



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th July 2025

Church Etiquette

All around the world there has been a surge of people either coming back to Church or wanting to become Catholic. Sometimes people can feel a bit lost as to how we should behave in Church. Also, if we've been to Church for many years, it can still be good to get a reminder of some things. So, this week's topic I've called 'Church Etiquette'. This will take more than one week to cover, but let's make a start. I hope it will be helpful.

The first rule is charity! Charity is the Latin word for love. This means being loving, patient, tolerant and not judgemental/condemnatory of how others behave in Mass. Many people are 'unchurched'. It might be their first time to Mass, or haven't had the chance to know how to behave. Being charitable of others in the Church means we are not judgemental of others who might not be behaving in the proper way. We want to make them feel welcome. We want to befriend them so that they feel comfortable enough to ask questions. And we want to teach by leading by example.

For instance, be tolerant of children and families. Many Parishes are no longer used to having young families around. We are blessed to have families in our Parish. Children can be difficult to keep still and quiet. It can be difficult to get them to Mass on time. Sometimes parents need to take their children out more than once during Mass. This is actually a normal part of Parish life and the normal experience of Sunday Mass.

Arriving to Mass on time, and not leaving early. I am usually pretty punctual with starting Mass and my Masses are not long. It would be very rare for my Masses to go for more than an hour even with all the bells and smells. So, let's try to get to Mass either on time or early. There's no harm in being 10 minutes early. In fact, in life, if you're not early, you're typically late – it's rare to be 'on the dot'.

In terms of when to leave the Church, it is polite to remain until the end of the closing hymn. It is certainly respectful to leave only after the procession, but also polite to remain until the closing hymn finishes. On the very rare occasion, the final hymn can have a like a dozen verses – common sense prevails. Sometimes, after the final hymn, there could be an organ postlude and it's not rude to leave during the postlude. You might also find that after the final hymn, some people kneel to pray longer. This is to pray a prayer of thanksgiving after Mass which is an admirable thing to do if one chooses.

Now, after covering arriving on time and not leaving early, we remember our first rule of charity. Who knows another person's/families situation? There might be very good reasons why they have arrived late or need to leave early. Only they and God know.

OK, we've made a good start. In future weeks, we will cover etiquette regarding things like blessing ourselves with holy water, talking in Church, reverencing the Tabernacle, Holy Communion and Confession, how we dress in Church, how to follow the prayers, and making the sign of the cross....

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 8th to Fri 18th July 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

July

Fri 11th Providence & Friends Mass
Sun 13th Morning Tea
Thu 17th Craft & Cuppa Group
Sun 20th Baptism Preparation Session
Tue 22nd School Term 3 commences
Fri 25th Grandparents Day Mass (School)

August

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

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

PARISH NEWS

PETER'S PENCE

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

Please give generously.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Lucas and Maria from 'eXpresso alfresco' who donated their time and supplies last weekend. Parishioners enjoyed a warm drink after Mass and \$526.60 was raised for the parish in the process.

WEEKDAY MASSES

During the school holidays, all morning weekday Masses, from Tuesday 8th until Friday 18th July, will be held at 9:30am.

Normal weekday Mass times will resume at the beginning of School Term 3 from Tuesday 22nd July.

PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS MASS

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence and Friends Mass this Friday 11th July at 11am. This will be an Anointing Mass.

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea/lunch.

If transport is required, please let the Parish Office know, or call Margot Short on 0419 507 438.

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 (2nd Collection).

Also, for direct transfer to Church account:

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

LET US PRAY

Recently Deceased

Kevin Shelly

Death Anniversaries

Spiro Abela, Damian Condon, Alice Cook, Aileen Finn, Mary Glenane, Dorrie Kenny, Stan Mullane, Pat Ragan, Edward Skinner, John Spice, Aad Weerdenburg, & Patricia Wittick.

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
Jennifer Costin

Ron Geurts

Margaret Love
0437 247 779

Madeleine McManus
Peter Kennedy

REFLECTION

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In one of his books, Richard Leonard sj describes the exercise he was sent on, to travel around a part of South Australia begging his meals and lodging without revealing his identity. Sometimes he was hungry, cold and not made very welcome. Some invited him inside, others made a place for him outside.

We are all called to be a disciple of Jesus, not necessarily to live like a hobo, but to walk in faith, hope and love – daily. It involves effort and a commitment to a lifestyle of bringing life and love to others. Jesus sent out his disciples “like lambs among wolves” taking nothing for their support, but to rely on others for food, etc. I wonder how they felt, these men used to being cared for, meals cooked by family, a roof over their heads. They discovered that the name of Jesus was a powerful force.

Let us be aware of how we use and say the name of Jesus, which is a sacred name. Our own name is also sacred, given to us at Baptism and also “written in heaven”.

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

12th & 13th July

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	John Thorne	Henry Gasior	Jan Farmelo
8:30am	Margaret Love	Colm Carragher	Jan & Colm Carragher
10:30am	Beatrice Younger	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

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 66:10-14*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that
you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in
her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

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

R: Let all the Earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Response

'Before you all the earth shall bow:
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Response

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules forever by his might.

Response

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Response

SECOND READING *Galatians 6:14-18*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the
world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not;
what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature.
Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the
Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on
my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Colossians 3:15a, 16a*

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out
ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself
was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the
labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send
labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am
sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no
haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever
house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this
house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go
and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the
same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for
the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to
house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you
welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are
sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But
whenever you enter a town and they do not make you
welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very
dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you.
Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell
you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that
town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even
the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to
them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I
have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and
scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall
ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you;
rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalms 33:9*

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

————— NEXT SUNDAY —————

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
68(69):14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37