



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

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Year C

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th July 2025

Church Etiquette II

It is proper to reverence the Tabernacle at certain times.

Ecce tabernaculum Dei cum hominibus (Rev 21:3) *'Behold, the dwelling of God is with men'*. Tabernacle means a 'dwelling place', it means to 'pitch one's tent'.

We believe that Our Lord Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, and the Eucharist is *'reserved'*, or kept, in the Tabernacle. Jesus dwells in the Tabernacle for us. Therefore, we make a sign of reverence to acknowledge His presence in the Tabernacle.

Particular times when we make a sign of reverence to the Tabernacle are when entering the Sanctuary, or passing in front of the Tabernacle, or it is also customary to reverence the Tabernacle when entering or leaving our pew (Church seat) – although many will choose to reverence the Tabernacle in the pew itself.

There are a couple of options for how we can reverence the Tabernacle. Firstly, in the Roman or Western Church, is the practice of making a *genuflection*. *Genu* means 'knee', and of course *flection*... So, it means 'to bend the knee'. We simply touch our right knee to the ground, like half-kneeling. However, genuflecting can be difficult even for the most fit and active people. So, secondly, we can bow. A bow can be more or less profound. A profound bow is a low bow, lowering the shoulders and head, even bending at the waist. A simple bow is a bow of the head, such is sometimes customary to offer when the holy name of Jesus is mentioned. A medium bow is in-between (in the Traditional Latin Mass, such bows are prescribed at different times). A bow to the Tabernacle would be a deliberate, intentional bow, not so rushed, according to one's mobility and feeling of appropriateness. As well as genuflecting or bowing, many will choose also to make the sign of the cross. In fact, if one can't genuflect or bow, someone might simply pause and make the sign of the cross reverently.

So, lastly, we come to a rule that will often come up, which is, *mind your own business*. There are a few options of how a person might choose to reverence the Tabernacle, and which of those options a person chooses, is their choice, and no one else's business. This rule will pop up again in future weeks.

NOTE: Another option is to *prostrate*. This is more common in Eastern Churches, or often seen in Islam for instance. One way to prostrate is to lie fully on the ground. Some saints are known to have prayed like this – even Pope St John Paul II on occasion. However, this would be inappropriate at a Sunday Mass setting – it would be lacking consideration for others and a bit ostentatious – it would be more appropriate for a private visitation to the Church. Another kind of prostration is to kneel and then, placing both hands on the ground, touch one's forehead to the ground. As long as other people are taken into consideration, this is an acceptable, even admirable, way to reverence the Tabernacle, even if not so common in our Roman tradition.

I actually planned to cover a few things today, but only covered one!

NOTE: Sometimes in a Church, the Tabernacle is not on or behind the central altar. When the Tabernacle is off to the side, one may still reverence the altar with a bow. This is not because it contains the presence of God in the same way as the Tabernacle, but rather, in terms of holy things, the altar has a special place. Also, importantly, we reverence the altar because it contains relics of the saints – a topic for another time. For instance, in the Traditional Latin Mass, when the priest kisses the altar the first time at the beginning of Mass, he is in particular reverencing the relics in the altar.

Fr John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
19th July & 2nd August 6:30pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	no Mass
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	9:30am <i>during school holidays</i>
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

July

Sun	13 th	Morning Tea
Thu	17 th	Craft & Cuppa Group
Sun	20 th	Baptism Preparation Session
Tue	22 nd	School Term 3 commences
Fri	25 th	Grandparent's Day Mass (<i>School</i>)

August

Tue	5 th	Young Adults Group (<i>18-35 years</i>)
Wed	6 th	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thu	7 th	Craft & Cuppa Group
Fri	8 th	St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)
Fri	15 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Fri	15 th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed	20 th	St Bernard of Clairvaux
Sun	31 st	Baptism Preparation Session

DONATE

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to set up recurring contributions.



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309 Myrniong-Korobeit Road
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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

PARISH NEWS

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

This year, our parish has the opportunity to directly impact the lives of vulnerable mothers and newborns in Zambia, where one in three women lack proper medical care during childbirth, and postpartum hemorrhage claims 34% of maternal deaths.

Next weekend on 19th & 20th July, there will be a special collection to support mothers so that they won't be left without the care they desperately need. Envelopes from Catholic Mission are available in the Gathering Space. Donations can also be made online at:

<https://catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/mission>

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Open Day – Saturday 26th July 2025, 9am-3pm

Catholic Theological College will be welcoming visitors as part of the 2025 Open House Melbourne weekend. The open day is free of charge and no bookings are required.

The college comprises two buildings, both architecturally significant in different ways. The site's original building, an imposing three-storey bluestone structure on Victoria Parade, was built in 1871 and designed by William Wardell, the architect of St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. The building was occupied by Parade College until 1967 when the college relocated to its current site at Bundoora. In 1999, Melbourne-based architect, Gregory Burgess, oversaw the redevelopment of the original building and the construction of a new building for the Catholic Theological College, which had previously been located in Clayton.

A brochure will be available for visitors to do a self-guided tour of the building. Architect, Gregory Burgess, will be on site between 10am and 12pm to engage with visitors.

Venue: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne (enter via the reception/foyer area)

PARISH THANKSGIVING

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

2nd Collection: Church – supports our Parish.

The 'Tap & Go' device is now permanently available in the Gathering Space for any financial contributions to the Church/Parish.

Also, direct transfers can be made to the Church account:

Account Name: St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh Church Account
BSB: 083 347 Account No.: 651663131

LET US PRAY

Recently Deceased

Elaine Livingston

Death Anniversaries

Kevin Barry, Irene Ham, Matthew Leddin,
Kitty Marshall, Les Scott, Margaret Scott, Rita Scott,
Leonard Trask, Margaret Wilson.

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,
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
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REFLECTION

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we walk through the city, we are certain to see somewhere a person sitting on the footpath with a sign asking for help. What do I do? Do I ignore, pretending I don't see them? Most times we don't want to get involved. Delayed? Late for my appointment? What would Jesus do? What can I do?

The story of the Good Samaritan is one of those. A crowd gathers, Jesus comes along, someone asks a question and as usual, Jesus answers with a story. Put in today's terms: A man is beaten up, his money stolen, is ignored by two religious ministers who walk past. Along comes an overseas visitor, who stops, asks can he help, calls an ambulance, goes with him to the hospital and pays for two nights care. Who acts as a neighbour? The answer is obvious.

If I consider myself a Christian, what am I called to do? How can I help if it is wanted? Maybe we could just acknowledge that person's existence by asking, "How can I help?" The big question is: What would Jesus do?

Sr Mary Fermio

JUBILEE OF YOUTH HOPE NIGHT

Join young people (ages 11-25 years) from around Melbourne to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth, with vibrant music from Catholic artist, Kyle Correya, and an inspiring keynote delivered by special guest speaker, Gary Pinto, concluding with Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available. Also, Vigil Mass at 6:00pm will be available for those who wish to attend before Hope Night begins.

Date: Saturday 2nd August 2025

Time: 7:00pm check-in and sausage sizzle

Place: St Andrew's Church, 105 Greaves Street North, Werribee

Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1428098?qr=true&qr=true>

KSC

"God and Beer"

One of the Objects of the KSC (Knights of the Southern Cross) is getting out into the community for spiritual and intellectual activities. One of these is "God and Beer" sessions; regularly held in suburban social locations, and our next one is nearby at Hoppers Crossing. Our August guest speakers are Fr Jude Pirotta MSSP, Parish Priest of St James the Apostle Parish, Hoppers Crossing North, and Sean Menere, a highly accomplished and experienced counsellor.

Topic: **Building Resilience and Finding Purpose Through Faith**

Date: Thursday 7th August 2025

Time: 6:30pm dinner available for purchase, 7:30pm for the talk

Venue: Hoppers Club, 180-200 Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing

Contact: Jared jared.revell@gmail.com

Tickets: Free. Book at: www.godandbeer.com.au

ALL WELCOME. There is No hard-sell or expectation of further commitment. Just come along and maybe you will get some information to be able to help support a family member or friend.

MINISTERS

19th & 20th July

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Jeremy Toledo	John Thorne	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	Evana Carragher		Lyn Shea
10:30am	Shannon Harvie	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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

Moses said to the people:

'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *18:8-11*

R: *The Precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

Response

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

Response

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

Response

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

Response

SECOND READING *Colossians 1:15-20*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body, he is its head.
As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf John 6:63, 68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 10:25-37*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?'

He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *cf Psalms 83:4-6*

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

————— NEXT SUNDAY —————

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Genesis 18:1-10</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Psalms 14:2-5</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Colossians 1:24-28</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Luke 10:38-42</i>