshment*', the Latin is actually 'temperies', so it's more, *in heat, temperateness*. I'm thinking of the heat of anger – the Holy Spirit tempers this. Even historically, the Holy Spirit has done so much to try to temper the anger and violence of man that has so dominated much of human history.

Wash what is sordid. Water what is parched. Heal what is wounded.

Think of how God has done this in our own lives. The forgiveness of sins, and the union with God that we thirst for – like water or dew in the desert. And like a healing balm/oil, he takes away those scars of the past so we can live the freedom of following God.

Bend what is rigid. Warm what is frozen. Straighten what is crooked.

The Holy Spirit has worked in the lives of countless saints of all different ages, and parts of the world. In all their lives, He has set cold hearts on fire, or cooled excessive passions like anger; or brought charity to loosen a rigid pridefulness, or set on the straight and narrow a wayward life. May the Holy Spirit work in these and many other ways in our lives.

Fr John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
7th & 21st June 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 8th Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Sun 8th Baptism Preparation Session
Mon 9th The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church
Fri 13th Providence & Friends Mass
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

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

PARISH NEWS

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Liturgy Ministry discussed the procedure for the Responsorial Psalm. Fr John Paul indicated the following procedure will be adopted:

- When a choir/singer is present, the Responsorial Psalm will be sung; with the singer/s singing the verses, and the congregation singing the response after each verse.
- When no choir/singer is present, the verses will be read by the Reader; with the response said after each verse by the congregation.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS

On 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

Kathleen Corrigan, Kathleen Cox, Bill Dudley, Kevin Lafranchi, Kevin Monagle, Peter Mullins, John Nabbs, Norma Nichol, Sophia Parsons, Georgina Simic, Eileen Tung, John Tung, Magdalena Wasilewski, Catherine Wheelahan.

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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Peter Kennedy

REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday

The word “home” can conjure up all sorts of images, hopefully ones of welcoming, friendship, peacefulness, and of people we can trust. We want it to be a place of warmth where we feel wanted, loved and welcome. And there is usually one person, often the mother, who makes the home a warm and welcoming place.

Jesus tells his disciples that love is the factor that unites us with his Father and himself, and we show this love by keeping the commandments. He says, “we shall come to (them) and make our home with (them)”. Not only that, but the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father “will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said”. The Apostles were empowered to throw off their fear and spoke boldly and openly about Jesus and the wonders of God.

Each of us have received the same Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. We are also empowered to speak of God’s love and encourage others, as we make our journey to the Kingdom of God. May we welcome the Holy Spirit to be at home with us.

Sr Mary Fermio

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is one of the Society’s most important annual fundraising activities. The support of your Bacchus Marsh Conference plays a crucial role to its success, by allowing our members to meet people’s needs with a hand-up of support.

In the past six months, a total of \$8,138,329 worth of assistance has been provided to people experiencing disadvantage across Victoria, assisting 99,265 adults and children. In Bacchus Marsh, our Conference has assisted 158 adults and 164 children at a cost of \$23,381.

Every day at St Vincent de Paul Society, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made at www.vinnies.org.au/vic Donors can provide a conference name in the comments field. Receipts will be automatically emailed to donors.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

In this Jubilee Year of grace, please join the Parish of Meredith and Fr Joseph on a spiritual journey tracing the Footsteps of St Paul, from 7th to 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 will be a time of reflection, discovery, and renewal. Reserve your place today!

See the noticeboard in the Gathering Space for more information.
Please contact Meredith Parish Office on 03 5286 1230, or via email meredith@cam.org.au

MINISTERS

14th & 15th June

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Jeremy Toledo	Colin Remedios	Jan & Colm Carragher
8:30am	Meg Kennedy	Colm Carragher	Jan Farmelo
10:30am	Dominic van der Linden	Cheryl Stevens	

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 A

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now, there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *103:1, 24, 29-31*

**R: Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

Response

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Response

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Response**SECOND READING** *Romans 8:8-17*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children, we are heirs as well, heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL** *John 14:15-16, 23-26*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. '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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

———— **NEXT SUNDAY** ————

The Most Holy Trinity – Year C

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Proverbs 8:22-31</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Psalms 8:4-9</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Romans 5:1-5</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>John 16:12-15</i>